VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
August 7, 2023

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday August 7, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present included President Phillips, Treasurer/Zoning Administrator Mahalak, Clerk Somers and Council Members Gauthier, Lucas, Schick, Wambold and Werth. Member Durham was absent. The minutes of the July meeting were approved on a motion from Werth with support from Wambold. The Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Gauthier with support from Schick. The bills were approved for payment on a motion from Wambold with support from Gauthier. The Beautification Committee addressed the Council. Kathy Putsky, Joan Toombs and Debbie Shaneour notified the Council Members that they are stepping down effective at the year's end. The ladies stated that they are simply tired and feel that it is time to hand the reins to a younger group. President Phillips thanked them for their efforts and said the Council and community appreciate everything they've done through the years. Joe James stated that this is a significant concern from the DDA's standpoint as well. He will be addressing it at their meeting tomorrow night.

There was a party at the pavilion over the weekend that left a huge mess. Food and trash were left by a group that did not pay for renting the space. A discussion of how to handle situations like this took place. There has also been concerns about 4 wheelers being ridden inside the pavilion.   Council Members suggested that signs be posted about contact information regarding rentals and reminders about being respectful of the property. A public hearing will be held on Monday August 21st regarding changes to the ordinance for housing that was adopted in February.   The Planning Commission will meet first at 6 p.m. and there will be a public hearing with the special meeting for Council Members to follow. The Zoning report was given. There are two property owners that have ignored all efforts by the Zoning Administrator to take action in removing their trash. Their information has been turned over to our Attorneys and court action will now be taken.   Some of the people who have received letters have begun to take action and are cleaning things up.

Brian Rechenski, Fire Chief and Nathan Walker, Assistant Chief addressed the Council. They have several ideas to get things updated and get more people enlisted to join the department. They are going to have upcoming training

sessions and are looking forward to learn about the budgets and grants. President Phillips suggested that they look into securing grants.

Gary Graves gave the maintenance report. He introduced Lornie White as his helper. They are keeping busy just keeping everything maintained. Brent Werth gave the sewer report. He stated that the storm drain on Hawley will be fixed within the next week or so. There is concern about higher than normal readings lately.

President Phillips gave her report. The County Commissioners gave their approval for the property on Second Street to be turned over to the Veterans Administration for construction of the new VA building. There was a discussion of the new build project for the ACCOA. The buried tank at the Methodist Church has been taken care of.

In new business a bill was presented by Debbie Shaneour for usage of a brush hog to clean up Autumn Olive along Anderson Road and Lincoln Drive. A motion was made by Schick with support from Gauthier to reimburse Mr. Shaneour. Carried. A request was received from Heather Gagnon, parent liaison for Great Start Collaborative from AMA-ESD to place a small lending library at the Flights of Imagination playground. Council members agreed it will make a great addition to the area. Lincoln Lions will be holding their Car Show on August 25th & 26th. A motion was made by Wambold with support from Lucas to allow the Lincoln Lions to block off the streets as needed for their event.

A motion to adjourn was made by Wambold with support from Gauthier. Carried.

Linda K. Somers

Village Clerk