

**OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES**

October 21, 2019

**VILLAGE OF LYONS**

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

The formulation of the roll was taken:

**Roll Call:**

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

**Additional Personnel:**

Vicki Helms P    Jan Bozung P    Lyndon Randall P    Josh Dickover P    Alison Irely P  
Patty Priest P

A quorum was declared.

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

**President’s Report:** President Charles.

President Charles said people are dumping extra stuff at the brush dump like furniture and we need to try and stop this.

**Public Comments:**

Bill Carlson from Consumers Energy asked council if consumers energy could have an easement for a mobile substation at the fish ladder again. He will provide the necessary documentation for us to move forward. Consumers plan is to rebuild the 46 K volt line in the spring/summer of 2020 and rebuild the substation within the next 5 years.

Mr. Kotwicki expressed thanks for the meeting on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. He would like to find out when Right of Way access was given across the land and asked about environmental protection that was done.

**Guest Speaker:** none

**Approval of the Previous Month’s Regular Minutes:** A motion was offered by Trustee Keller, seconded by Trustee Darling to approve the previous month’s regular minutes as written. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as written.**

**Approval of Accounts Payable:** A motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Farrington to approve the Accounts Payable Distribution Report (9/9/19 – 10/18/19) totaling \$64,586.21. Trustee Houserman noted there was a Street bond payment and street project payment made which made the total amount considerably higher than normal. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

**Approval of the Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Bozung informed council the Delinquent Tax payment has been received from Ionia County and the percentage of delinquent taxes for 2019 was 24.6% compared to 19.8% for 2018. A motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Russell, to approve and accept the Treasurer’s expenditure/revenue report and balance sheet dated September 30, 2019. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

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### **DPW Report: Superintendent Randall**

Superintendent Randall reported there was a power outage, the kayak launch was taken out and there was a broken water line they fixed today. Hot patch crews scheduled to be here on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and there will be some black topping done October 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Streets, Water/Sewer & Fire Committee:** Chairperson Darling

Chairperson Darling said DPW is fixing drains this week. They will be putting power to the poles downtown so we can have Christmas lights this year. Trustee Houserman noted a copy of the letter and check from Muir in the meeting packets for the new Fire Department Generator. It is not the amount we billed them for. Trustee Houserman said per the conversation between Clerk Helms and auditor Joe Verlin, it was not Mr. Verlin's opinion for Muir to pay the amount given to us but Mr. Verlin recommended the two Villages work together on this discrepancy of \$1,232.59. A motion was offered by Trustee Eavey, seconded by Trustee Houserman not to accept the check from Village of Muir dated 10/10/19 in the amount of \$5,031.00. **Motion was carried by voice vote.** There was discussion about the offer from Muir to purchase the old Fire Department generator for \$500.00. A motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Darling to put the old generator with the wiring up for bids. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

#### **Finance Committee:** Chairperson Houserman

Chairperson Houserman briefly covered the insurance renewal, noting the annual increased cost of \$1,316 partially due to coverage of the new dump truck. A motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Darling to approve the MML Liability and Property renewal with the rate increase. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

#### **Ordinance Committee:** Chairperson Russell

Chairperson Russell explained there are a lot of residents that do not understand or have not seen the House # Ordinance and asked if the deadline could be extended. After discussion, a motion was offered by Trustee Keller, seconded by Trustee Eavey to extend the House # Ordinance deadline to December 31 with Ordinance Committee giving the office a list of residents to send letters to by November 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

#### **Personnel Committee:** Chairperson Farrington

Chairperson Farrington said the health insurance renewal was discussed at a Personnel Meeting and there is a 4.8% increase in the monthly premium. A motion was offered by Trustee Farrington, seconded by Trustee Houserman to approve the Health Insurance Renewal effective November 2019. **Motion was carried by voice vote.** Chairperson Farrington reminded council the office staff will be attending the BS&A training class October 23<sup>rd</sup> and the office will be closed.

#### **Grants, Parks & Recreation Committee:** Chairperson Keller

Chairperson Keller said she has invited a Michigan Municipal League District Grant person to attend one of our Grant Committee meetings to help us learn more about grants and answer questions we may have. A motion was offered by Trustee Keller, seconded by Trustee Darling to remove the out houses on Hazel DeVore Island before spring of 2019 and use rental johns in their place. After discussion **Motion was carried by voice vote.** Chairperson Keller also said the Kayak launch was taken out and the fish ladder bathrooms will be removed.

#### **DDA:** Chairperson Irey

Chairperson Irey let council know they have received the receipts for the DDA Property Grant program and the checks are in process.

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### **Events Committee:** Chairperson Priest

Chairperson Priest reported the events account is in the black and they are moving along with the Christmas by the River activities.

### **Correspondence:**

- Received Township District Library minutes.

**New Business:** Trustee Darling received a concern form asking the Village to vacate Section 59 and 68 East of Higbee St. A motion was offered by Trustee Darling, seconded By Trustee Eavey to start the process to vacate the alley east of Higbee, Section 59 and 68. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

### **Other Comments:**

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, a motion was offered by Trustee Russell, seconded by Trustee Eavey to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by:  
Vicki Helms, Village Clerk