

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 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

Also Attending:

Vicki Helms P Lyndon Randall P Alison Irey P

A quorum was declared.

The Public Hearing for property tax millage rate and proposed budget was opened. President Charles turned the floor over to Finance Chairperson Houserman and he covered the proposed 19/20 FY budget and the General Appropriations Act. Resident Susan Craft had a few questions for council which were answered.

The Public Hearing is closed.

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

President's Report: President Charles said thanks to DPW who have been working hard with all the snow and cold weather. He reported that no one is interested in taking on the Enforcement officer position and that the Ordinance Committee will need to address this.

Public Comments:

- Mark Schneider addressed council about emails received from his attorney regarding the driveway/parking lot, he provided a copy and read the two (2) options, then stated there is one other option (to do nothing) and for the record he chooses to do nothing.
- Vic Cotwickies addressed council. He is the owner of the old hydro plant and it is for sale. He had questions about the DAM which has been removed and wanted to know who owned the culvert.
- John Van Tholen with Granger Waste Services introduced himself as our new sales representative. He noted we are doing the Village wide trash on April 27th and we will have compactor trucks here this year.

Approval of the Previous Month Regular Minutes: A motion was offered by Trustee Keller, seconded by Trustee Farrington to approve the previous month 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 Russell to approve the Accounts Payable Distribution Report (1/14/19 -2/22/19) totaling \$8,237.28. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

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Approval of the Treasurer's Report: A motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Keller, to approve and accept the Treasurer's expenditure/revenue report and balance sheet dated January 31, 2019. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

DPW Report:

Superintendent Randall reported the guard rail at Bridge and Libhart was destroyed and will need to be replaced. They hope to get the snow piles reduced before the next snow fall. The new truck is expected to arrive in May now.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets, Water/Sewer & Fire Committee: Chairperson Darling

Chairperson Darling said the Consumers Energy Lighting contract has been completed. Trustee Houserman brought up cars parked in the street right of ways and DPW needs to plow those areas. Letters will be mailed soon.

Finance Committee: Chairperson Houserman

Chairperson Houserman covered the water/sewer rate studies that were done with Mike Engels from Michigan Rural Water Association on February 4th. After discussion a motion was made by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Darling to approve the new rates effective 4/12/19 with the billing done in May. **Motion was carried by ROLL call vote:** Cassondra Keller – yes, Bernie Russell – yes, Fred Charles – yes, Max Darling – yes, Kenton Eavey – yes, Joe Farrington – yes and Jon Houserman – yes.

Chairperson Houserman covered the FY 18/19 budget. A motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Eavey to approve the FY 18/19 amended budget. **Motion was carried by voice vote as presented.**

Chairperson Houserman noted the 19/20 new year budget was already covered in the public hearing. A motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Keller to approve new fiscal year budget and Resolution No. 2019-01 Village of Lyons 2019-2020 General Appropriations Act. **Motion was carried by ROLL CALL vote:** Max Darling - yes, Kenton Eavey - yes, Joe Farrington - yes, Jon Houserman - yes, Cassondra Keller - yes, Bernie Russell – yes and Fred Charles – yes.

Ordinance Committee: Chairperson Russell

Chairperson Russell turned the floor over to Trustee Eavey. Trustee Eavey reported the blight situation at Phoenix Enterprise has been turned over to the Village attorney and that with no interest in the Officer Enforcement Ordinance, we will need to advertise if we want to pursue further.

Personnel Committee: Chairperson Farrington

Chairperson Farrington reported we are looking for a new Treasurer. A motion was offered by Trustee Farrington, seconded by Trustee Eavey to approve accept applications by March 4th. **Motion was carried by voice vote as presented.**

Grants, Parks & Recreation Committee: Chairperson Keller

Chairperson Keller noted she is trying to work with Trail people for a possible connection to the Muir trail. She reported that the Rec Plan has been approved. She also said she is checking on having a table at expo with flyers with park information. Trustee Houserman asked about the

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Grant emails that were forwarded from Jon Moxey regarding possible funding for the Tabor St project - Chairperson Keller said she would look into it more this week.

DDA: Chairperson Irey

Chairperson Irey spoke with Susan about the Library sign and what needs to be done about Grants for downtown activities and projects.

Events Committee: Chairperson Keller

Chairperson Keller said they are meeting 2/18/19 to discuss Island Fest and budget plans.

Unfinished Business: none

Correspondence:

Library Township District Library letter was discussed. DDA Grant subject was turned over to DDA, Line striping will be considered after Street Committee meets with Ionia County again and the farm market sign will be straightened when the weather permits.

New Business: none

Other Comments:

Trustee Darling said thanks to Department of Public Works, Fire Department, Township, Villages and County for the help with emergency situations.

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was offered by Trustee Russell, seconded by Trustee Keller to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by:
Vicki Helms, Village Clerk