

# Village of Lake Isabella

## Village Council Minutes

Regular Meeting – June 15, 2010

1010 Clubhouse Drive  
Lake Isabella, MI, 48893

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

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

**Members Excused:** None

The agenda was accepted without objection or modification.

A motion was made by Lacca, which was seconded by Griffin, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which included the following items: invoices and disbursements, the Balance Sheet, the Investment Report, the Income – Expense Reports, minutes of the May 18, 2010 Village Council meeting, and the minutes of the May 27, 2010 Village Council Meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Lacca, Grey, Miller, Kiel, Griffin, Pattison & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-0).

### Reports

- Wolff presented his monthly report to the Council. He discussed permit totals, code enforcement action, and on-going work to address right-of-way encroachment at the intersection of Clubhouse Drive and Fairway Drive.
- There was nobody present from the LIPOA to present a report.

### Public Hearings:

1. Public Hearing for Proposed Resolution 2010-12: 2010-2011 Budget, Capital Improvement Plan, and Millage Rate Proposed to be Levied.

Torgerson opened the Public Hearing at 7:18 PM.

Wolff presented the budget and detailed the economic conditions which were used to forecast the budget.

**Public Comments:** None

Torgerson closed the Public Hearing at 7:25 PM.

Torgerson and Griffin discussed the Village's high taxable base.

Kiel asked about the future of gas tax revenue.

Wolff was asked how long he feels the Village can sustain operations on 1 Mill. He replied that he sees revenue needs increasing, especially after the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

A motion was made Kiel, seconded by Lacca, to adopted proposed resolution 2010-12 which adopts the 2010-2011 budget and sets the property tax millage rate at 1 Mill for the upcoming fiscal year. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Lacca, Grey, Miller, Kiel, Griffin, Pattison & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-0).

2. Public Hearing for Proposed Resolution 2010-13: Conditional Rezoning Agreement

Torgerson opened the Public Hearing at 7:27 PM.

**Public Comments:** None

Torgerson closed the Public Hearing at 7:28 PM.

A motion was made by Kiel, seconded by Miller, to adopt proposed resolution 2010-13. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Lacca, Grey, Miller, Kiel, Griffin, Pattison & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-0)

### **Public Comments**

- George Colby of Carmen Drive: Complained about the lawn at 1022 Carmen Drive. He questioned if they had been sent a notice on the lawn, and when the Village would be out to mow it. He also complained about a pothole at the intersection of Carmen and Vallado. Wolff replied that he had not noticed the pothole and would be out later that week to patch it. He also stated that the owner of record of 1022 Carmen had been sent two notices regarding the lawn, and has until June 21<sup>st</sup> to bring the height of the lawn into compliance.

### **Existing Business**

1. Proposed Ordinance 2009-02: Sign Code Update

The Council set a public hearing for proposed Ordinance 2009-02 for the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **New Business**

1. 2010 Election Questionnaire

Wolff presented the concept of sending an issues questionnaire to those running for Rep. Caul's House seat, Sen. Cropsey's Senate seat, and Governor. He discussed the massive turnover happening in Lansing this year due to term limits and stated his view that in order for issues important to not only Lake Isabella but other municipalities that the Village should be proactive.

Griffin stated that he liked this idea, and would like to see the results on the Village's website. Wolff stated that was his intent with regard to the website.

Miller also suggested that in the cover letter, the Village offer to meet with the candidate or staff if they have questions relating to the issues.

The Council agreed that this was a good idea and approved Wolff to proceed.

2. Committee Appointments

Village President Torgerson made the following appointments with the Council's consent:

- John Boyd was reappointed to the Planning Commission for a 3 year term.
- Dave McGrath was appointed to the Planning Commission for a 3 year term.
- Carol Shannon was appointed to the Planning Commission to complete a term expiring in 2011.
- Arnold Griffin was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals until the Council's next organizational meeting.
- George Colby was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term.
- Ed Nurski was appointed as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term.

**Public Comments**

- Delores Lantz of Sevilla Drive: Complained about a location on Barcelona Drive that a bus is parked at. She also complained about the lack of progress on cleaning up 1066 Barcelona Drive. Wolff replied that as long as the bus was in proper working order and had a valid plate it was not in violation of the Village’s ordinances if parked in the rear or side yard. He also informed her that the Village has been to court on three different citations regarding 1066 Barcelona, and that the Village was presently seeking a court order to require the owner to clean the property by a certain deadline or allow the Village to do so.
- Steve Pickens, Isabella County Treasurer: He discussed the Village’s intentions to purchase two lots presently in foreclosure by Isabella County. He also inquired about the status of the other lots owned by the Village.

A motion was made by Grey, seconded by Kiel, to enter into closed session at 7:50 PM to discuss an option to purchase property located at 201 S. Coldwater Road. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Lacca, Grey, Miller, Kiel, Griffin, Pattison & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-0)

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Grey, to leave closed session at 8:21 PM. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Lacca, Grey, Miller, Kiel, Griffin, Pattison & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-0)

With no further business, the Village Council stood in adjournment at 8:21 PM.

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Jeffrey P. Grey, Village Clerk

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Dan Pattison, Village President Pro-Tempore