

MEETING MINUTES

June, 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 AB 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 Irely 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.**

Guest Speakers: Sandra and Lance Cherpes and Fred Kobera spoke about the roof over the Museum and Cherpes’s apartment building. The roof has been patched many times and is in need of replacement. They came to the Council in the hopes that we would join them in getting it replaced as one project and splitting the cost. After much discussion it was decided that it was definitely something we needed to look into and the Cherpes’s were asked to get several quotes. It was also suggested that someone look into grants that might be available. Once this is completed the Council will hold a special meeting and discuss the options.

President’s Report:

President Charles reported that Josh Dickover resigned his position at the Village. Trustee Priest made a motion to place an ad in the shoppers guide to look for his replacement Seconded by Trustee Farrington. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented** He then proposed an amendment to the Personnel Policy 401 Timekeeping to remove the weekend on call and do away with all flex time. As there wasn’t enough information given on a back up plan in case of an emergency during the weekend Trustee Farrington made a motion to table this for now, seconded by Trustee Russell. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented**

Public Comments: None

Approval of the Previous Month’s Regular Minutes: Trustee Randall pointed out an error in the minutes, that it was she not Trustee Spearling who gave the Finance report. Trustee Farrington made a motion to approve the previous month’s minutes with the correction, seconded by Trustee Priest. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Approval of Accounts Payable: 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 are doing well and our end of the audit has been completed. A motion was made by Trustee Randall to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Seconded by Trustee Farrington. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

DPW Report: Superintendent Randall reported they spent the first part of the month getting the Memorial ready for the holidays and working downtown. They have been busy picking up brush, equipment repair and hot patching. He stated that they need to have a Street meeting soon to figure out what the needs are. A water line repair is scheduled for the next day which is on our side.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets, Water/Sewer & Fire Committee: Trustee Spearling

No report

Finance & Grants Committee: Chairperson Randall

Nothing to report

Ordinance Committee: Chairperson Russell

Chairman Russell stated that lawns have been mowed and he will keep watch. There was a break-in at the church across from the Township Hall.

Personnel Committee: Chairman Farrington – Commented on Josh's leaving and that they needed to find a replacement as soon as possible. The committee will have a meeting before the next council meeting to go over timekeeping and hopefully interviews and hiring.

Parks & Recreation Committee: Chairperson Priest

Chairman Priest reported that the parks are in need of new picnic tables. She would like to have 6 new tables at an estimate of \$9,001.80

DDA: Chairperson Irey –

Trustee Farrington requested approval and for President Charles to appoint members to the DDA. They are Lorraine Schmitz, Maddie Cook-Hillabrandt, Sondra Cherpes, Brandi Anderson and Susan Craft. President Charles assigned these people to the DDA committee which brings them up to 9 members. They are now in compliance. They had an unofficial meeting and chatted about several things. Next meeting will be the 4th Monday of July @ 6pm.

Events Committee: Chairperson Priest

Chairman Priest reported that there is a whole show of music starting at 1pm on Saturday. A gentleman is donating all his time and his speakers however a couple of microphone stands are needed if anyone has them or knows someone who has them. A Muir resident's little guy was at the tractor show selling homemade lemonade for \$6.00/cup and he was busy. He asked to come to Island Fest and was told yes. She also reported she has music lined up for next year.

Council Comments: Trustee Priest commented on how much work President Charles has been doing for the Village.

Unfinished Business: None

Correspondence: None

New Business: We received an email from Kerkstra in regards to damage being done to the portable restrooms. Cameras need to be checked and if possible, the Sheriff's office needs to be called.

Other Comments: A resident would like to see E Bridge St patched/fixed. Another question regarding a drain system down Hawley St.

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was offered by Trustee Russell seconded by Trustee Randall to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**