

**APPROVED Meeting Minutes**

**DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

December 18, 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	Ab	Kenton Eavey	P	Joe Farrington	P
Jon Houserman	P	Cassandra Keller	Ab	Bernard Russell	Ab		

**Also Attending:**

Doreen Gould	P	Vicki Helms	P	Stub White	P	Josh Dickover	Ab
Alison Irey	P						

A quorum was declared.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was offered by Trustee Eavey, seconded by Trustee Farrington to approve the agenda, as amended with addition to Finance – 2018 Water/Sewer Rate Study. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as amended.**

**Public Comments:**

Susan Craft announced that she will be stepping down from her position at the Lyons District Library.

Bryon Bennett announced he will be coordinating the table tennis again this winter. Location: 218 Water St. On Sundays, January 7<sup>th</sup> through March 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM.

Susan Craft asked why payroll wasn't a part of the payables for council to approve at each monthly council meeting. Council said they would double check on it and get back to her.

**Guest Speaker:** none

**Approval of the December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes:** A motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Farrington to approve the December 6<sup>th</sup> Special meeting minutes. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as written.**

**Approval of the Previous Month Regular Minutes:** A motion was offered by Trustee Eavey, seconded by Trustee Farrington 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 Farrington to approve the Current Month Accounts Payable Distribution Report totaling \$27,892.91. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

**Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Gould reported she received confirmation from CVTRS they received our information, and that staff will start preparing budget amendments for FY 17/18 and new budget for FY18/19. Clerk Helms reported the MMLLPP dividend check was received. A motion was offered by Trustee Farrington, seconded by

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Trustee Houserman, to approve and accept the Treasurer's expenditure/revenue report and balance sheet dated November 30, 2017. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

**President's Report:** President Charles reported the new DPW staff is doing good, the downtown store has been purchased and there is work being done to the outside of it and water hookups are getting done. President Charles also said "Thanks" to all the staff for the great job they do.

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

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Streets, Water/Sewer & Fire Committee:** Chairperson Darling - nothing

**Finance Committee:** Chairperson Houserman  
Chairperson Houserman said he is in communication with Mike Engles from Michigan Rural Water Association regarding a date for the next water/sewer rate study in November 2018.

**Ordinance Committee:** Chairperson Darling - nothing

**Personnel Committee:** Chairperson Farrington  
Chairperson Farrington brought up discussion on the Holiday closings and council meetings list. Trustee Houserman asked that January 1<sup>st</sup> be added to the Holiday closings list. After discussion, a motion was offered by Trustee Farrington, seconded by Trustee Eavey to approve the Holiday closing list with the addition of January 1, 2018. **Motion was carried by voice vote.** A motion was offered by Trustee Farrington, seconded by Trustee Houserman to approve the 2018-2019 Council Meeting Schedule. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

**Grants Committee:** Chairperson Russell - nothing

**Parks & Recreation Committee:** Chairperson Keller - nothing

**DDA:** Chairperson Irey  
Chairperson Irey informed council they had a meeting yesterday. Future meetings will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every other month (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov). She also said they passed the \$1500 grant for the downtown store.

**Events Committee:** Cassandra Keller - nothing

**Unfinished Business:** none

### **Correspondence:**

- A letter was received from the Village of Muir asking if the Village of Lyons would pay half of the Village of Muir portion for the Bottle Filling Station & Drinking Fountain for the Twin Rivers School. A motion was offered by Trustee Eavey, seconded by Trustee Farrington to approve the payment of \$363.50 to the Village of Muir for the Bottle Filling Station and Drinking Fountain. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**
- Letter from County Treasurer regarding 107 S Higbee. After discussion, a motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Eavey to reject/decline the property at 107 S Higbee. **Motion was carried by voice vote.** Clerk Helms to respond to Ionia County on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup>.

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- Email from Village Attorney, Phoenix Enterprise update - Mr. Adjari has received and signed for the complaint on 12/4 and has 20 days to answer the ticket. He will keep us informed.

**New Business:** none

### **Other Comments:**

Trustee Farrington informed council he is going to run for congress.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, a motion was offered by Trustee Eavey, seconded by Trustee Houserman to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by:  
Vicki Helms, Village Clerk