

VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
May 5, 2025

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday May 5, 2025 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance included President Phillips, Treasurer Mahalak, Clerk Somers, Zoning Administrator/Council Member Durham, Lucas, Potts, Schick, Deputy Clerk/Council Member Skuse, and Wambold. The minutes of the April 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 bills were approved for payment on a motion from Schick with support from Durham. Gary Graves has given his 2 weeks' notice to vacate the full time maintenance position in the Village. He has agreed to stay on and help as needed and intends to come back and help with snow removal. There are a few options that are available for handling this situation. After a discussion it was decided that we should allow those who have worked with Gary currently/recently to apply for the position if they choose to do so. A motion by Potts to allow the HR committee to interview and hire for the full time maintenance position. Job applications are due by May 9th. Skuse offered support. Two council members spoke with all current maintenance employees and only one expressed interest in the position. A motion was made by Wambold with support from Durham to hire Michael Basner as the new maintenance man for the Village. Carried. We are planning to do one final bottle sorting on May 31st at noon at Marsha's house, weather permitting. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for May 19th. We are supposed to have a representative from NEMCOG. There are no new updates to report for RRC. Zoning report was given. Properties are being cleaned up following letters from the Administrator. He would like to have a phone that is used for only Zoning or Sewer questions. He is currently receiving a lot of phone calls that are causing problems with his own personal phone business. We will see if we can find something and report back to council for consideration. Nate Walker gave the fire report. There were a total of 21 runs this past month. Graduation for FD academy is May 18th at 3 p.m. in Alpena. Radio training will be held for Harrisville and Lincoln this month. The FD had the training for jaws of life last week. All of our guys really liked the Amkus set brought in by Dinges Fire Company. A motion was made by Skuse with support from Durham to allow the FD to purchase the Amkus jaws and all related parts. Motion carried. The extras

include batteries, struts etc. Wambold is working on getting grant funds for the FD. The maintenance report was given. The new basketball hoop was cemented in today at the hall. Gary has talked with Stouts lawn care about where some changes need to be made with the mowing in the Village. President Phillips stated that she received compliments on the handling of the brush clean up and wood chipping from the recent ice storm. The sewer report was given. Durham stated that there needs to be an inspection of the entire system to meet state requirements. Road report was given in writing. The traffic counters have been placed in the Village as part of collecting data for the report. We are looking for funding to codify all our Zoning Ordinances. We could receive reimbursement. The DDA is looking to possibly purchase the former Our Place property. The DDA would cover all legal and closing costs. There are some concerns about whether or not the DDA can purchase it and turn it into a park. A motion was made by Wambold with support from Durham to allow the DDA to purchase the Our Place Property/building from the Werth family for future development. Mahalak asked for a consideration to be made regarding use of the hall by groups that are not a part of the Village. Last month there was a conflict and our FD meeting had to be moved from the meeting room. A motion was made by Wambold with support from Skuse to allow any group connected with the Village to have precedence over others that are using the building. Carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Potts with support from Wambold. Carried.

Linda K. Somers

Village Clerk