

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2017

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

Also Attending:

Doreen Gould P Vicki Helms P Stub White P Bryon Bennett P
Joshua Dickover 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.**

Public Comments:

Susan Craft asked when the tree stump grinding will be completed. Council will look at the expense and decide if it will be done yet this year or next spring. Susan Craft announced the Library December 14th meeting has been moved to 5:00 pm.

Guest Speaker: none

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

Approval of Accounts Payable: A motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Eavey to approve the Current Month Accounts Payable Distribution Report totaling \$64,523.74. noting there was approximately \$33,000 in chip sealing. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Approval of the Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Gould reported CVTRS information was submitted to Treasury today. 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 October 31, 2017. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

President’s Report: President Charles reported there are only 2 residents left to setup water hookup.

DPW Report: Stub White
Superintendent White covered the DPW report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets, Water/Sewer & Fire Committee: Chairperson Darling

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Chairperson Darling said the lift station was vacuumed out.

Finance Committee: Chairperson Houserman

Chairperson Houserman discussed the rate study that was done with Mike Engles from Michigan Rural Water Association on November 13th. Some costs have gone up for water but with the additional water hookups we should be able to keep the rates the same. The sewer operational expenses went up \$3 - \$4 thousand per year but we were able to reduce some other allocations. A motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Eavey to keep the current water/sewer rates the same based on the results of the November 13th rate study. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Ordinance Committee: Chairperson Darling

Chairperson Darling noted the letter/contract for 207 E Isham, prepared by Village attorney Leo Madarang, in the packet. After discussion a motion was offered by Trustee Darling, seconded by Trustee Russell to approve the contract for 207 E Isham showing 2.5 % interest, paid by May 10, 2018 or balance goes on the property taxes. **Motion was carried by ROLL CALL vote:** Joe Farrington-yes, Jon Houserman-yes, Cassi Keller-yes, Bernie Russell-yes, Fred Charles-yes, Max Darling-yes, and Kenton Eavey-yes. Chairperson Darling informed council Staley Hill was AMZ'd without the Village's permission in the last month. He will be communicating with the Road Commissioner regarding this. President Charles asked Trustee Russell if there has been any conversation with Phoenix enterprise regarding blight and our letters sent to Phoenix, Trustee Russell said he hasn't seen him, it's like he's disappeared.

Personnel Committee: Chairperson Farrington

Chairperson Farrington let council know a couple quotes for life insurance and life, accidental death and dismemberment insurance have been received by Clerk Helms. This will be looked at and more information brought to the next council meeting.

Grants Committee: Chairperson Russell

Chairperson Russell asked Trustee Houserman about the SAW Grant figures. The Village is approved for \$360,000 using a match of \$36,000. The SAW Grant was signed and sent to DEQ Friday November 17th, 2017.

Parks & Recreation Committee: Chairperson Keller

Chairperson Keller said the kayak launch was taken out and the parks are ready for the winter.

DDA: Chairperson Bennett

Chairperson Bennett informed council there was a meeting November 19th. He will not be running again for DDA President.

Events Committee: Cassondra Keller

Chairperson Keller noted Christmas by the River is December 14th, they are still trying to locate a Santa. After discussion, a motion was offered by Trustee Darling, seconded by Trustee Farrington to close the streets for the Christmas parade, **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Closed for parade line up

5pm to 6pm

Elizabeth St. from Water St. to Bridge St.

Hunt St. from Hawley St. to King St.

Closed 4pm to 10pm

Bridge St. from John St. to Prairie St.

5pm to 10pm

Water St. from King St. to Bridge St. closed to thru traffic, but open for parking.

Bridge St. from Prairie St. to King St. closed to thru traffic, but open for parking.

Prairie St. from Bridge St. to Isham St. closed to thru traffic, but open for parking.

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Unfinished Business: none

Correspondence:

Email from the library for the Summer Reading Program. A motion was offered by Trustee Keller, seconded by Trustee Farrington to approve the use of the Downtown Pavilion on the requested dates and times with no charge. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

New Business:

President Charles recommended to council Alison Irely for the new DDA Chairperson. A motion was offered by Trustee Farrington, seconded by Trustee Darling to accept Alison Irely as the new DDA Chairperson. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Other Comments:

Trustee Farrington thanked Bryon Bennett for all his help as Chair of DDA. Joseph Farrington read a letter to the rest of council, and asked that the store be billed as one unit – the prior rental unit is the office now. After discussion, a motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Russell, to remove the upstairs residential unit billing at 241 E Bridge since it will be part of the bar and to waive the most current billing of Oct 12 through Nov 12. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was offered by Trustee Keller, seconded by Trustee Russell to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by:
Vicki Helms, Village Clerk