

MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 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 Jennifer Spearling P Kenton Eavey P Joe Farrington P
Patty Priest P Bernard Russell P Erin Randall P

Additional Personnel:

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

A quorum was declared.

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

Trees: Trustee Eavey reported that there is row of pine trees on Hawley St that are diseased. The owner of the property, Mr. Walters, came into the office looking for help in taking them down. He told him that the Village would probably go half and half with him. Lyndon is to go out and measure. Until we know where the actual line is there isn't anything we can do.

President's Report:

President Charles reported that the Township talked to him about getting a couple of benches so that people can sit. Wanted to know if the Village would go in half with them.

Trustee Eavey made a motion to go in half with the Township for the benches, seconded by Trustee Randall.

Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.

Comfort Station: In about two weeks the big trees in front will be coming down. President Charles doesn't want them coming down in a storm and doing damage.

Trustee Eavey explained the 65.3 Village Council, President Pro Tempore for the newly appointed Trustee's.

Trustee Priest made a motion to keep Trustee Eavey as Pro Tempore, seconded by Trustee Farrington. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Renewal of Clerk and Treasure: A motion was made by Trustee Eavey to renew the current Treasure and Clerk for the Village. Seconded by Trustee Randall. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Public Comments: One comment was made on measuring for the property line regarding trees previously mentioned.

Approval of the Previous Month's Regular Minutes: A motion was offered by Trustee Farrington seconded by Trustee Priest to approve the October 17, 2022 regular meeting minutes. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Approval of Accounts Payable: Motion made by Trustee Eavey made a motion to accept the Accounts Payable Report, Seconded by Trustee Randall. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Approval of Accounts Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Trustee Farrington to accept the Treasurer's Report, Seconded by Trustee Randall. **Motion was carried by voice vote as presented.**

DPW Report: Josh Dickover reported that the 2019 Dump truck went for DEF maintenance. Our back hoe is due for front tires. Hydrants are pumped out and ready for winter. Comfort station is closed and winterized. We are waiting on our meter delivery. Starting to work on curbs and general clean up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets, Water/Sewer & Fire Committee: Chairperson

Finance & Grants Committee: Chairperson Randall

Chairman Randall reported there was nothing new to report this month.

Ordinance Committee: Chairperson Russell

Shut of Notice – The office staff prepared a more reasonable Shut Off Procedure. After the Council held discussion on the matter, Chairman Russell said that he would call an Ordinance Committee meeting.

Personnel Committee: Chairman Farrington – Wanted to thank Susan for her help with getting the office under control. Trustee Farrington stated the ladies in the office are grateful and appreciative of her help and have gained confidence. Josh and Lyndon for their hard work plowing. He also shared that Gabriele Charles was coming due for a step increase from step 3 to step 4. Trustee Farrington made a motion to grant the treasurer her step increase, seconded by Trustee Eavey. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Parks & Recreation Committee: Chairperson Priest

Nothing to report

DDA: Chairperson Irey - Abs

Events Committee: Chairperson Priest

This weekend was Christmas by the River. They actually made \$100.00. They gave away hot dogs, chips and cookies. 154 children went through the library. They all received hats, mittens, scarfs, a bag of goodies, and a wrapped gift.

Trustee Priest asked the Council for their permission to have Ann as the Events Committee treasurer and Gabriele Charles as their secretary so that they could form a quorum in order to be able to hold meetings and make decisions. Trustee Farrington made a motion to allow Ann and Gabriele to be on the Events Committee Board, seconded by Trustee Eavey. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Council Comments: Trustee Eavey reiterated his comments from the last meeting regarding the old Chrysler plant for the new Trustee's. More discussion followed.

Unfinished Business: None

Correspondence: A letter was received by the Lyons Township Library stating the Trustee Jerry Rich's term expires at the end of the month and they would like to have Jerry on the board for another term. Discussion was held and at the end it was decided to table at this time.

The clerk handed out the scheduled Holiday Closing schedule for the office for along with the scheduled meeting dates. It was decided to have Ann get a copy of other area's closing to see what they do. Trustee Farrington made a motion to tentatively approve this with ability to amend if needed, seconded by Trustee Eavey. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

A quote was handed out by IT Right for new computers for the office. Trustee Farrington made a motion to accept the quote and to get the computers ordered. Seconded by Trustee Eavey. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

A card was presented from Max and Judy Darling thanking everyone for all their help and support.

An email was received from a Mr. Johnson from Michigan Long Range Electric Transmission Plan. This is in regards to a substation going in by Pewamo. This is basically an informative email that chances are won't pertain to us.

New Business: None

Other Comments: None

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was offered by Trustee Russell seconded by Trustee Randall to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**