

MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 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 P

Additional Personnel:

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

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 Trustee Farrington in regards to work on the Comfort Station. They will figure out what needs to be done and the cost and the DDA will take over the project.
He informed the council that 2 trees will be coming down on the right side of the entrance on the Island.

Public Comments: None

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

Approval of Accounts Payable: Village Clerk gave her report. The old audit is finished and all the prep work for the current audit is finished. Auditor’s will do their onsite work on Monday, May 22nd. Motion made by Trustee Farrington to accept the Accounts Payable Report, Seconded by Trustee Randall. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Approval of Accounts Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer reported that we will be going with the same millage as last year as there was no Headley Rollback. A motion was made by Trustee Eavey to keep the millage at the current rate, seconded by Trustee Priest. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented** A motion was made by Trustee Farrington to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Seconded by Trustee Eavey. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

DPW Report: Superintendent Randall reported they finished flushing, a tress at Lyons & Hawley, 2 on the Island and one in Robinson Park will be coming down. They have two water leaks; one was our cost the other was a customer’s. Should be fixed this coming Thursday. They had issues with the grinder pump, he thinks all is well now. Fred has been cleaning up the Island with DPW busy picking up after him. He also talked about more police patrol but right now not possible due to staffing shortage. He stated that the lead-in on water meters need to be done but the new water meters aren’t in yet. There are 14 houses on Tabor St that need to be done first due to the street already being torn up for the Tabor St project. Lyndon will check into the cost and we will go from there.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets, Water/Sewer & Fire Committee: Trustee Spearling
No report

Finance & Grants Committee: Chairperson Randall

Trustee Randall reported that the committee has applied for the Bridge Builder Grant in the amount of \$5,000. Now it is just a waiting game to see if we get it.

Ordinance Committee: Chairperson Russell

Chairman Russell stated that he drove through the village looking at lawns. He reported 2 for the clerk to send a letter to. He discussed the empty lot that has someone living in a tent there. He had the clerk send a complaint form to the Health Dept. A phone call from Cohl, Stoker & Toskey, P.C. regarding the law suit with Jack Weaver Corp over the old Chrysler Plant. After discussion a motion was made by Trustee Farrington to continue with the law suit, seconded by Trustee Eavey. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented**
Discussion was brought up on the Marijuana Ordinance but was tabled for later.

Personnel Committee: Chairman Farrington – Stated the DPW time clock is in and the leave time was a clerical error and asked Trustee Eavey to take over. Trustee Eavey stated that it will be discussed at a later time.

Parks & Recreation Committee: Chairperson Priest

Nothing to report

DDA: Chairperson Irey – Chairperson Irey reported that the next meeting is May 22nd. They need to recruit more people to the group. Trustee Farrington reported the TIF paper work is near completion.

Events Committee: Chairperson Priest

Chairman Priest reported that this year Island Fest will just be one day due to the lack of volunteers and health issues that she is currently going through. There will still be the Car Show on Thursday and then Island Fest on Saturday. The library will help with games. Chairperson Priest plans to the hot dog sale as last year.

Council Comments: None

Unfinished Business: None

Correspondence: None

New Business: It was brought up by the Treasurer that the cameras on the Island need to be reset as well as the “out house” building. Trustee Eavey will get with Josh and get that done. She also stated that Consumers Confidence Report that needs to go out in July she would like to have and send it alone with the June Newsletter. Superintendent Randall stated that he has always done this and it’s not on his agenda to get it done before July and that he will take care of it.

Other Comments: None

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was offered by Trustee Russell seconded by Trustee Farrington to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by:
Ann Schueller, Village Clerk