

## **APPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

November 18, 2024

VILLAGE OF LYONS

212 Water St, P.O. Box 175

Lyons, MI 48851

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Farrington at 6:00pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Roll Call:**

Joe Farrington-P, Jennifer Spearling-P, Max Darling-P, Jon Houserman-P, Erin Randall-P,  
Bernard Russell-P, Rich Spaans-P

Formation of the roll was taken, and a quorum declared:

Staff Attending: Lyndon Randall-AB, Laura Schoenmehl-P, Jennifer Sims-P

**Approval of Agenda:** President Pro Tem Spearling made a motion to approve the Agenda, supported by Trustee Russell.  
**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Farrington opened by thanking residents in attendance for fulfilling their civic duty to be better informed at the Council Meeting rather than relying on information rumored through social media. He gave a brief introduction of his history with Lyons government, and introduced discussion of speed tables, noting a solution to the speed problem in Lyons had been discussed by the previous President in August 2023, with possible law enforcement backup. With costs involved and shortages in law enforcement availability, other methods were discussed at several 2024 meetings. At the June 2024 meeting, President Farrington had shared a video of a violent auto accident wherein a driver legally stopped at the stop sign was hit from behind by a vehicle failing to stop at the intersection of Bridge Street near the library. Concern was also expressed for children entering and exiting the library at that intersection. President Farrington noted that the speed table placed there is making a difference in the awareness and behavior of drivers, and all vehicles are able to safely maneuver the speed table.

**Public Comment:** The majority of public comments were about speed tables and other traffic calming options, with the general consensus that speeding is a major traffic safety concern in the Village which needs to be more fully addressed. There were also several comments concerning the present poor condition of some Village streets. President Farrington responded that an updated Paser Road Rating Report is currently being done, which will be used to assist in determining 2025 street work priorities, along with additional traffic calming options.

**Approval of Previous Month's Regular Meeting Minutes October 21, 2024:** Trustee Houserman made a motion to approve October minutes, supported by President Pro Tem Spearling. **Motion carried by voice vote, as presented.**

**Approval of Special Meeting Minutes November 6, 2024:** Trustee Russell made a motion to approve November special minutes, supported by Trustee Randall. **Motion carried by voice vote, as presented.**

### **Approval of Current Month's Accounts Payable (\$879,236.02)**

Trustee Houserman noted Tabor Street Project accounted for much of the high monthly total, and made a motion to approve, supported by Trustee Russell. **Motion carried by voice vote, as presented.**

### **Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Trustee Houserman provided some comments, and made a motion to approve both the Revenue & Expenditure Report and Balance Sheet for October 2024, seconded by Trustee Randall. **Motion carried by voice vote, as presented.**

**DPW Report:** Trustee Darling reported Well #1 will be pulled down for cleaning and rebuild this week. Trees being cleared for guardrail crew to repair on bridge by the end of the month. DPW Garage will get roof replacement this week. Hot patching ongoing as needed. Cleaned up stump grinding debris. DPW met with Jon Moxey of F&V Engineering for Bridge Inspection, with recommendations to replace guardrails, clean expansion joints, repair railing on top of bridge, inspect piers underneath and chip seal in the Spring. New street lights being installed. Has list of meter installations requiring cooperation with residents. Mentioned school buses and trucks ignoring speed signs.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Streets/Water/Sewer

- Jon Moxey reported 3 items: 1) Last of larger construction phase invoices presented. 2) Change Order #1 for CL Trucking to adjust quantities for estimated costs which came in under the estimate by approximately \$10,000, and extends the contract until Spring with retainage of 2% for possible pavement touch up or other project clean up. 3) Pay application No. 3 for \$220,299.58 pays off CL Trucking with exception of contract retainage. Extra funds available since project came in under budget in less than 3 months.
- Trustee Houserman mentioned Change Order requires President's signature authorization. Contract included 2 speed tables with no financial addition, paving on streets west side of bridge and Fuller St. Funding sources were MDOT grant (Act 51) for \$524,000, Covid Relief funds of \$134,000 (Village \$84,000/Township \$50,000), \$400,000 loan debt with low interest of 2%, funded over 20 years from Act 51 funds from the State and local reserves. Trustee Houserman made a motion to authorize payment to F&V Engineering and CL Pay Application #3. Also approve Change Order No. 1 on the Tabor Street Project, reduced to \$1,311,307.83, and authorize President Farrington to sign the Change Order. Supported by President Pro Tem Spearling. **Motion carried by voice vote, as presented.**

### Finance & Grants Committee

- Nothing to report.

### Ordinance Committee

- Nothing to report.

### Personnel Committee

- President Pro Tem Spearling mentioned Personnel Committee Meeting held 11/15 to discuss wage supplements for employees, made possible by cost savings in wages to current employees. President Pro Tem Spearling made a motion to approve a one-time wage supplement of \$200.00 on Dec. 6, 2024 for all five employees for a job well done this year, supported by Trustee Russell. Trustee Randall abstained. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

### Parks & Recreation Committee

- Chairman Russell reported they are looking for alternative site for Kayak Launch. Jeff Helms mentioned downsizing the launch and take old one in trade. DNR said the Village doesn't need a Recreation Plan in place, but it helps for grants and other funding opportunities. Considering a playground at the west end of the Bridge St. and changing tennis court to pickle ball court. Next Committee Meeting scheduled for December 4, 2024.

### Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

- President Farrington said next DDA Meeting scheduled for November 25, 2024 at 6:30pm.

### Events Committee

- President Pro Tem Spearling reported for Chairperson Mason that sponsorship letters went out for winter fundraising. Christmas tree donated by Goose Creek will arrive by tomorrow. Poles decorated and greenery placed at Pavilion. Lyons Library is hosting ornament decorating night. Tree Lighting is November 24<sup>th</sup> with ornaments hung and carolers singing. December 12 at 6:00pm is the Santa Claus is Coming to Town parade through Lyons. Afterwards attendees will gather at the Muir Community Center for meet & greet, and all children will receive a stocking with new hat and gloves. The Events Committee looks forward to celebrating the Christmas season with the community!

**Council Comments:** None.

**Unfinished Business Correspondence:** None.

**New Business:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Trustee Russell, seconded by Trustee Randall to adjourn meeting at 7:17pm.  
**Motion carried by voice vote.**