

Village of Lake Isabella
Village Council Minutes
Regular Meeting – November 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.

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

Members Excused: Pattison

Motion made by Torgerson, seconded by Kiel, to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business #4 Winter Meeting Request thereby moving the discussion on a new Village Office to New Business #5. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED.

Motion made by Grey, seconded by Griffin, to approve the Consent Agenda which included the balance sheet, income and expense report, bills to be paid (Checks 3246 through 3276), Planning Commission Report, and the Council minutes from the September 19, 2006 regular meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Lacca, Grey, Kiel, Griffin and Dunn; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED.

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

Griffin commented on the road project by stating that the issue of unbuildable lots needs to be addressed if the Village plans to assess all parcels in the same manner.

The LIPOA report was submitted in writing. The report gave summary information on the status of the proposals submitted regarding the lake management plan.

There was no President's report.

Public Comments:

None

Existing Business:

1. Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2006 – 05 “Waterfront Shoreland Overlay”

Dunn opened the public hearing at 7:26 PM.

Dunn read a brief synopsis of the proposed ordinance.

Public Comments:

Dave Ochander: Commented that he felt it was a good document and was pleased at how the Village and LIPOA worked together and communicated throughout the process.

Council Discussion:

Griffin questioned how the Village would enforce the restrictions on yard fertilizers.

Wolff reported that the Village would notify all local lawn companies of the change and note the restriction in the Village's newsletter.

Dunn closed the public hearing at 7:31 PM.

2. Proposed Ordinance 2006 – 05 “Waterfront Shoreland Overlay”
Motion made by Grey, seconded by Torgerson, to adopt proposed Ordinance 2006 – 05 “Waterfront Shoreland Overlay.” ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Lacca, Torgerson, Grey, Kiel, Griffin and Dunn; NAYS: None; MOTION TO ADOPT CARRIED.

3. Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2006 – 06 “Chapter 612 Repealer”
Dunn opened the public hearing at 7:37 PM.
Dunn read a brief synopsis of the proposed ordinance.
Public Comments: None
Council Discussion: None
Dunn closed the public hearing at 7:38 PM.

4. Proposed Ordinance 2006 – 06 “Chapter 612 Repealer”
Motion made by Lacca, seconded by Kiel, to adopt proposed Ordinance 2006 – 06 “Chapter 612 Repealer.” ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Lacca, Torgerson, Kiel, Griffin and Dunn; NAYS: Grey; MOTION TO ADOPT CARRIED.

New Business:

1. Introduction of Fund Balance Policy
The Council received a draft of a fund balance policy and referred the matter to the Finance Committee.

2. Introduction of Proposed Ordinance 2006 – 07 “Parking Amendment”
The proposed ordinance to amend the overnight parking ban was introduced. A public hearing was set for the December regular meeting.

3. Lagoon Property Deed Restriction
Wolff presented the Council with copies of the lagoon property deed and highlighted a deed restriction that could make any future use of the property nearly impossible. The Council directed him to contact the previous owners and discuss the matter.

4. Winter Meeting Schedule
Lacca asked if the Council could go a month without meeting in the winter. Wolff informed the Council that the Village Charter requires the Council to meet at least once a month.

5. Discussion on Future Village Office.
The Council received a proposal outlining the Village’s ability to purchase an office building as opposed to buying one. The proposal covered aspects of financing and a per foot comparison of buying versus building.

The Council discussed the Village’s ability to rent out unused space at the proposed building to help offset the cost.

The Council agreed that this matter needed further discussion and scheduled a special meeting for Thursday November 30, 2006 at 5:30 PM.

Public Comments:

Dave Ochander: Stated that if the Village did purchase the building in question that all offices need to be on the ground floor. He also suggested that a community center be included in the building.

Jay Kahn: Commented on the 2% announcements from the Tribe.

With no further business before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM

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Jeff Grey
Village Clerk

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George Dunn
Village President

Village Manager's Report

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Local Street Project

I have submitted a request to Roger Swets for a ball-park estimate on what our legal and bonding fees will look like for the local street project. I have ran the preliminary numbers by the staff at Rowe and they agree that it is feasible with the biggest swing factor being the price of asphalt. Right now the assessment per-lot that I am working on is \$1,350. This is slightly higher than I had hoped and is due largely to the number of Village Lots and LIPOA parks that would not be assessed the full price. I look to have the final draft to you for consideration in January.

County Water System

Isabella County is sending an official request to the Village for us to take over the water system in the Village. I informed them that their request would be reviewed after the first of the year.

Adopt-a-Family Program

We have raised around \$350 so far towards our \$1,000 goal. Please see Jessica for donation information.

Airport Report

The airport received its annual inspection from MDOT this month; we passed. We are currently working on the wiring for the new control box and installing several “no snowmobiles” signs up.

DEQ/Rowe Soils Work

I spoke with Sean Nalepka from the DEQ two weeks ago regarding the work submitted by Rowe on the soils. The next step for all parties is to have a meeting to discuss what parts of the research the DEQ will want to verify with more on-site work. We are trying to schedule this meeting for sometime this month yet.