

MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2023

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 AB

Additional Personnel:

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

A quorum was declared.

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

President’s Report:

President Charles reported that he talked to the Sheriff’s office in regard to having someone patrol the village as the cars are speeding through and making noise. He was told they are short staffed but have new people coming in that will need to be trained. Maybe in about 3 months they will have someone available.

Jon Houserman spoke with him in regards to the consumer bill for the Museum. They agreement has been that the Historical Society pay \$50/month however the winter bills have run in the hundreds. Jon will have the temperature lowered and agreed they could afford to raise their payment by \$20.00. A motion was made by Trustee Farrington to raise the Museum’s monthly consumer payment to \$70.00, seconded by Trustee Priest. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

President Charles also reported that the Museum’s roof need repair. Trustee Farrington stated he has been in conversation with the other owner and they would be willing to work together to have the whole roof done at the same time.

Discussion was held on the mess around the new apartments where the bank used to be. Renters are leaving ashes all over the sidewalk and are not picking up after their dogs. It was decided that a couple of signs would be ordered and a letter sent to the owner of the building.

President Charles stated there will be an All-Village Meeting on Monday, April 24th at 7:00 pm in Muir. This is where all the local Villages get together and share ideas and problem solve. All council members should attend, especially the new members.

Public Comments: None

Approval of the Previous Month’s Regular Minutes: A motion was offered by Trustee Farrington to approve the previous month’s minutes, seconded by Trustee Russell. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Approval of Accounts Payable: Village Clerk gave her report. Motion made by Trustee Spearling to accept the Accounts Payable Report, Seconded by Trustee Farrington. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Approval of Accounts Treasurer’s Report: The Clerk gave the Treasurer’s report. A motion was made by Trustee Farrington to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Seconded by Trustee Spearling. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

DPW Report: No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets, Water/Sewer & Fire Committee: Trustee Spearling

Trustee Spearling reported that they are going to have a meeting next week to go over what needs to be done on the roads and possible time frame. She stated that the Fire Dept. received a Lucas Chest Compression machine. Also, a rotary saw is being donated in memory of Dave Cucack, a long time firefighter who passed recently.

Finance & Grants Committee: Chairperson Randall

Trustee Spearling reported that the committee has met and will be applying for the Bridge Builder Grant in the amount of \$5,000.

Ordinance Committee: Chairperson Russell

Chairman Russell discussed the new billing procedure. Trustee Priest made a motion to accept the new procedure, seconded by Trustee Eavey. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Personnel Committee: Chairman Farrington – Stated they had a committee meeting to discuss time clock for the DPW workers and the expiration of unused leave time.

Parks & Recreation Committee: Chairperson Priest

Nothing to report

DDA: Chairperson Irey – Trustee Farrington reported that they are looking for new members as some of the committee members have left.

Events Committee: Chairperson Priest

Chairman Priest reported that they have a whole new board and that there will be a craft show at Island Fest.

Council Comments: Trustee Priest reported that the comfort station was cleaned out with the help of Mr. Barna from Dumpster on Demand. Trustee Priest requested that a thank you be sent as he hauled everything away free of charge.

Unfinished Business: None

Correspondence: None

New Business: Village Clerk asked for council approval to adjust the current year's budget for R&M due to expenses already occurred. Trustee Eavey made the motion to adjust the R&M budget by \$4,000, seconded by Trustee Farrington. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Other Comments: Comments were made in regards to road work, they need to watch their budget as things are tight due to the Tabor Street project.

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was offered by Trustee Russell seconded by Trustee Priest to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**