

Village of Lake Isabella
Village Council Minutes
Regular Meeting – March 21, 2006

1096 Queens Way
Lake Isabella, MI, 48893

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The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Dunn and the pledge was recited.

There was a moment of silence in honor of former Village President Jackie Adkins who passed away March 15th.

Members Present: Dunn, Hughes, Lacca, Kiel, and Torgerson

Members Absent: Grey and Griffin

Motion made by Lacca, seconded by Torgerson to accept the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Lacca noted that the financial reports in the consent agenda were only copied on one side and not two. Wolff stated he would have corrected reports in the April packet.

Motion made by Kiel, seconded by Lacca, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included the balance sheet, income and expense report, bills to be paid (Checks 2936 through 2958), Planning Commission report, Zoning Board of Appeals report, Airport Advisory Board report, and the Council minutes from the February 21, 2006 regular meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Hughes, Lacca, Dunn, Kiel, and Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED.

Wolff submitted his Manager's report in writing, see attached.

The LIPOA report was submitted in writing, see attached.

There was no President's report

Public Comments:

None

Existing Business:

1. Master Plan Approval

Lacca commented on the language on page 17 regarding the village office.

Dunn also commented on the village office language. He also pointed out that at the current time the Council has asked the Planning Commission review their earlier recommendation, and report back in April on whether or not continue to pursue the Isabella North location or to being work with the Airport site.

Motion made by Torgerson, seconded by Hughes, to adopt the Master Plan draft as recommend by the Planning Commission. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

2. Animal Control

After an initial discussion over the procedure that could be put in place in capturing stay dogs and the cost the village would have to incur to implement that plan, the item was tabled until the April meeting for the manager to gather more data for the Council.

3. Proposed Resolution 2006-05: Village Lots – Council Approval of Process

Motion made by Torgerson, seconded by Kiel, to adopt Resolution 2006-05, which directs the Manager to proceed with combining lots and setting the fair market value for the lots that the village has identified to sell, this is not the approval of the actual sale, just the concept that is being used. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Hughes, Lacca, Kiel, Torgerson, and Dunn; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED.

4. Approval of Payment – Nottawa-Sherman Fire Department

Motion made by Lacca, seconded by Torgerson, to approve payment of \$22,232 to the Nottawa-Sherman Fire Department for fire coverage of Broomfield Township within the village limits. (This payment reflects the full amount for the contract, as the initial installment was lost in the mail and never was received by the Fire Department) ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Hughes, Lacca, Kiel, Torgerson, and Dunn; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED.

5. Approval of Bond Payments

Motion made by Kiel, seconded by Torgerson, to approve the following bond payments:

Major Street Special Assessment:	\$6,160
Fairway Drive Special Assessment:	\$1,732.50
Queens Way Special Assessment:	\$2,070
Castle/Sevilla/Putter Special Assessment:	\$4,240.50

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

New Business:

1. Proposed Resolution 2006-06: Letter Verification Policy

Motion made by Kiel, seconded by Lacca, to adopt Resolution 2006-06 as presented, which creates a policy by which the village will verify all letters submitted for public hearings and meetings. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Hughes, Lacca, Kiel, Torgerson, and Dunn; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED.

2. Finance Committee Meeting

The members of the Finance Committee briefly discussed a meeting date in early April to review the proposed 2006-07 budget. No date was set. (The time and date were later set, the meeting is to be held on the 11th of April at 5:30 P.M.)

3. Spring 2% Applications

Wolff presented his list of projects that he will be applying for 2% grants. They include a summer recreation program with the Weidman Youth Alliance and the LIPOA, funds for the airport, funds for street paving, and also funds for the 4th of July fireworks.

4. Newsletter Topics & Dates

Wolff presented his list of articles for the village’s spring newsletter. The Council asked to have a story about dog laws in the village added to the list. Wolff reported that he plans on having the newsletter out in the first two weeks of May.

5. Public Hearing for Proposed Resolution 2006-07

Dunn opened a public hearing for proposed Resolution 2006-07 as required by the Village Charter in section 14.05 at 7:52 P.M.

Public Comments: None

Dunn closed the public hearing at 7:53 P.M.

6. Proposed Resolution 2006-07

Motion made by Kiel, seconded by Hughes, to adopt Resolution 2006-06 which trades 5 lots in the Isabella North plat for 2 lots. These two lots represent the last lots that were identified in discussion by the Planning Commission regarding future public use sites, including but not limited to a village office, park, DPW garage, cemetery, and other like facilities. Due to the need for a continuous tract of land the Council recognizes that this is unique need for the village, along with the size of the two lots, the Council agreed that a 5th lot should be included in the offer. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Hughes, Lacca, Kiel, Torgerson, and Dunn; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED.

7. Village Legal Representation

Wolff reported to the Council that the village’s long standing bond and finance attorney Roger Swets has left the village’s law firm and joined the practice of Clark-Hill in Grand Rapids. Wolff recommends that the village retain Mr. Swets as the village’s bond counsel and continue to retain Law Weathers & Richardson as the village’s general legal counsel.

Motion made by Torgerson, seconded by Lacca, to accept the manager’s recommendation. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Public Comments:

Mike Scherba: Thanked the Council for supporting the Master Plan, and thanked Wolff for his work in drafting the plan.

With no further business before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

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Brian Hughes
Village Deputy Clerk

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George Dunn
Village President