

## Village of Lake Isabella

### Village Council Minutes

Regular Meeting – December 15, 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:** Lacca, Miller, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, Pattison & Torgerson

**Members Excused:** None

A motion was made by Kiel, seconded by Grey, to accept the agenda as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Lacca, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, Pattison & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-0).

Griffin requested that items #6 (minutes of the November 9, 2009 ZBA Meeting), #8 (minutes of the November 13, 2009 ZBA meeting), and #9 (minutes of the November 19, 2009 ZBA meeting) be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

A motion was made by Kiel, which was seconded by Lacca, to approve the remaining Consent Agenda, which included the following items: Bills to be Paid, the Balance Sheet, the Income/Expense Report, minutes of the October 20, 2009 Village Council meeting, minutes of the November 10, 2009 Planning Commission meeting, minutes of the December 8, 2009 Planning Commission meeting, and the minutes of the December 10, 2009 Airport Advisory Board minutes; ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Lacca, Miller, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, Pattison & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-0).

Griffin expressed several concerns over how the ZBA handled case 2009-06. He stated that he feels a periodic training session would be helpful, and that in his opinion the ZBA has been approving more requests than they should, and that the Board is acting against the spirit of the zoning ordinance. He stated that he felt case 2009-06 was a self-created problem, and that no variance should have been granted. He also expressed concern that the surrounding property owners were not notified of the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> and the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Kiel agreed with Griffin that it might be worthwhile for the Village to bring in somebody from the MML to conduct a training session.

Lacca also agreed with Griffin and Kiel.

There was consensus of the Council for the Manager to seek proposals from the MML and other qualified sources to hold a training session for the ZBA.

A motion was made by Kiel, seconded Grey, to approve the remaining items (6, 8, & 9) from the Consent Agenda. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Lacca, Miller, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, Pattison & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-0).

### Reports

- Jana Chotivkova from Yeo & Yeo was present to provide the report on the Village's FY 08-09 Audit. She reported that Yeo & Yeo encountered no problems with the audit, they have issued a clean opinion, and have no comments. She stated that the two comments

from the previous audit were removed as the Village has implemented them. There were no questions from the Council.

- The Village Manager presented a report discussing year to date permits and a historical comparison. He also discussed the unbuildable lots.

### **Public Hearings:**

- None

### **Public Comments**

- Dave McGrath of Queens Way: Stated that as a member of the ZBA he was dismayed by Griffin's comments. He stated that he did not feel the ZBA rolled over on case 2009-06, and that there were numerous issues which the board discussed at length. He also stated that neighbor comments alone are not grounds to act one way or another on a case.

### **Existing Business**

1. Proposed Ordinance 2009-02: Signs

A public hearing was set for the next Council meeting.

2. Final Payment: JBS Contracting – Village Salt Barn Project

A motion was made by Kiel, seconded by Miller, to approve the final payment to JBS Contracting in the amount of \$42,203. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Lacca, Miller, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, Pattison & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-0).

3. Naming Request – Lake Isabella Airport

The Council received a recommendation from the Airport Advisory Board to rename the airport in honor of Cal Brewer.

Grey stated that he feels it is bad practice to start naming village property, and that Elmer Ledbetter is also somebody that should be recognized at the airport. He also stated that he likes the proposed plan of the LIPOA to have a wall of honor.

Pattison discussed his experiences with Cal Brewer.

Torgerson discussed his knowledge of how Lake Isabella used to be a hot spot for aviation due to Cal Brewer.

Lacca stated that he favors developing a wall of honor, and asked that the agenda be amended to include this as New Business #8. The agenda was amended without objection.

A motion was made by Kiel, seconded by Pattison, to change the airport name to "Lake Isabella – Cal Brewer Memorial Airport." ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Lacca, Miller, Kiel, Pattison & Torgerson; NAYS: Grey & Griffin. MOTION CARRIED (5-2-0).

### **New Business**

1. Resolution 2009-12: Installment Purchase Agreement, Ford F250 & Plow

A motion was made by Pattison, seconded by Kiel, to adopt Resolution 2009-12, which initiates an installment purchase agreement with Isabella Bank and Signature Ford for a 2010 Ford F250 4x4, with a Boss "V" plow in the amount of \$26,624, payable over 4

years at a rate of 4.25%. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Lacca, Miller, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, Pattison & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-0).

2. Resolution 2009-13: Investment Policy Amendment

A motion was made by Kiel, seconded by Miller, to adopt Resolution 2009-13. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Lacca, Miller, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, Pattison & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-0).

3. Nottawa-Sherman F.D. Contract Renewal: 2009-2010

A motion was made by Kiel, seconded by Miller, to adopt the proposed contract, and authorize payment in the amount of \$12,838. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Lacca, Miller, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, Pattison & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-0).

4. Nottawa-Sherman F.D. Contract Renewal: 2010-2011

The Council discussed the request to move the renewal date of the agreement to match the Townships fiscal year. The Council agreed in principal, but requested the Manager have the contract modified so that if the special assessment district is not renewed, the Village can opt-out of the second payment in the agreement. This item was tabled until the requested changes can be made to the agreement.

5. Proposed Ordinance 2009-05: Accessory Structures

Proposed Ordinance 2009-05 was introduced and a public hearing set for the next Council meeting.

6. January, 2010 Meetings

Due to the lack of a quorum, the January Village Council meeting was canceled.

7. Village Council Officers & Committees, 2010-2011.

A motion was made by Grey, seconded by Lacca, to retain the same officers and committee assignments for the upcoming Council terms ending in January of 2012. VOICE VOTE; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-0).

8. Wall of Honor

Lacca stated that it was a good idea to develop a wall of honor for village residents.

Grey agreed, and stated that to his knowledge the LIPOA was working on one of just past Presidents and Managers. He questioned who would pick those to be recognized.

Miller stated that if the LIPOA is doing something already for their members, then the Village should not duplicate names, unless the recognition was unique to the Village as well.

Wolff was directed to work on this item and report back.

### Public Comments

- None

A motion was made by Grey, seconded by Griffin, to enter into closed session at 8:29 PM as allowed under MCL 15.268(h). ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Lacca, Miller, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, Pattison & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-0).

A motion was made by Lacca, seconded by Griffin, to leave closed session at 9:27 PM. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Lacca, Miller, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, Pattison & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-0).

With no further business, the Village Council stood in adjournment at 9:28 PM.

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Jeffrey P. Grey, Village Clerk

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David Torgerson, Village President