

Village of Lake Isabella
Village Council Minutes
Special Meeting – May 27, 2010

1010 Clubhouse Drive
Lake Isabella, MI, 48893

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Village President Dave Torgerson and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Members Excused: Miller

Public Comments

- None

Business

Winter Street Maintenance

The Council met to discuss options for future plowing contracts. The Village was informed that its current contractor is going out of business in June.

There was discussion over contracting with another private company and the benefits and liabilities that come with that option. Concerns were expressed over finding a company that has the ability to provide the same level of service currently enjoyed by the Village. There was also a concern over ensuring that a company is fiscally stable to ensure that the Village is serviced the entire winter.

The Council also discussed options of purchasing the property and building owned by the current contractor, and also certain items of equipment. Wolff reported that the current equipment goes up for auction on June 24th. He also reported that the outstanding debt on the property is around \$200,000.

There was discussion over the best means to provide service to the community. Wolff voiced concerns over adding staff due to long-term costs with unemployment insurance, health care, and other benefits. The Council discussed at a minimum acquiring the property to ensure that there is a facility to work with in terms of plowing.

A motion was made by Pattison, seconded by Grey, to take the following actions:

1. Seek proposals for a new plowing contract.
2. Direct the Village Manager to secure a purchase option agreement on the property.
3. Approach banks to discuss financing options.
4. Attend the equipment auction on June 24th and possibly purchase equipment if needed, if the price was feasible.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

With no further business, the Village Council stood in adjournment at 7:12 PM.

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Jeffrey P. Grey, Village Clerk

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Dave Torgerson, Village President