

Village of Lake Isabella
Village Council Minutes
Regular Meeting – May 16, 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.

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

Members Absent: Grey

Motion made by Griffin, seconded by Kiel to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Griffin asked to have the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals reports pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Lacca, seconded by Torgerson, to approve the Consent Agenda which included the balance sheet, income and expense report, bills to be paid (Checks 3000 through 3054), Airport Advisory Board report, and the Council minutes from the April 18, 2006 regular meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Hughes, Lacca, Griffin, Dunn, Kiel, and Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED.

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

The LIPOA report was given by board member Dan Grisdale. He commented on their annual meeting and the vote to raise dues.

There was no President's report

The Planning Commission and Zoning Boards of Appeals report were discussed by Griffin, he asked Wolff to clarify the Planning Commission's concern over the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing.

Grey arrived at 7:20 P.M.

Public Comments:

Dan Grisdale of Crown Point: Commented on the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting and their interpretation of section 1220 of the zoning is not harmonious with the neighborhood and should not have been allowed.

Harry Kuhn of Marietta: Questioned why the Council has not adopted a renters ordinance, and that the Village could enact a rental property inspection program to help clean up the mobile home part of the Village.

George Colby of Carmen Drive: Showed the Council a picture of 1004 Vallado and asked them if they would like to live or drive by each and every day?

Lacca asked about enforcement at 1004 Vallado, and the one thing that a community does not need is a bad reputation when it comes to enforcement. Wolff stated the situation the Village had regarding the 1004 Vallado and the involvement of the Sheriff's department.

Existing Business:

1. Truth in Taxation Public Hearing on proposed 2006-07 Budget and Millage rate proposed to be levied in support of the budget (Resolution 2006-08)

The public hearing was opened at 7:39 P.M. by Dunn.

The Resolution to adopt the budget was read by Torgerson.

Public Comments:

Dan Grisdale of Crown Point: The Village is doing a fine job with providing services on such a low tax levy and would support raising the taxes if more services were ever needed.

There were comments from the Village Council.

Dunn closed the public hearing at 7:42 P.M.

2. Resolution 2006-08 – Adoption of 2006-2007 budget and Millage rate proposed to be levied in support of the budget.

Motion made by Torgerson, seconded by Griffin, to adopt Resolution 2006-08 as presented which sets the 2006-2007 budget and Millage rate levied to support of budget of 1 Mill with the anticipated Headlee rollback. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Lacca, Torgerson, Grey, Griffin, Hughes, Kiel, and Dunn; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED.

3. Public Hearing on Resolution 2006-09 – Sale of Village Lots

The public hearing was opened at 7:45 P.M. by Dunn.

A synopsis of the Resolution was read by Kiel.

Public Comments:

Elmer Ledbetter of Red Fox Court: Asked if the Village still owned the lot on Sandtrap across from the runway.

Council Comments:

Hughes commented that he appreciates the method that the lot sale has been handled in, which allows people to make a down payment to reserve the lot and not require all cash up front.

Dunn closed the public hearing at 7:48 P.M.

4. Resolution 2006-09 – Sale of Village Lots

Motion made by Lacca, seconded by Hughes, to adopt Resolution 2006-09 as presented which officially approves the sale and price of various Village owned lots. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Lacca, Torgerson, Grey, Griffin, Hughes, Kiel, and Dunn; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED.

5. Duquesa Road Situation

The Council reviewed Wolff's report on acquiring the property. Wolff reported that the Village could use Act 51 monies to improve the street once it was accepting into the street network, he also reported on the MDOT criteria for making it a Major Street. All of that though is contingent upon the property being annexed into the Village in order to

qualify for Act 51 monies. Wolff recommended that the item be tabled until next month to allow the Village to obtain a legal opinion on any current liability they may have and how best to remove them of any liability issues that may exist.

The Council agreed to table the item until June.

6. Village Office Location – Recommendation from the Planning Commission

The Council received the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding a location for a future Village office. The Planning Commission is recommending, by a 6 to 1 vote, that the office be at the Airport location.

Grey stated that he had voted against it at the Planning Commission, and feels that the Village needs more professional consultation before he is comfortable with the Airport location.

Torgerson stated that he would like to see the pros and cons for each site.

Lacca thanked Elmer Ledbetter for his offer at the Airport, but if the Village is going to place an office on Coldwater Road, he feels it should go on the west side, not the east side of the road.

Griffin expressed his concern over traffic issues on Bonanza and Coldwater Road. He also stated that he has high regard for the Planning Commission but feels that this recommendation was rushed and that the Isabella North location is in general better suited for the Village's long term needs.

Dunn stated that he felt the Council could use more discussion on this and other goals and priorities to focus on. He suggested that the Council hold a work session in late July to discuss this matter further.

The Council agreed that a work session would be the best course of action.

7. Animal Control Contract Agreement

Motion made by Dunn, seconded by Hughes, to approve the contact with Lakeside Kennels as part of the Village's dog catching program. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Lacca, Torgerson, Grey, Griffin, Hughes, Kiel, and Dunn; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED.

New Business:

1. Approval of Bond Payment

Motion made by Kiel, seconded by Lacca, to approve payment of the MDOT Major Street Special Assessment bond payment to Firstbank of Mount Pleasant, due June 1, 2006. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Lacca, Torgerson, Grey, Griffin, Hughes, Kiel, and Dunn; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments:

Harry Kuhn of Marietta: Stated that he had called Marshal Hooker's office regarding a complaint at 1004 Vallado.

George Colby of Carmen Drive: Asked who would be doing the dog catching and why the Village didn't use the LIPOA pen?

Mike Scherba of Lincoln Drive: Stated his feelings that the Council, staff, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals are all doing a wonderful job, and really appreciates the work that everyone does.

Griffin commented on the value that when even when there is the rare disagreement on the Council, that he is secure in the freedom the members have to discuss matters openly with each other and that it will not damage their relationships.

With no further business before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

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Jeff Grey
Village Clerk

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George Dunn
Village President