

MEETING MINUTES

August 21, 2023

VILLAGE OF LYONS

July, 2023

Lyons, Michigan 48851

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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
Alison Irely P

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.**

President’s Report: President Charles reported that he once again checked with police in regards to patrolling here in the village. They are still short staffed and wouldn’t have anyone until after the new year. Another option would be to hire someone.

Public Comments: none

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

Approval of Accounts Payable: Motion made by Trustee Russell to accept the Accounts Payable Report, Seconded by Trustee Priest. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

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

DPW Report: Superintendent Randall reported that they were busy with cleaning the Village and getting ready for Island Fest. They have been hot patching, trimming trees, picking up brush. Foundation has been poured for the new siren. He is going to get estimates for the welcome signs to be redone. He also stated that they have tightened covid protocol.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Finance & Grants Committee: Chairperson Randall
Nothing to report

Ordinance Committee: Chairperson Russell
Discussion was held on an empty lot on Higbee. Trustee Russell reported that the health dept had been contacted several times. It was decided that a letter would be sent in care of her mother stating the ordinance violation and the fees that go with it. No mowing issues

Personnel Committee: Chairman Farrington

Chairman Farrington reported that they had a couple of Personnel issues but believes them to be worked out. He reported that the health ins went up another 11%. Trustee Farrington said he would look into other agencies to compare prices.

It was reported by the clerk that it was up to the Council if with the rehire of Josh Dickover he would have to have a probationary period as far as Mers is concerned. Trustee Farrington made a motion to wave his probation period, seconded by Trustee Randall. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Parks & Recreation Committee: Chairperson Priest

No report

DDA: Chairperson Irely –

It was reported that our Lawyer will have to get involved to get the TIFF reporting done. Trustee Farrington stated that he would get a hold of him and also have the DDA goals, plans and officers by the September meeting as Allison was stepping down.

Events Committee: Chairperson Priest

Trustee Priest reported that Island Fest went smooth considering they had little help. She thanked the Lyons bar for making a donation. The only complaint she heard was in regards to the car show and that was that they only had 3 trophies.

Council Comments:

Unfinished Business:

Roof repair, only on quote has come in. We need more quotes.

Correspondence: None

New Business

A discussion was held on raising our Capital Asset from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per the auditors. A motion was made by Trustee Priest to raise the Capital Asset to \$5000.00, seconded by Trustee Eavey. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented**

Sue Craft explained 2011 Public Act 152 Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act. This needs to be done every year with insurance renewal. Trustee Farrington asked DPW Superintendent Randall if he was happy with the insurance coverage and with the 20%, he paid for himself and his wife he responded yes. A motion was made by Trustee Farrington to keep it the same at 80/20, seconded by Trustee Eavey. Roll Call vote was taken and the vote went as listed.

Trustee Russell Yay

Trustee Eavey Yay

Trustee Farrington Yay

Trustee Priest Yay

President Charles Yay

Trustee Randall Yay

Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.

Other Comments

Trustee Priest thanked Susan Craft for helping the office out when the Treasurer was gone.

Trustee Eavey wanted the Council to think about giving the two office ladies a raise.

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