

Village of Lake Isabella
Village Council Minutes
Work Session – June 6, 2017

1010 Clubhouse Drive
Lake Isabella, MI, 48893

The Meeting was called to order by Lake Isabella President Dave Torgerson, at 2:00 PM and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Eberhart, Cueny, Grey, Griffin, Kiel, & Torgerson
Members Absent: Shoemaker

Public Comments: None

Business/Discussion:

The Council began its review of Article VI of the Codified Ordinances. Cueny inquired about whether the items covered in this ordinance needed to go through the Planning Commission. Wolff stated that they did not as they were not zoning ordinances, but police power ordinances.

The Council reviewed the following sections during the meeting and discussed the following items to amend in a comprehensive update to this Article of the Codified Ordinances.

Chapter 642: The Council reviewed the Blight Code for the Village. Wolff provided an review of Code Enforcement cases and issues that the Village has encountered with blight.

Wolff reported that the most frequent case handled by Code Enforcement is a blight violation for the accumulation of waste and refuse. He stated that with Dent's transfer station in Remus now closed, he is worried that this might become more of an issue in the near future.

There was discussion as to whether or not the Village should pursue some type of refuse franchise or single-hauler agreement as a way to help curtail the impact of Dent's closing. Various options were discussed as to how something could be pursued and how that could impact blight issues. The consensus of the Council was that if something were to be explored, it should be done in a manner where the Village approves some type of exclusive agreement where a single company offers the most advantageous package and pricing to the community, but residents still directly contract with that vendor.

It was also discussed to reduce the allowed yard height from 12 inches to 8 inches. Wolff reported that over 18% of Code Enforcement cases are for long weeds and grass, and this would help get compliance before yards get too long.

There was also discussion regarding whether or not the Village should explore a cost recovery fee for having to remove a tree that falls from private property and blocks a village street.

It was also discussed to move away from the paragraph style the Blight code is currently written in, and move to a bullet point style.

Chapter 644: No changes were discussed to this Chapter.

Chapter 646: The Council discussed changes to Section 646.07 which included eliminating the limited timeframe in the ordinance. It was discussed that if a resident wanted to sell a boat

or vehicle in their driveway, and that vehicles was operational, licensed, and did not have a “dealer” plate that it should be allowed.

Chapter 652: This section was not included in the items reviewed and no changes were discussed to this Chapter.

Chapter 654: No changes were discussed to this Chapter, other than to note that if the Village did want to pursue a single-hauler vendor for rubbish one method would be to no longer exempt refuse trucks from the overweight vehicle restrictions in this Chapter, and grant a single franchise as an exemption to that prohibition.

Chapter 656: This section was not included in the items reviewed and no changes were discussed to this Chapter.

Chapter 662: It was discussed that this section could be deleted and moved to the zoning code. It was also discussed that it could be simplified to only prohibiting pools in streetside yards, must be within setbacks, and only inground pools require a permit and fence from the Village.

Chapter 664: It was discussed to clarify the restrictions on where outdoor wood burning furnaces are prohibited. The language discussed to be included in the first draft would be to prohibit wood burning furnaces in all residential zoning districts and other locations that are within 500 feet of a single-family dwelling.

The next Work Session was not set, it was agreed to discuss the time and date at the Regular Meeting in June of the Village Council.

Public Comments: None

With no further business, the Village Council stood in adjournment at 3:45 PM.

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Jeffrey P. Grey, Village Clerk

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Dave Torgerson, Village President