

Village of Lake Isabella
Village Council Minutes
Regular Meeting – January 16, 2007

1096 Queens Way
Lake Isabella, MI, 48893

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The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Pro-Tempore Torgerson and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Motion made by Lacca, seconded by Kiel, to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business #7 “Resolution 2007 – 03” and New Business #8 “Request to be Excused.” VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED.

Motion made by Griffin, seconded by Grey, to approve the Consent Agenda which included the balance sheet, income and expense report, bills to be paid (Checks 3318 through 3348), Planning Commission Report, and the Village Council minutes from the December 19, 2006 regular meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Lacca, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, and Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED.

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

The LIPOA report was submitted in writing, it highlighted the continued work on the lake management study project.

There was no President’s report.

Steve LeVier from Page Olson & Company was present to give the Village Council the annual audit report. The Village received a clean opinion again for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. LeVier stated that he continues to see improvement each year on the accounting and financial management of the Village.

Public Comments:

None

Existing Business:

1. Charter Review Committee Appointments

Wolff reported to the Council that no applications had been submitted. He suggested that letters be sent out to members of the community who have either served on a committee in the past, or had expressed an interest in serving and solicit them to apply for the Charter Review Committee.

The Council agreed with the Manager’s recommendation and directed him to proceed.

New Business:1. Resolution 2007-01 Transfer of Jurisdiction of Baseline Road east of School Road

A motion was made by Kiel, seconded by Grey, to adopt Resolution 2007-01, which transfers jurisdiction of Baseline Road, east of School Road to the Chippewa River from the Isabella County Road Commission to the Village of Lake Isabella. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Lacca, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, and Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED.

2. Resolution 2007-02 Approval of Duquesa Court into Local Street System

A motion was made by Kiel, seconded by Lacca, to adopt Resolution 2007-02, which adds Duquesa Court into the Village's local street network. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Lacca, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, and Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED.

3. Introduction of Proposed Ordinance 2007-01 "Zoning Administration Amendment"

Proposed ordinance 2007-01 was formally introduced and a public hearing was scheduled for the February 2007 regular meeting.

4. One Month Patrol Agreement with Isabella County Sheriff

Wolff reported to the Council that he has had several conversations recently with the Sheriff on implementing the one month patrol agreement that the Council approved in 2006. The Council reviewed the approved agreement and made no changes. Wolff reported that he it is likely to see the agreement fulfilled in March or April.

5. Solid Waste Licensing Fee

Wolff presented research to the Council regarding a solid waste licensing ordinance. The Council had previously discussed a single vendor contract to cover the entire Village. A solid waste licensing fee would allow individuals to use the solid waste service of their choice, but give the Village authority to regulate the scope of solid waste operations, such as time of day that refuse pick-up is allowed, size of trucks used, and also the Village to collect a licensing fee from each vendor that operates in the Village.

The Council directed Wolff to begin work on drafting such an ordinance for them to consider.

6. 2007 Local Street Project

The Council reviewed the proposed scope of the project and the proposed project budget as outlined in the Village Manager's Project Report. Wolff submitted numbers showing an assessment on each lot on a gravel street for \$1,300 and each lot on a "chip-coat" street for \$1,200. He stated that these numbers could increase by about \$50 per lot, depending on the price of paving. The total scope of the project would pave the remaining 14.71 miles of local streets, and has an estimated budget of \$1,800,000. The individual assessments would be payable up front without interest over 10 years on the individual parcel's tax bill with interest. Wolff suggested that since the Village would be initiating the project, not the residents, the Village send postcards out that the property owner(s) could send back if they objected to the assessment project.

The Council set a public hearing for their special meeting of April 3, 2007 to consider the first resolution for the project, Resolution 2007-06. They asked Wolff to include information on the project in the Village's newsletter to be published in late February and to proceed with the postcard idea.

7. Resolution 2007-03 “Damaged Mailbox Policy”

A motion was made by Griffin, seconded by Lacca, to adopt Resolution 2007-07, which creates a policy by which the Village would compensate any individual who has their mailbox damaged during snow plowing with \$30. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Lacca, Kiel, Griffin, and Torgerson; NAYS: Grey; MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments:

David McGrath of Queens Way: Asked if each lot would be counted as an objection if a person owned multiple lots for the local street paving project. He was informed by Torgerson that would be the case.

With no further business before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM

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Jeffrey P. Grey
Village Clerk

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David Torgerson
Village President Pro-Tempore

Village Manager’s Report

◆ January 2007 ◆

Annual Zoning Report

Attached is a summary of our zoning activity for 2006. With the drop off in the housing market, we saw our lowest number of permits and new homes since incorporation. While these numbers were low, I would not be upset that we added 16 new homes into the Village in 2006. So far in 2007 we have approved 2 new homes for construction.

Cable Franchise

I have contacted Charter, they are going to wait until the Michigan Public Service Commission issues the new forms based on the changes adopted into law on January 1, 2007. These forms will be released at the end of the month. Also, attached is an e-mail form Law Weathers & Richardson explaining how the new State and Federal laws might effect local franchises.

Village of Lake Isabella 2006 ZONING ACTIVITY RECAP

Year	Total Zoning Permits	New Homes	Variations Approved	Ordinances Adopted	Planning Commission Meetings
1998	48	29	0	3	5
1999	90	45	9	2	12
2000	77	36	3	3	13
2001	73	35	2	2	12
2002	85	39	0	1	11
2003	59	37	2	0	12
2004	58	30	6	3	15
2005	61	27	3	2	17
2006	40	16	2	3	13
2007					
Totals	591	294	27	19	110

The Village’s Master Plan was last updated in 2005.

2006 Zoning Chapters Reviewed/Amended/Created

- 1252 Waterfront Shoreland Overlay
- 1244 Airport Commercial
- 1284 Land Division Regulations
- 1254 Open Space Recreational

The Planning Commission set the following as goals for 2007. (Not in any order)

- ❖ Amend regulations on swimming pools.
- ❖ Discuss a location for a cemetery owned by the Village.
- ❖ Update the provisions relating to the Zoning Board of Appeals in the codified ordinances.
- ❖ Consider a simple ordinance on conditional rezoning.
- ❖ Review the square footage allotments for signs in the commercial and office service districts.