

Village of Lake Isabella  
Village Council Minutes  
Special Meeting – June 29, 2010

1010 Clubhouse Drive  
Lake Isabella, MI, 48893

The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Village President Dave Torgerson and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Public Comments**

- None

**Business**

1. Resolution 2010-14: Declaration of Intent to Finance

A motion was made by Kiel, seconded by Pattison, to adopt Resolution 2010-14, which is the declaration of intent to finance via bonding for the purchase of 201 S. Coldwater Road. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Lacca, Kiel, Grey, Griffin, Miller, Pattison & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-0)

2. Final Report, Rowe PSC: Wastewater Feasibility Study

John Tanner from Rowe was present to give the Council the final report as a follow-up to the peer review conducted by SCS Systems. There was discussion over what treatment and discharge method would be the best in terms of cost and practicality. The three treatment options that were discussed at length were developing the existing lagoons, a package plant, or media filters. There was discussion over discharge of the treated waste water.

The Council gave Rowe permission to consult with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment to determine what standards would be required of the Village if were to seek a discharge permit for the Chippewa River.

Pattison discussed the need to begin testing the existing systems within the community. Wolff mentioned that this was recommended by Environmental Horizons which was contracted by LIPOA to develop a long range lake management plan. There was discussion over this type of ordinance would be legal in Michigan.

Kiel questioned if there were other villages in the state which have septic tank/system inspection ordinances.

There was discussion over the issue of mandatory connection. Wolff reviewed current State of Michigan law which allows for a period of up to 18 months to delay connecting to a public sewer system. He did discuss a clause which may allow existing systems which are deemed to be in good working order that pose no threat to the environment to remain for their functional life. Specifically, MCL 333.12757 states:

*A person may install and use in a structure an acceptable innovative or alternative waste treatment system or an acceptable innovative or alternative waste treatment system in combination with an acceptable alternative greywater system. The*

*installation and use of an acceptable innovative or alternative waste treatment system or an acceptable innovative or alternative waste treatment system in combination with an acceptable alternative greywater system in a structure shall be subject to regulation by the local health department in accordance with the ordinances and regulations of the local units of government in which the structure lies. A local health department may inspect each acceptable innovative or alternative waste treatment system within its jurisdiction at least once each year to determine if it is being properly operated and maintained. A local health department may charge the owner of an acceptable innovative or alternative waste treatment system a reasonable fee for such an inspection and for the plan review and installation inspection. A copy of the approved application or permit to install and use an alternative system and a copy of each maintenance inspection report shall be forwarded to the department and to the local unit of government in which the structure lies. The department shall maintain a record of approved alternative systems and their maintenance and operation... an owner of a structure using an acceptable innovative or alternative waste treatment system in combination with an acceptable alternative greywater system shall not be required to connect to an available public sanitary sewer system... An owner who does not connect to an available public sanitary sewer system pursuant to (this subsection), shall not be required to pay connection or user fees to a local unit of government except those connection or user fees which are allocated for financing of construction of an available public sanitary sewer system. In lieu of connection or user fees, an owner may be required by the local unit of government to pay a sewer availability fee if that fee is to be used for the purpose of paying a proportionate share of financing the construction of an existing available public sanitary sewer system. The exemption from connection or user fees under this subsection shall not apply to an owner connected to an available public sanitary sewer system on the effective date of this act.*

Wolff stated he would have to discuss this section with the Central Michigan District Health Department and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment to see how this section may apply to existing systems in the area under consideration.

The Council also discussed tentative costs as detailed in Rowe’s report. For all costs Rowe estimates the project cost to be \$4,978,625. For just the treatment and collection parts of the project, Rowe estimates the cost to be \$3,250,000. Under Rowe’s proposal there are three elements to the system. These three elements are the treatment site, the collection pipes in the streets, and a collection tank and pump at each individual site.

With no further business, the Village Council stood in adjournment at 11:43 AM.

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Jeffrey P. Grey, Village Clerk

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Dave Torgerson, Village President