

**OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES**

October 15, 2018

**VILLAGE OF LYONS**

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The regular village council meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem Eavey at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

The formulation of the roll was taken:

**Roll Call:**

Fred Charles Ab Max Darling P Kenton Eavey P Joe Farrington P  
Jon Houserman P Cassandra Keller P Bernard Russell P

**Also Attending:**

Vicki Helms P Josh Dickover P Judy Stockwell P Stub White Ab  
Alison Irey P

A quorum was declared.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Darling to approve the agenda, as written. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as written.**

**President's Report:** President Pro Tem Eavey did not have anything.

**Public Comments:** Mark Schneider wanted to discuss the Village Right of Way located at the Village office parking lot and what its purpose is. He explained his thoughts and verbal information he gathered. He wanted to know why the blocks were put at the end of the parking spots. President Pro Tem Eavey told Mr. Schneider, it was not going to be discussed today.

**Approval of the Previous Month Regular Minutes:** A motion was offered by Trustee Darling, seconded by Trustee Farrington to approve the previous month regular minutes with a revision in the President's Report of \$200,000 not 2,000 for the extra Dam removal funds. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as revised.**

**Approval of Accounts Payable:** A motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Russell to approve the Accounts Payable Distribution Report (9/10/18 -10/19/18) totaling \$29,747.34. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

**Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** A motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Farrington, to approve and accept the Treasurer's expenditure/revenue report and balance sheet dated September 30, 2018. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

**DPW Report:** Josh Dickover

Josh Dickover reported Hydrant Flushing has been done. Plan to alternate both wells each day now. Sewer grinder control box pump and kit on Irish will be replace Oct 23. Camp and Cruise will remove Kayak Launch Oct 29. Plan to replace tires for the backhoe in November. DPW Supervisor Darling reported that Lyndon Randall will be our new DPW Superintendent starting November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**Streets, Water/Sewer & Fire Committee:** Chairperson Darling  
Chairperson Darling said it's been a busy month. DPW hauled clay all day for the sewer ponds in Muir, and he wants DPW to get the tires for the backhoe ordered.

**Finance Committee:** Chairperson Houserman  
Chairperson Houserman covered some things on the MML Renewal for Liability and Property Insurance. There was a reasonable increase of \$433 (about 4.2%) and we will be receiving a dividend refund of \$1056.00. A motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Keller to approved the MML Renewal Proposal. **Motion was carried by voice vote.** Chairperson Houserman said we need to reschedule the Water/Sewer Rate Study with Mike Engels from Michigan Rural Water Association from Nov 7, 2018 to sometime in early Feb. 2019 in light of all the changes with personal this year and to give the new DPW Superintendent time to acclimate to the Village costs.

**Ordinance Committee:** Chairperson Darling  
Chairperson Darling said the ordinance committee met regarding the water/sewer at two locations. One was determined that the second unit did not apply and the other was determined that the house is not a garage but is still a house.

**Personnel Committee:** Chairperson Farrington  
Chairperson Farrington said there were a few changes to the Personnel Policy and the Village has new health insurance. He also noted that the Special Village Council meeting on October 10, 2018 approved step increase for Judy Stockwell's 90-day employment, Josh Dickover step increase for 1-year employment and the hiring of new DPW Superintendent Lyndon Randall to start on Nov 1, 2018.

**Grants Committee:** Chairperson Russell - nothing at this time.

**Parks & Recreation Committee:** Chairperson Keller  
Chairperson Keller turned the floor over to Trustee Russell who said we need to have a community meeting to hear the community's views so we can proceed with the Rec Plan. Chairperson Keller said the porta potties have been taken out for the winter season and the committee has a list of things they would like to work on by spring. Kayak launch to be removed on Oct 29, 2018.

**DDA:** Chairperson Irey – nothing at this time.  
Council asked about the new business and Chairperson Irey noted the Antiques, Arts & Crafts is now open and located where the bank used to be.

**Events Committee:** Chairperson Keller  
Chairperson Keller said they cancelled the Touch A Truck because it was lightening that day. The next event is Christmas by the River on Dec 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Unfinished Business:** none

**Correspondence:**  
Annual Notice of Acceptance received from Michigan Department of Treasury. Trustee Houserman noted the Village is nearly 100% funded on the defined benefit plan and we are in good standing.

**New Business:** none

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### **Other Comments:**

Trustee Farrington recommends anyone that sees something suspicious, they should document with pictures and write notes. Trustee Houseman asked about the masonry work to be done at the old party store. Trustee Farrington said his plan is to have this completed by the end of October.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, a motion was offered by Trustee Russell, seconded by Trustee Darling to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by:  
Vicki Helms, Village Clerk