

JULY MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 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 Keller, seconded by Trustee Houserman to approve the agenda, as amended with Patty Priest shown as Events chair. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as amended.**

President's Report: President Charles.

President Charles mentioned the hot, rainy and cold weather, said DPW is doing a good job.

Public Comments:

- Doug Hyland brought up the bill for the Fire Department generator and said he didn't agree how it was billed. He was told the same ratio was used as the electric/gas, water/sewer, and telephone bills are. Mr. Hyland feels it should be split 50/50 Village of Lyons/Fire Department and then the Fire Department portion should be split 50/50 between the two villages. President Charles said we would get back to him on that. Mr. Hyland also asked that they get correspondence before big expenses from the Fire Department.
- Maureen Lincoln asked about street repairs on Burgess and Baldwin. Several council members explained why and how streets are chosen for repair and that we have not been able to get use of the hot patch truck from the county yet.
- Susan Craft requested to reserve her public comments until DDA was addressed, President Charles agreed.

Approval of the Previous Month's Regular Minutes: A motion was offered by Trustee Farrington, seconded by Trustee Houserman to approve the previous month's regular minutes as amended with the applicants under DDA changed to 3 rather than 2. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as amended.**

Approval of Accounts Payable: A motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Russell to approve the Accounts Payable Distribution Report (6/10/19 – 7/26/19) totaling \$35,704.91. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Approval of the Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bozung let council know that property tax bills were mailed out on 7/1/19 and payments have been coming in. A motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Farrington, to approve and accept the Treasurer's

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expenditure/revenue report and balance sheet dated June 30, 2019. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

DPW Report: Superintendent Randall

Superintendent Randall reported the downtown and park mowing's are almost caught up and it is time to start all over again. The drain across from the Village office is almost complete. They will be doing hydrant flushing's the rest of this week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets, Water/Sewer & Fire Committee: Chairperson Darling

A motion was offered by Trustee Darling, seconded by Trustee Keller to approve the Street closings for Island Fest. **Motion was carried by voice vote.** At the last Street Committee meeting the Reliability Study and Pre-Engineering Study were discussed. A motion was offered by Trustee Darling, seconded by Trustee Farrington to approve the \$8,500 (already on the 19/20 budget) for the Reliability Study to Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering. **Motion was carried by ROLL CALL vote:** Max Darling - yes, Kenton Eavey – yes, Joe Farrington - yes, Jon Houserman - yes, Cassandra Keller – yes, Bernie Russell – yes and Fred Charles – yes. A motion was offered by Trustee Darling, seconded by Trustee Houserman to approve Pre-Design Engineering Services for Tabor Street Improvements in the amount of \$14,400 to Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering. **Motion was carried by ROLL CALL vote:** Kenton Eavey – yes, Joe Farrington - yes, Jon Houserman - yes, Cassandra Keller – yes, Bernie Russell – yes, Fred Charles – yes and Max Darling – yes. Chairperson Darling mentioned DPW has fixed three storm drain breaks (Isham area), they will be digging on the north end of Hawley next. There have been a few more wells plugged – getting closer to all wells being plugged.

Finance Committee: Chairperson Houserman

Chairperson Houserman said we are still waiting on the audit draft from Gabridge and Company and they will present the audit at our August council meeting.

Ordinance Committee: Chairperson Russell

Chairperson Russell turned the floor over to Trustee Eavey. Trustee Eavey said we changed our Fireworks ordinance to reflect the dates and times per the State of Michigan and made a few additional changes. A motion was offered by Trustee Eavey, seconded by Trustee Russell to approve ORDINANCE NO. 7-2-19 to amend Section 10-110 Regulation of the Ignition, Discharge and Use of Fireworks. **Motion was carried by ROLL CALL vote:** Kenton Eavey – yes, Joe Farrington - yes, Jon Houserman - yes, Cassandra Keller – yes, Bernie Russell – yes, Fred Charles – yes and Max Darling – yes. Trustee Eavey said changes have been made to the Blight ordinance requiring all residents to register “for sale” vehicles with the Village office. After discussion a motion was offered by Trustee Eavey, seconded by Trustee Russell to approve ORDINANCE NO. 7-1-2019 to amend Section 8-46 and Section 8-47. **Motion was carried by ROLL CALL vote:** Joe Farrington - yes, Jon Houserman - yes, Cassandra Keller – yes, Bernie Russell – yes, Fred Charles – yes, Max Darling – yes and Kenton Eavey – yes.

Personnel Committee: Chairperson Farrington

Chairperson Farrington wanted to express thanks and gratitude to Vicki and Jan, and Lyndon and Josh for all their hard work and going above the call of duty.

Grants, Parks & Recreation Committee: Chairperson Keller

Chairperson Keller said the kayak launch will be back in soon.

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DDA: Chairperson Irey

A motion was made by Trustee Farrington, seconded by Trustee Houserman to approve the DDA By Laws with a change in the meeting time from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **Motion was carried by voice vote.** Chairperson Irey said all four (4) grant applications were approved.

Public comment – A resident wanted it noted that she feels the additional grant that was given the end of 2017 was inappropriate and the 4th grant application approved this year by the DDA should not have been accepted because it was received after the deadline date. She feels there needs to be more transparency in council.

Events Committee: Chairperson Priest

Chairperson Priest announced the Governor of Michigan might be in our Island Fest Parade. Chairperson Priest encouraged everyone to attend or participate in the parade this year, it will be bigger than any we have had in the past. She said they need someone to volunteer to pick up a borrowed wagon from Ionia County and pull it in the parade with Senior band members.

Unfinished Business:

- Lyndon Randall asked if the Village truck could be used to pull the wagon needed in the Island Fest Parade. Trustee Darling said yes.

Correspondence:

- Mid Michigan Cooperative Invasive Species, A motion was offered by Trustee Darling, seconded by Trustee Eavey to approve permission to treat the Japanese knotweed. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

- Michigan Municipal League 2019 Fund Trustee Election, A motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Farrington to approve completing the ballot selecting all 3 nominees. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

New Business: none

Other Comments:

President Charles said he doesn't feel anyone is trying to mis-behave on anything.

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was offered by Trustee Russell, seconded by Trustee Keller to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by:
Vicki Helms, Village Clerk