

## VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

April 7, 2025

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday April 7, 2025 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present included President Phillips, Treasurer Mahalak, Clerk Somers and Council Members Durham (Zoning Administrator) Lucas, Potts, Schick, Skuse and Wambold. The minutes of the March Budget hearing were approved on a motion from Durham with support from Wambold. The minutes of the regular March meeting were approved on a motion from Wambold with support from Potts. The Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Wambold with support from Skuse. The budget amendments were approved on a motion from Wambold with support from Lucas. The bills were approved for payment on a motion from Wambold with support from Durham. Sara Healy approached the board on behalf of Alcona Youth Softball and Baseball to ask for permission to use the fields. She turned in the necessary insurance paperwork. Motion from Wambold with support from Durham to allow the Softball and Baseball to use the fields and pay half the bill for new bases as had been previously agreed upon. Carried. Jake McFadden approached the board regarding removal of debris from the Ice storm. He owns McFadden Tree and Stump Removal Service and has access to a lot of equipment. He hasn't had a chance to look over the village and so isn't able to give us any idea regarding the cost. In Parks and Rec new toys are being put together for the Wee People park. Cameras have been put up there as well. President Phillips talked about receiving a load of gently used Keurig Coffee Pots that could be used for a fund raiser for the Flights of Imagination. We are no longer receiving funds towards the upkeep for the Playground since the Easter Egg Hunt and Chili Cook Off are no longer affiliated with the Village. Selling these coffee pots and holding other fund raisers would help us with the funds necessary for sealing the playground and mulch. Motion by Lucas with support from Skuse to sell them for \$20 each and use the funds for upkeep at the Flights of Imagination Park. They will be made available at various events to be held this year. Dan O'Connor Alcona Community Schools Superintendent gave a brief presentation of the 2 millage renewals that are going to be on the ballot on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The first millage is the regular operating millage. The second millage is the sinking fund. The sinking fund allows needed repairs to be done over a 5-year span. Both millages are renewals that we already have in place. Some of the planned upgrades included in the sinking fund work on the parking lots at the

middle/high school and later at the elementary school. Removal of old carpet and work on the heating systems and entrances to the buildings. A representative from NEMCOG will be at the May Planning Meeting. Schick is preparing her quarterly report for the RRC. Durham gave the Zoning report. Nathan Walker gave the fire report. There were a total of 24 medical and 14 fire calls. It was an extremely busy month. MFR classes start on Monday April 14<sup>th</sup>. Lockers will be installed in the FD room for storage. There will be a Jaws of Life training session. Gary Graves gave the maintenance report. Gary would like to gather all the yard waste from the storm and once everything is gathered he would use a chipper to run everything through. The chips can then be used around trees or flowers. There is funds through the State of Federal government that can be reimbursed but it would take quite some time. We will keep track of hours and equipment so that we can apply for reimbursement. He has been replacing signs that are down. A discussion was held regarding the Sewer Administrator position. Whomever takes the position will need to get certified through EGLE. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Skuse with support from Schick to appoint Jason Durham as the new Sewer Administrator and to pay for any costs associated with having him get certified. Carried. President Phillips thanked Gary and crew for their hard work during the recent ice storm. Eric Cline from the State of MI Department of Treasury has been talking with President Phillips. He stated that there are grant funds available to codify our Village Ordinances. We would pay upfront and be reimbursed. President Phillips stated that Eric suggested that we need to develop Village Rules of Procedures and a Strategic Plan. He stated that there are grant dollars available for getting that done as well. We will revisit these issues in the future. A motion to adjourn was made by Durham with support from Potts.

Linda K. Somers

Village Clerk