

VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
September 1, 2015

The Lincoln Village Council met on Tuesday September 1st at the Village Hall. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present included President Phillip Jordan, Treasurer Mary Kossa, Clerk Linda Somers, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer Holly Hussain and Council Members Sara Healy, Glenn Kohn, Pat Somers, Richard Somers and John Stutzman. Absent was Council Member Bonny Gauthier.

Minutes of the August 3rd meeting were approved on a motion from Kohn/R. Somers. Minutes of the public hearing for the Parks and Recreation Plan also held on August 3rd were approved on a motion from Kohn/R. Somers. Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from P. Somers with support from Stutzman. Note, it is extremely warm in the building so, whoever borrowed the fan from the hall meeting room - please return it ASAP.

Fire Department and First Responder report was given by Fire Chief Mike Serafin. He gave a rundown on activity within both departments. He stated that he has a newly hired person on board. Roger Klukowski will be joining the Lincoln Departments. There will be a county-wide mandatory training in September. The pancake breakfast held in conjunction with the car show was well attended this year. President Jordan expressed his thanks for the wonderful job by the crew in putting on the breakfast and for their help during and after the storms.

Village Resident Ed Beulow thanked those who helped during the storm clean-up. He referenced an article that had appeared in the Alpena News several months ago. The article talked about the charges for LED lighting versus regular sodium and mercury vapor street lighting. He said he simply wants our community to be aware that the issue could crop up here in the future. President Jordan stated that our street lights are only using 20% of their capacity and the cost of LED lighting was a major factor in the decision of purchasing of LED lighting over mercury vapor.

In old business Stutzman stated that the playground towers are in need of attention. President Jordan will check this matter and report at the next meeting. He asked about the sidewalks that have the colored stone that needs to be sealed again. President Jordan will speak to the DDA about the matter. Kohn thanked everyone for their support and kindness in the loss of his wife.

In new business Healy asked about the LAMP pathway and whether or not it would be included in our grant funds. She stated that she would like to see a nice paved path for biking and walking. Council Members agreed that they would like to have something comparable to other neighboring communities. Kohn said the website seems to be doing quite well.

President Jordan presented the sewer and street reports. There haven't been any big issues with the sewer and things are working well. Kohn asked if new customers could be hooked into the current system. Jordan stated that yes there is room to add more customers. The street report was given. The trees on Traverse Bay and Second Street were analyzed. The dead trees will be removed/replaced in the fall. The Region 9 task force will be holding more meetings regarding roadways. We are one of three entities that are in line for the funding to repair roads including Barlow Road. We need to decide whether or not we want to hire an engineer in order to move

forward with the plans for future work. Motion was made by Kohn to approve up to \$18,000 to cover engineering costs for updating Barlow Road Project. Motion rescinded by Kohn. Motion was made by Stutzman to approve up to \$18,000 to be taken from Village Raised Funds to cover engineering costs for the Barlow Road Project. Richard Somers offered support. Motion carried.

President Jordan gave his report. Our Parks and Recreation plan is coming along nicely although we have not been able to upload to the DNR Site. We will be working next week to finish the upload to the DNR site. Act 51 funds are for street usage and 1% of those funds are to be used for sidewalk or any pedestrian issue. With that in mind President Jordan stated that he would like to get estimates for approximately 100 feet of sidewalks along Fiske Street. Motion was made by Stutzman/Kohn to approve getting sealed bids for 100 X 4' of sidewalk removal and repair. Motion carried. President Jordan thanked Nate Leeseberg for his leadership of the 1st annual tri-athlon. The group swam across Brownlee Lake, rode bikes for several miles and finished with a run through the community. Glenn Kohn will be going on an extended vacation and we hope he will be able to rejoin us at a later date. The DDA has begun the process to be re-chartered for another 25 years. A hearing will be held in the future and we need to show our support of their endeavors. The bathrooms at the playground are shut down due to a leak. A port-a-potty has been placed there for use. President Jordan stated that he believes we need to consider putting all new lines and shut off valves in. Motion was made by Stutzman/Healy to replace the lines and putting in 2 new shut-offs in order to repair the new bathrooms. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Healy/Stutzman to pay the bills as presented. Carried. Motion to adjourn was made by Healy/Stutzman. Carried.

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