

## VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

March 4, 2024

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday March 4, 2024 at 7:27 for their regular monthly meeting. Those in attendance included President Phillips, Treasurer/Zoning Administrator Mahalak, Clerk Somers and Council Members Durham, Lucas, Schick, Skuse and Wambold. Member Gauthier was absent. The minutes of the February meeting were approved on a motion from Wambold with support from Schick. The Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Durham with support from Wambold. The bills were approved for payment on a motion from Wambold with support from Lucas. The budget amendments were approved on a motion from Wambold with support from Skuse. Carried. No public comments were heard. We are getting closer to RRC designation following the adoption of the Tax Increment Plan for the DDA. Mahalak gave the Zoning report. Another case is heading to court in April. The property at Lincoln Outdoor Center has been cleaned up. Council Members are pleased with the hard work that has been done by Eric Bates. Fire Chief Nathan Walker stated that there were 12 fire runs this past month. Lots of training is upcoming including ice rescue training. Wildfire training in Barton City is also coming this month. Saturday is drivers training for the fire trucks. Gary Graves Maintenance Man gave an update of some of the upcoming projects for the new budget year. Gary expressed concern about finding a spot for outdoor clean up materials that may be necessary if we lose our current disposal spot. Sewer report was given by Gary Graves. The system is running well. A motion was made by Schick with support from Durham to appoint Brett Wambold as the new Sewer Commissioner. Motion carried. President Phillips gave the road report. We will be re marking the village roads this coming season. There are some repairs needed for Traverse Bay Road. A letter

was received stating that we need to take care of names that appear on our website. It currently looks like our President, Clerk and Treasurer are members on the Planning Commission and the DDA. After a discussion with our legal counsel we are prepared to take care of this misconception. A motion was made by Wambold with support from Skuse that we remove the improper designations to those names. The Treasurer also serves as the Zoning Administrator so her name will be on the website with the Planning Commission. The President and Clerk may continue to attend the meetings and act as liaisons for the Village Council. They may also continue to attend DDA meetings in an unofficial capacity as well. Although we appreciate the information that was provided in the letter, our attorney will send a follow up letter to address the derogatory allegations that were made by the individual. Marilyn Wissmiller gave a presentation on behalf of the Planning Commission. She would like the Council to consider allowing a Marijuana facility to be brought into the community. She stated that it could be beneficial to allow both recreational and Medicinal Marijuana products to be sold. Wambold made a motion to table the discussion to a later meeting. Durham offered support. Carried. In order to consider such a facility, we need to go through a lengthy process including several meetings and hearings. Our attorney will help with this process if and when it is decided upon. President Phillips talked with a person who owns property in the Village but lives downstate. He asked if we could start holding our special meetings on Friday evenings so that he could attend. Council Members stated that it would like not be well attended by Council members let alone the general public. He also expressed his displeasure with several things within the community. Council Members discussed damage that has been caused to the tables and chairs in the Council Meeting Room. A motion was made by Durham with support from Wambold to not allow the chairs

and tables to be moved from the Council Meeting room and the hallway. Carried. Additionally, there are new locks on the Village Hall.

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

Linda K. Somers

Village Clerk