

# Village of Lake Isabella

## Village Council Minutes

Regular Meeting – July 20, 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, Griffin, Pattison & Torgerson

**Members Excused:** Miller

The agenda was accepted without objection or modification.

Lacca requested to have item #10 (Airport Advisory Board Appointment) removed from the Consent Agenda, and placed on the Agenda as Existing Business #4.

A motion was made by Grey, which was seconded by Lacca, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, which included the following items: invoices and disbursements, the Balance Sheet, the Investment Report, the Income – Expense Reports, minutes of the June 15, 2010 Village Council meeting, minutes of the June 22, 2010 Village Council meeting, minutes of the June 29, 2010 Village Council meeting, and the minutes of the July 13, 2010 Planning Commission meeting, consent of the Planning Commission's appointment of Dave McGrath to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Lake Isabella ballot for the MML Worker's Compensation Fund. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Lacca, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, Pattison & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0-0).

### Reports

- Wolff presented his monthly report to the Council. He discussed permit totals, code enforcement action, incidents on the Sheriff's Department report, the upcoming County tax sale, the Village's trial of a VOIP phone through Winntel, and the Wall of Fame project.
- There was nobody present from the LIPOA to present a report.

### Public Hearings:

#### 1. Public Hearing for Proposed Ordinance 2009-02: Sign Code Update

Torgerson opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 PM.

**Public Comments:** None

Torgerson closed the Public Hearing at 7:26 PM.

Grey stated he was opposed to an outright ban on all digital signs as is proposed in the ordinance.

There was discussion over what type of digital signs should be prohibited. Specifically it was discussed if a digital display which shows the price of gas was any different than a time or temperature sign.

A motion was made by Lacca, seconded by Pattison, to table action on proposed ordinance 2009-02 until the August meeting to allow Grey to work on language to address his concern over digital signs. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6-0-0.

**Public Comments**

- None

**Existing Business**1. 2010 Election Questionnaire

Wolff shared the opinion of the Village's legal counsel on the proposed questions to send to candidates for state office. After discussion, the Council elected to not send out the questionnaire, but use the prepared questions as talking points for candidates that visit a meeting.

2. Resolution 2010-07: Village Check Signers

A motion was made by Pattison, seconded by Kiel, to adopt Resolution 2010-07 and evaluate its impact within 1 year. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Lacca, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, Pattison & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0-0).

3. Employee Handbook

An update the employee handbook was introduced and referred to the Personnel Committee.

4. Airport Advisory Board Appointment

Griffin questioned why the appointment was placed on the consent agenda and not part of Existing Business. He stated that he felt since the appointments last month were part of New Business, this should not have been on the Consent Agenda.

Wolff stated that the reason was he did not have a chance to provide the Village President with a list of interested residents prior to the last meeting, and was able to do so this month. He stated that the Charter gives the authority to make appointments to the Village President with the advice and consent of the Council. As such, it is regular practice to handle appointments via the Consent Agenda.

Griffin stated that he felt this was the wrong way to handle this, and turns people off from serving.

Pattison stated that he was the one who objected to the appointment last month, and that he had concerns regarding the applicant.

Torgerson stated that his choice for the appointment was to reappoint the current person serving on the Airport Board.

Grey asked if the current person knew their term was up. Wolff replied that he sent notices to all committee members in May that their terms were expiring. And that the current committee member had not submitted her application until after the June Council meeting.

Griffin stated that there was one applicant by the deadline requested by the Village, and it was wrong for the Village not to appoint that person.

Torgerson questioned whether or not Griffin felt the Village was obligated to appoint a person simply because they submitted an application.

Without further discussion Torgerson appointed Becky Thornhill to the Airport Advisory Board, there was no objection from the Council.

**New Business**1. Traffic Control Order 2010-01: El Camino Grande Speed Limit

A motion was made by Grey, seconded by Pattison, to adopt TCO-2010-01 which raises the posted speed limit on El Camino Grande to 35 MPH from 30 MPH. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED 5-1-0, with Kiel voting “nay.”

2. Traffic Control Order 2010-02: Queens Way Speed Limit

A motion was made by Grey, seconded by Pattison, to amend TCO-2010-02 to reflect a change in speed limit only for a portion of queens way, and adopt TCO-2010-02 which raises the posted speed limit for this section of Queens Way to 40 MPH from 30 MPH. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED 5-1-0, with Kiel voting “nay.”

3. Introduction of Proposed Ordinance 2010-05: Parking Zones

Proposed ordinance 2010-05 was introduced and a public hearing set for the August meeting.

4. Introduction of Proposed Ordinance 2010-03: ZBA Update

Proposed ordinance 2010-03 was introduced and a public hearing set for the August meeting.

**Public Comments**

- None

With no further business, the Village Council stood in adjournment at 8:47 PM.

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Jeffrey P. Grey, Village Clerk

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Dan Pattison, Village President Pro-Tempore