

**MEETING MINUTES**

April 18, 2022

**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 United States of America 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 Patty Priest P Bernard Russell P

**Additional Personnel:**

Ann Schueller P Gabriele Charles AB Lyndon Randall P Josh Dickover AB  
Alison Irey P Teresa Rowley P

A quorum was declared.

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

**President's Report:** President Charles  
President Charles talked about the Sam Lett's Truck Rally. It turns out that there would be a lot bigger trucks than expected. Between the damage that many trucks could do to Bridge Street and long with not enough volunteers to work he was concerned about this event. After discussion, Trustee Houserman made a motion to rescind the previous approval to hold this event, seconded by Trustee Farrington. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

An open discussion was held in regards to the possibility of adding an ordinance in regards to a marijuana growing facility. A sample ordinance was passed out and opened to the public for comments. The Village's Attorney, Tim Perrone was present to address questions from the legal side. After a lengthy discussion, President Charles called a close to Public Comments at 6:50pm.

Back in regular session, Trustee Farrington made a motion to accept the Ordinance as written, seconded by Trustee Russell. Roll call vote was taken. Trustee Russell Yes, Trustee Priest Yes, Trustee Houserman Yes, Trustee Farrington Yes, Trustee Eavey Yes, Trustee Darling Yes, President Charles Yes.

**Motion was carried.**

Trustee Houserman made a motion to set all fees in regards to this ordinance at the limit of \$5,000.00 each. Seconded by Trustee Priest. Roll call vote was taken. Trustee Russell Yes, Trustee Priest Yes, Trustee Houserman Yes, Trustee Farrington Yes, Trustee Eavey Yes, Trustee Darling Yes, President Charles Yes. **Motion was carried.**

**Guest Speaker:** Jacob Stedman from Point Broadband was a no show.

**Approval of the Previous Month's Regular Minutes:** A motion was offered by Trustee Priest, seconded by Trustee Farrington to approve the March 21, 2022 regular meeting minutes. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as written.**

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**Approval of Accounts Payable:** Trustee Houserman explained a couple of big amounts, IBC payment for the loan and for the new tractor mower. A motion was made by Trustee Houserman, seconded by Trustee Farrington to approve the Accounts Payable Distribution Report for the period 03/17/2022-04/13/2022 totaling \$47,875.43. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

**Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Trustee Houserman stated that Revenue and Expenditure Report which does have the new budget amounts in as voted in last February. There are a few places like Revenue with MDOT money and State Revenue Sharing that still need to get recorded as they are received. Trustee Houserman made a motion to approve the March 31, 2022 Revenue and Expenditure report as well as the Balance Sheet. Seconded by Trustee Farrington. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

**DPW Report:** Lyndon Randall, Supervisor, reported they should be done with flushing this week and then they will be on to patching. Amber, the part time help will be starting after school is out for the summer.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Streets, Water/Sewer & Fire Committee:** Chairperson Darling  
Chairperson Darling reported that hot patching will start as soon as we can get the materials. Trustee Houserman talked about the fact they had a work session the previous Monday on Utility Rate Study. They worked along side with two members of the Michigan Rural Water Association to get the new study done. Trustee Houserman stated that the last study done was back in 2019. He is hopeful to have the final copy to present at the May Council Meeting.

**Finance & Grants Committee:** Chairperson Houserman  
Chairperson Houserman talked more about the Rate Study work session, stating that it wasn't being presented tonight due to more checking of facts needed to be done. Also in regards to the Tabor Street project as that will have water and sewer components to it.

**Ordinance Committee:** Chairperson Russell  
Chairperson Russell reported that the Clean Up day will be April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Personnel Committee:** Chairman Farrington stated there was nothing new at this time. However, he did want to thank everyone for all their continued hard work.

**Parks & Recreation Committee:** Chairperson Priest  
Chairperson Priest stated that the park has been closed due to the high water.

**DDA:** Chairperson Irey -  
Chairperson Irey reported nothing new at this time.  
Trustee Priest stated that the painting on the Comfort Station is still ongoing. It's reopened for Paint Bidders as they only had one last year. She will wait until after President Charles's meeting with a woman who is going to try and help us restore the Comfort Station.

**Events Committee:** Chairperson Priest  
Chairperson Priest received an email about the Cherpe's Brothers playing on Friday Night of the Festival. The fee of free changed to \$600.00 upfront. As the Events Committee doesn't have the extra funds, they are thinking of doing a local talent show of school age children instead. She visited the Ionia Marijuana Facility and asked them if they would sponsor such an event. Still waiting to

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hear back. Trustee Farrington stated the Lyons Bar might be able to donate the \$600.00. After discussion Trustee Farrington agreed to paying for the Cherpe's Band. Trustee Priest will get back to them and confirm. She also informed the Council that she will be back at Culver's for a fundraiser the first part of May. Portland Are Service Center wants to run bingo for the Island Fest. The Events Committee decided to let them. This will be just for the adults and held in the Fire Department Building. We will get a percent from the game.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**Correspondence:**

**Other Comments:** Trustee Priest wanted to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and prayers while she was in the ICU.

A resident reported that her water pressure is still low after promises to be fixed. DPW Randall stated that he would be out tomorrow to check it out.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, a motion was offered by Trustee Russell, seconded by Trustee Priest to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by:  
Ann Schueller, Village Clerk