

**SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

September 16, 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 Ab 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 Irey P  
Patty Priest P

A quorum was declared.

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

**President's Report:** President Charles.  
Nothing at this time.

**Public Comments:** none

**Guest Speaker:** none

**Approval of the Previous Month's Regular Minutes:** A motion was offered by Trustee Darling, seconded by Trustee Farrington to approve the previous month's regular minutes as amended with Trustee Darling abstaining in the Events motion. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as amended.**

**Approval of Accounts Payable:** A motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Darling to approve the Accounts Payable Distribution Report (8/12/19 – 9/20/19) totaling \$22,244.82. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

**Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Bozung reported the last day to receive property tax payments was 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 August 31, 2019. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

**DPW Report: Superintendent Randall**

Superintendent Randall reported there will be some trees taken down in the Village, there are some sidewalks that are going to be replaced this fall and locks have been installed on the inside of the outhouses on Hazel DeVore Island Park.

**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 the open house at the Fire Station for Fire Safety Week on 10/10/19 from 5:30pm to 10:00 pm.

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**Motion was carried by voice vote.** A motion was offered by Trustee Darling, seconded by Trustee Houserman to approve the tree removal and stump grinding bill from R. Whites Tree Service in the amount of \$7350.00. **Motion was carried by ROLL CALL vote:** Max Darling - yes, Joe Farrington – yes, Jon Houserman - yes, Cassondra Keller – yes, Bernie Russell – yes and Fred Charles – yes. A motion was offered by Trustee Darling, seconded by Trustee Houserman to approve the bill from Triple J Excavating for sidewalk repairs in the amount of \$1869.00. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

**Finance Committee:** Chairperson Houserman  
Chairperson Houserman reminded council of the Liability and Property renewal meeting and stated he would not be able to attend.

**Ordinance Committee:** Chairperson Russell  
Chairperson Russell said there are some lawns that will be addressed concerning the length of the grass.

**Personnel Committee:** Chairperson Farrington  
Chairperson Farrington informed council the date for office staff to attend the BS&A class has been changed to October 23<sup>rd</sup> – the office will be closed.

**Grants, Parks & Recreation Committee:** Chairperson Keller  
Chairperson Keller said she attended a local government summit and they do have offerings for Villages under 4,000 people. She will give more information at the next committee meeting. A motion was offered by Trustee Keller, seconded by Trustee Darling to approve Cub Scouts 3088 utilization of the pavilions on September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm without charge. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

**DDA:** Chairperson Irey  
Chairperson Irey let council know they have received 3 applications for the Memorial Wall and those have been turned over to the VFW for verification. Trustee Farrington informed council the DDA57 has been sent to State.

**Events Committee:** Chairperson Priest  
Chairperson Priest said the car show went well but they closed a little early because of weather. She also said Christmas by the River is sponsored by Portland Federal Credit Union.

### **Correspondence:**

- Letter from a Muir citizen regarding concern about the Township District Library – There was a lot of discussion from council regarding this concern. After discussion a motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Darling to send a formal letter/notification to Susan Craft (Lyons Village resident and one of the Village's two appointees to the Lyons Township District Board) that, due to current concerns with the Township Library Board's administration and Ms. Craft's personal actions related to those and other concerns, she no longer has the Lyons Village Council's support for her Library Board appointment. As a result, the Lyons Village Council hereby requests her immediate resignation from the Lyons Township District Library Board. Copies of the letter/notification to go to the Lyons Township District Library Board, the Township of Lyons Board of Trustees, the Lyons Village Council, the Muir Village Council and the Pewamo Village Council.

**Motion was carried by ROLL CALL vote:** Joe Farrington – yes, Jon Houserman - yes, Cassondra Keller – yes, Bernie Russell – yes, Fred Charles – yes and Max Darling – yes.

- MML Pool Director Election ballot – A motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Farrington to approve the incumbent for Michigan Municipal League Liability & Property Pool Director Election. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

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**New Business:** A motion was offered by Trustee Houserman, seconded By Trustee Keller to approve the I.T. Right expense of \$336.30 for a new battery power backup for the server. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

**Other Comments:**

Brandi Anderson introduced herself as one of the new owners of 320 E Bridge. The business will be an Auto/Salvage business.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, a motion was offered by Trustee Russell, seconded by Trustee Keller to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by:  
Vicki Helms, Village Clerk