

Village of Lake Isabella

Village Council Minutes

Regular Meeting – May 19, 2009

1010 Clubhouse Drive
Lake Isabella, MI, 48893

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

Members Present: Pattison, Lacca, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, Miller & Torgerson

Members Excused: None

A motion was made by Kiel, which was seconded by Miller, to approve the Agenda with the addition of New Business #5 “2009 Fireworks Permit.” ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Pattison, Lacca, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, Miller & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Miller, which was seconded by Kiel, to approve the consent agenda as presented which included the following items of business; invoices and disbursements (checks 10,109 through 10,148), the Balance Sheet, the Investment Report, the Income/Expense Report, minutes from the April 21, 2009 Village Council meeting, and a bond payment in the amount of \$27,125 to Firstbank of Mt. Pleasant for the MDOT bonds. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Pattison, Lacca, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, Miller & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Reports

- The Village Manager reported to the Council on the following items: DTE’s clean-up work from the natural gas project, an upcoming meeting with Consumer’s Energy regarding build out of natural gas to the remaining portions of southern and eastern Lake Isabella, code enforcement, upcoming bid projects, and the May Planning Commission meeting.
- Hiither reported on the LIPOA annual meeting from early May. He also reported on the tentative start date for lake treatment and the general course of action that Savin Lake & Pond is using this spring.

Public Comments

- Elmer Ledbetter of Red Fox Court: Questioned when the lines on Clubhouse Drive would be painted. Torgerson replied that it was part of the 2009-2010 budget.
- Richard Pollion of Clubhouse Drive: Complained that leaves are being dumped in the ditch near 1108 Clubhouse Drive.

Public Hearings

1. Resolution 2009-04; Resolution 4 of 4 for the Broomfield Twp Fire/Rescue Special Assessment Renewal

Torgerson opened the public hearing at 7:13 PM

Public Comment/Objections:

- Letters of Objection were received by Kim Fox and John Urban.

- Elmer Ledbetter of Red Fox Court: Stated that he feels it is important to keep our current fire and rescue protection from Nottawa-Sherman.
- Jack West of Circle Drive: Asked what the current service level is, and that fire and rescue services are important.
- Larry Hiither of Queens Way: Spoke in favor of renewing the special assessment district.

Torgerson closed the public hearing at 7:18 PM

A motion was made by Grey, which was seconded by Pattison, to adopt Resolution 2009-04 to confirm the special assessment roll, thereby renewing the fire/rescue service agreement for Broomfield Township residents/parcels located within Lake Isabella. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Pattison, Lacca, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, Miller & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Proposed Ordinance 2009-01: Regulation of Burning & Smoke

Torgerson opened the public hearing at 7:20 PM

Public Comment/Objections:

- Elmer Ledbetter of Red Fox Court: Discussed his current burning.
- Carl Vogel of Barcelona: Questions whether a camp fire would still be permitted: Wolff replied that under the proposed regulations burning would be more permissive in the Village. Specifically, camp fires, cooking fires, and the burning of brush would be permitted.

Torgerson closed the public hearing at 7:27 PM

A motion was made by Lacca, which was seconded by Griffin, to adopt Ordinance 2009-01. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Pattison, Lacca, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, Miller & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Existing Business

1. Unbuildable Lots Update & Citizen Requests

Wolff provided an update to the Council on the unbuildable lots. He reported that water tests were taken in Lake Isabella Airpark and Canterbury Estates in late April. The Village had recently been provided a copy of the results of the tests, which were favorable to on-site potable water. He reported that he would be working with Rowe to finalize the data to submit to the Central Michigan District Health Department to request the restrictions in Airpark and Canterbury Estates be lifted.

He also shared with the Council two citizen requests that were reviewed by the Planning Commission at the May meeting.

The first request was to amend the zoning ordinance to allow a gazebo to be built as a standalone structure without a conforming primary structure. He reported that several concerns were voiced by the Planning Commission and he would be working on an ordinance draft for them to consider.

The second request was to consider the possibility of allowing an unbuildable lot to be serviced by a private septic system across the street from the unbuildable lot. Wolff reported that the Planning Commission was unanimous in their opposition to this request.

2. Selection of Finalists: Peer Review Decentralized Wastewater Feasibility Study

The Council was presented with information from firms interested in conducting the peer review of the decentralized wastewater feasibility study being conducted by Rowe Professional Services for Lake Isabella South and Lake Isabella Golf Estates II.

After discussion the following firms were selected to invite to bidding on the project.

- Jones & Henry - Kalamazoo, MI
- SCS Systems LLC - Haslett, MI
- Gourdie-Fraser – Traverse City, MI
- Williams & Beck – Rockford, MI
- Sierra G & E – Kent City, MI

New Business

1. Tee Drive, Birdie Drive & Par Drive Drainage

There was discussion over drainage issues on Birdie Drive, Par Drive, and Tee Drive. Wolff presented a plan to clear and shape several ditches in the area to see if it improves drainage. He also presented examples of some long term solutions to make storm water retention sites as an alternative to consider.

2. Urban Deer Management

Wolff presented three citizen requests to have the Village take action to manage the deer herd in western Lake Isabella. He provided the Council with examples of Grand Haven's program, and recommended that before a cull occurs that a Task Force be created for residents to participate in the process. The Council discussed addressing this issue as part of a work session this summer.

3. Resolution 2009-05; Asset Management Plan

A motion was made by Grey, which was seconded by Pattison, to adopt Resolution 2009-05 which creates an asset management program for the transportation infrastructure of the Village. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Pattison, Lacca, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, Miller & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. 2009 – 2010 Budget & Capital Improvement Plan Discussion

There was a discussion over the upcoming budget. Wolff reported that General Fund Revenue is projected to be down less than 5% from the previous year. He also reported that the street funds are expected to have 80% of the revenue from the 2007-2008 fiscal year. He reported that he would be working with the Finance Committee to finalize the budget for the June meeting.

5. 2009 Fireworks Permit

A motion was made by Miller, which was seconded by Kiel, to approve the permit for the 2009 July 4th Fireworks. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Comments

- Elmer Ledbetter of Red Fox Court: Discussed deer issues in his area of the village.

- Dave McGrath of Queens Way: Commented on the deer being a problem in his neighborhood and his support of action being taken.
- George Colby of Carmen Drive: Asked what the status of Duquesa Road was. Wolff replied that the “road” is outside of the Village limits, and that it needs to be addressed by Sherman Township. He also stated that this was the position taken by the Road Commission.

With no further business, the Village Council stood in adjournment at 8:41 PM.

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Jeffrey P. Grey, Village Clerk

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David Torgerson, Village President