

**Village of Lake Isabella**  
**Village Council Minutes**  
Special Meeting November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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:** Torgerson

**Public Comments:**

None

**Business:**

1. Future Office Building Discussion

The Council began discussing a possible future Village Office building.

Griffin asked about how the Village would finance the project, and noted that land needed to be reserved for future needs such as a school, post office, and police station. He also stated his concern for traffic safety with a location near Coldwater.

Adkins stated that he felt if the building were located at the Airport the Village might be able to use some of the grant money for the construction.

Hughes asked where the Planning Commission has identified future commercial land use in the Village.

Kiel expressed his feeling that the Village needed to look at what location has the best useable land and a location near the lagoons would be worth considering such as the Airport.

Grey stated his feeling that Isabella North is the best location and would like to see the matter sent back to the Planning Commission for further review.

Dunn expressed his concerns over the road safety and lack of Village control on Drew road. He also stated that he felt that if the office were to be located at the Airport it would tie the Village and the Airport together very nicely. He also explained possible costs and stated his belief that the Village can afford the expense.

Richard Lacca was asked for his input as an incoming Council member, he stated he felt the aesthetics at the Airport were not desirable for an office location.

Wolff suggested that he and at least one or two other people plan several road trips over the next few weeks to examine other office buildings and make a report back to the Council.

Dunn suggested that the Council also authorize funding at that time to have a study done on what the land use might be for a building.

Griffin suggested setting a timeline for the Planning Commission to report back to the Council.

Motion made by Griffin, seconded by Grey, to direct the Planning Commission to review possible locations for a future Village office building and to include if possible members from the community. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Offer from the Ledbetter's

The Council was presented with an offer from Elmer and Jo-An Ledbetter for the donation of land to the Village with considerations for use of a future office building.

Dunn stated he felt the time was not right to accept the offer and the Village should wait until the Planning Commission reports back.

Griffin stated that he felt the offer should be rejected as it contained stipulations on building an office building among others.

*Hughes left at 8:10 pm*

Motion made by Griffin, seconded by Grey, to reject the offer as presented as the Village is not in the position to honor all the stipulations. VOICE VOTE: MOTION NOT CARRIED

The Council continued to discuss the matter where it was suggested that the Village contact the Ledbetter's and explain that the Village needed to review the matter and ask for time to do so before having to accept or reject the offer.

**Public Comments:**

Richard Lacca – Agreed that asking the Ledbetter's for time to fully consider their offer is the best course of action for the Village to take.

With no further business before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Jeff Grey  
Village Clerk

George Dunn  
Village President