

Village of Lake Isabella
Village Council Minutes
Regular Meeting September 20th, 2005

1096 Queens Way
Lake Isabella, MI, 48893

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Dunn.

Members Present: Dunn, Grey, Hughes, Torgerson, Kiel and Adkins
Members Absent: None
Members Excused: Griffin

Motion made by Hughes, seconded by Adkins, to approve the Agenda as presented. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

~~Dunn apologized to the public in attendance for the lack of chairs for everyone.~~

Motion made by Kiel, seconded by Hughes, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which included the Financial Report, Treasurer's Report, Invoices and Bills to be Paid (Checks 2710 through 2754), Planning Commission Report, Finance Committee Minutes, TSI Committee minutes, Zoning Board of Appeals Report, and the minutes from the August 16th, 2005 and August 30th, 2005 meetings as corrected. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Dunn, Grey, Hughes, Adkins, Torgerson, and Kiel, NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Other Reports:

The Village Manager's report was given by Wolff, see attached.

The LIPOA report was given by Ochander and he discussed work done on the parks.

The President's report reflected the results of the recent Council election.

Public Comments:

Jim Wirtz of Pueblo Pass – What is the Village's position on the discharge of weapons section of the ordinances?

Mike Scherba of Lincoln Drive – Voiced his support of the airport.

Norm Burmiester of Blanchard – Voiced his support of the airport and the need to keep it open.

John Silenzski of Lincoln Drive – Voiced his support for the airport.

Phil Pettyjohn of Millbrook Rd. – Asked about the landing system at the Airport.

Becky Thornhill of Sequoia – Voiced her support of the airport as it is infrastructure for the Village.

Wayne Orlando of Kent St. – Asked what was the purpose of the discharge ordinance and why it was adopted.

John Terry of Blanchard – Voiced his support of the airport.

Scott Van Atten of Isabella Vista – Voiced his support of the Airport.

Ed Van Atten of Fairway – Questioned the work done on El Camino Grande.

Dunn responded by giving an update on the Airport, the background on the discharge ordinance, and the need for public safety measures and wildlife management.

Kiel responded by noting that the Village has to have some means to ensure public safety.

Torgerson responded by noting that when the Village first met with the DNR, they did not even know of the rules of their own agency.

Existing Business:

1. Airport Funding

The Council received a **proposal presented** by Tom Courser, Airport Manager, on behalf of the pilots at the Airport. The proposal calls for more dialogue between the users of the Airport and Village, done through an annual meeting each spring with the Finance Committee and the pilots. The proposal would set up an annual budget each year and also the two parties would work together to draft a long range plan for use of the grant and operations of the facility. The first year's budget is estimated to be \$4,000 with the Village contributing \$2,000 and the users of the Airport making up the other \$2,000.

Motion made by Kiel, seconded by Hughes, to accept the proposal on splitting of costs at the airport and future planning. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

2. Proposed Rental Inspection Ordinance

The Council reviewed the memo from Law Weather's and Richardson regarding the proposed ordinance. Several concerns were raised over the draft, mainly the cost of the program, the cost of insurance and liability. No action was taken.

3. Public Hearing for Proposed Buried Utility Ordinance

Dunn opened a public hearing of the Village Council at 7:43 pm.

Dunn read a letter in opposition to the ordinance that was sent from Consumer's Energy Company.

Grey commented on the need to regulate lines for public safety.

Hughes asked Wolff what the legal staff's opinion was. Wolff replied that the legality of the ordinance would be determined on how the Michigan Supreme Court ruled on the City of Taylor case.

Kiel commented on needing some means to ensure future lines are buried as all current lines are.

Dunn voiced his opposition and noted it would be wise to wait and see how the Taylor case ends up.

There was no public comment.

Dunn closed the public hearing at 7:58 pm.

4. Proposed Buried Utility Ordinance

Motion made by Grey, seconded by Kiel, to adopted the proposed Buried Utility Ordinance. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Grey NAYS: Dunn, Hughes, Adkins, Torgerson, and Kiel. MOTION FAILED.

New Business:

1. Payment of Bonds

Motion made by Kiel, seconded by Torgerson to pay the following Bonds.

\$61,930.00 to Firstbank for MSSA Bond (principal and interest) due October 1st, 2005.

\$16,968.75 to IB&T for Fairway Drive Bond (principal and interest) due October 1st, 2005.

\$17,340.00 IB&T for Queens Way Drive Bond (principal and interest) due October 1st, 2005.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Dunn, Grey, Hughes, Adkins, Torgerson, and Kiel, NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Request to be Excused for October Meeting

Dunn was excused for the October meeting.

Public Comments:

John Terry of Blanchard – Voiced his opposition to any hunting in the Village and his displeasure with the actions of the DNR.

Jim Wirtz of Pueblo Pass – Village should work together with the DNR and adopt zones where hunting is allowed and is not allowed in the Village.

George Colby of Carmen Drive – Voiced his opposition to hunting in the Village.

Bruce Torgerson of El Camino Grande – Asked to have a speed bump permanently placed on El Camino Grande, and voiced his opposition to any hunting in the Village, especially on the lake itself.

Yvonne Van Atten of Fairway Drive – Questioned who would liable for a hunting accident.

Mike Scherba of Lincoln Drive – Thanked the Village for the support of the Airport, and that hunting in general is not a good thing to be done inside the Village.

Don Knight of Campo Court – Reported that the geese are currently gone at the airport due to hunting.

Brent Maxon Sr. – Village and DNR should work together and the Village should go through the steps that the DNR has outlined.

With no further business before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Jeff Grey
Village Clerk

George Dunn
Village President