

Village of Lake Isabella
Village Council Minutes
Regular Meeting November 15th, 2005

1096 Queens Way
Lake Isabella, MI, 48893

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

Members Present: Griffin, Dunn, Grey, Hughes, Torgerson, Kiel and Adkins

Members Absent: None

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

Motion made by Torgerson, seconded by Kiel, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which included the Financial Report, Treasurer's Report, Invoices and Bills to be Paid (Checks 2791 through 2830), Planning Commission Report, Finance Committee Minutes, TSI Committee minutes, Zoning Board of Appeals Report, and the minutes from the October 18th meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS; Griffin, Grey, Adkins, Torgerson, Kiel, and Dunn NAYS; None, MOTION CARRIED.

Other Reports:

The Village Manager's report was given by Wolff; it covered zoning permits, office building ideas, webpage improvements and a lake study with the LIPOA. Wolff also submitted a draft of a Land Division ordinance that he is recommending that the Council adopt.

The LIPOA report was submitted in writing.

The President's report was given by Dunn, he commented on a memo from Dave Ochander regarding the liaison committee.

Grey commented on his strong desire for recreation of the committee.

Griffin commented the need for the committee to follow the Open Meetings Act.

Torgerson suggested that the meeting be on the same night as the Council.

Public Comments:

Dave Hardenburgh – Questioned if the Village could negotiate a connection with the developers of Whispering Pines on the gas line that they have planned to use for their development.

Laura Hardenburgh – Asked what the Village has done in regards to natural gas recently?

Hughes responded by noting his interest in seeing natural gas lines brought into the Village and the work that the TSI committee has pursued.

Dunn also replied that Manager Wolff has had discussions with the Alma office on this issue and research and analysis has been done by Consumers recently.

Existing Business:1. Resolution 2005-26

Motion made by Grey, seconded by Adkins, to adopt Resolution 2005-26, which calls for the DNR to conduct research and hold a public hearing to regulate the discharge of firearms in the Village limits. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS; Grey, Griffin, Hughes, Kiel, Torgerson, Adkins and Dunn, NAYS; None, MOTION TO ADOPT CARRIED.

2. Isabella County Water System

At the request of Grey the Council discussed the possible acquisition of the water system that is located in the Village that is operated by the county. The Council had a brief discussion on the system and what might be involved in operating it. Wolff recommended that the Village not pursue it seriously until the Village has addressed the need for expanded office space. Dunn requested that the Council be presented with a list of pros and cons at a later date.

New Business:1. Resolution 2005-27

Motion made by Griffin, seconded by Hughes, to adopt Resolution 2005-27, which authorizes the Village President to sign the submitted contracts from MDOT for the award of grant funds to purchase a navigation easement. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS; Griffin, Grey, Hughes, Adkins, Torgerson, Kiel and Dunn; NAYS; None, MOTION TO ADOPT CARRIED.

2. Approval of Payment to Rowe Inc.

Motion made by Torgerson, seconded by Kiel, to approval payment to Rowe Inc. in the amount of \$9,756.50 for work done on the 2005 Local Street Special Assessment Capital Improvement Projects. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS; Griffin, Grey, Hughes, Adkins, Torgerson, Kiel and Dunn; NAYS; None, MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approval of Payment to Isabella Corp.

Motion made by Kiel, seconded by Griffin, to approval payment to Isabella Corp. in the amount of \$165,432.77 for work done on the 2005 Local Street Special Assessment Capital Improvement Projects. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS; Griffin, Grey, Hughes, Adkins, Torgerson, Kiel and Dunn; NAYS; None, MOTION CARRIED.

4. Approval of Payment to Central Asphalt

Motion made by Kiel, seconded by Torgerson, to approval payment to Central Asphalt in the amount of \$36,175 for overlay asphalt work done on over 3,000 feet of El Camino Grande. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS; Griffin, Grey, Hughes, Adkins, Torgerson, Kiel and Dunn; NAYS; None, MOTION CARRIED.

5. Property Acquisition at the Airport

The Council was presented with an offer from Elmer Ledbetter to gift property near the Airport on Bonanza Lane to the Village in exchange for the Village using the site for a future office building. Griffin stressed that the Council should proceed with as much input from the public as possible on the future office site. Wolff recommended that the Village schedule a Special Meeting on Tuesday November 22nd, 2005 at 7:00 pm to consider the offer and discuss the office building issue. Wolff also recommended that the Council consider going

into closed session during the actual discussion of the offer to acquire the property. Motion made by Griffin, seconded by Grey, to schedule a Special Meeting at the above mentioned time. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED.

6. Announcement from Village Manager

Wolff presented a special tribute from the Michigan House of Representatives to Jackie Adkins on his service not only to the Village as a member of the Charter Commission, Village Council and as Village President, but also for his service in the United States Navy.

Public Comments:

Don Washburn – Shared his knowledge of Consumers and past efforts on the natural gas issue. He also cautioned the Village about the County water system. Finally he thanked Jack on his service to the Village, the nation and his dedication to his family.

Laura Hardenburgh – Stated she felt it would be a mistake for the Village and the LIPOA contract a lake study with CMU, she felt there were past studies and volunteers in the area that would be able to do the work with little or no cost.

Dave Hardenburgh – Thanked Jack for his service and work.

Richard Lacca – Stated that he felt the lake is the jewel of the community and any work done jointly by the Village and LIPOA to help manage and protect the lake would be funds well spent. He also thanked Jackie for his service to the community.

Bill Dunham – Stated that he felt a study of the lake would be a wise investment for current and future planning. He also expressed his gratitude for all of Jack's work and service to the Village, especially during the early years of the Village government.

Jessica Manley – Reminded the Council that the Village has agreed to do the Adopt-a-Family program through the United Way again this year and that any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Mike Scherba – Thanked the Council for their continued support of the Airport and thanked Jack for his work and heart for the Village over the years.

Ken Torgerson – Thanked Jackie for all of his work with the Village and his perseverance to see things through to completion.

With no further business before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Jeff Grey
Village Clerk

George Dunn
Village President