

## VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 7, 2026

The Lincoln Village Council met on Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Village Hall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance included President Sheila Phillips, Treasurer Christine Skuse, Clerk Linda Somers and Council Members Debbie Lucas, Brody Potts, Dorene Schick, Karina Sharboneau and Brett Wambold. Member Jason Durham was absent. Also present was Zoning Administrator John Moran. The minutes of the 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 Schick with support from Wambold. The bills were approved for payment on a motion from Wambold with support from Potts. The budget amendments were approved on a motion from Potts with support from Lucas. Jimmy Skuse appeared before the Council to propose putting a vending machine at the Pavilion. It would be for beverages only for the Spring and Summer months. A motion was made by Potts with support from Wambold to allow Jimmy to place the machine at the Pavilion. A discussion was held before the vote regarding who should pay for the extra electricity being used. John Sharboneau stated that there are small monitoring devices that can be purchased to track the usage. We will check into getting some monitors for the pop machine and also for the food truck so that we can be sure that no village taxpayer funds are being used for the extra electricity. Carried. Alex Schram presented a contract that would allow the Village to take brush from the recent storm to his property for disposal. He offered a proposal for \$35.00 per dump truck load. He also stated that he would be willing to do a yearly usage fee of \$3,500.00 for a calendar year. A discussion followed about how to best take care of the huge amount of brush and trees for the community. A motion was made by Potts to allow the Village of Lincoln to enter into a contract with Alex Schram for disposal of brush and yard debris at a cost of \$35.00 per load. The contract will be revised to add a clause holding the Village harmless for anything that would occur once the debris has been left at the site and also to have Alex put together an invoice for payment. Schick offered support. Carried. After further discussion a motion by Potts with support Wambold to allow our maintenance crews to pick up village taxpayers debris that is placed at the curb between April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>. Carried. Residents are reminded that this is for storm related debris only, no other debris will be taken. After a question from a resident who has larger pieces of trees and limbs that need to be removed a motion was made by Schick with support from Lucas to allow those residents

have them picked up by our crew for the cost of dump fees at \$35.00 per load. Carried. Chris Scully approached the board regarding being contacted about dumping storm debris on Village owned property without permission. He stated that he is being singled out and felt that others were doing the same and not being treated the same. He was reminded that he was seen on video and was contacted due to that fact. The pavilion is beginning to see rental dates filling up. Anyone who would like to rent it should contact Treasurer Christine Skuse at 989-335-3130. A letter of resignation from the Planning Commission was received from Marilyn Wissmiller. A motion was made by Schick with support from Wambold to accept the resignation. The Planning Commission will meet on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. with Denise Cline from NEMCOG. A meeting for the Economic Development Recovery Committee is tentatively scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will address the effects of the closure of Viking Energy on Alcona County. People from varying groups will be invited to attend. RRC is continuing to work towards getting certified. John Moran gave the Zoning report. He has given out 11 violations in the past month and was happy to report that 4 property owners have taken care of their violations. He's continuing to work with property owners to get things done. Nate Walker gave the Fire report. There were 15 fires and 6 medical runs over the past month. Many were for downed power lines due to the Ice Storm. All 4 cadets are getting closer to graduating from Fire Academy. A donation of \$1,000 was received from a part time village resident to be used to outfit the new Medical rig. Thank you on behalf of the Fire Department and the Village of Lincoln. A FD Auxiliary has been established. There are many plans including a corn-hole tournament, a car shows complete with food being served, a golf outing etc. The group is working to obtain a 501C3 designation and will be setting up their own bank accounts. Their goal is to be able to purchase many of the needed items for the FD which will allow more funds to be set aside towards an improved fire hall. Mike Basner gave the maintenance report. Crews have been busy cleaning up debris from the ice storm. taking down Christmas lights, preparing for Spring by placing tables etc. The sewer report was given by Gary Graves in Jason Durham's absence. The presidents report and road report were given in writing. A big Thank You goes to Jimmy and Christine Skuse for their concern and care of residents during the ice storm. Clerk Somers spoke with the daughter of an elderly resident that expressed her gratitude for them checking on her mother. Your kindness did not go unnoticed. A motion to adjourn was made by Potts with support from Wambold. Carried

Linda K. Somers, Village Clerk