

APPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2025

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
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Joe Farrington-P, Jennifer Spearling-P, Jon Houserman-P, Erin Randall-P,
Bernard Russell-P, Dan Scutt-P, Chris Spearling-AB

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

Staff Attending: Lyndon Randall-P, 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 as presented.**

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: President Farrington opened by thanking residents in attendance for fulfilling their civic duty to be better informed at the Council Meeting. Gave update on Street Advisory Committee meetings held at the Village office with seven (7) members from the community who met 4 times to consider priorities for street upgrades within the Village limits. Nine (9) priorities were identified and will be considered with regard to budget by the Village Council for 2025-26 street projects. The Street Advisory Committee worked efficiently together and appreciation expressed for their participation and efforts as citizen volunteers representing the community.

Public Comment: Speed table comment and interest in Street Advisory Committee findings and various other comments.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR UPDATED/AMENDED DDA TIF PLAN

Trustee Houserman reported the DDA at the Village of Lyons was established in 1992. DDA information, including TIF (Tax Increment Financing) Plan is now on the Village website at www.Lyonsvillage.org for public viewing. DDA laws combined in 2018 and made effective 2019, DDA fell short of full compliance over several years. Village Council has been working with Village Attorney, CPA firm and State Department of Treasury to bring the Village of Lyons DDA back into compliance. The DDA tax capture portion of taxes do not increase property owner taxes, but just split some taxes to DDA. The original DDA Plan goals proposed are being updated, with President Farrington overseeing and Sherrie Mason as Chair. The TIF Plan has been amended and all requirements satisfied pursuant to State regulations, with recommendations of Village Attorney, who was present at DDA Public Hearing to answer questions. After some public comments, Trustee Houserman made a motion to approve Ordinance 01-2025, which amends the 1992 TIF Plan, supported by President Pro Tem Spearling. **Approved by majority vote, as presented.**

Joe Farrington, President – Yea
Jon Houserman – Yea
Bernie Russell – Yea
Chris Spearling – AB

Jennifer Spearling, President Pro Tem – Yea
Erin Randall – Yea
Dan Scutt – Yea

Approval of Previous Month’s Regular Meeting Minutes January 20, 2025: President Pro Tem Spearling made a motion to approve January minutes, supported by Trustee Russell. **Motion carried by voice vote as presented.**

Approval of Current Month’s Accounts Payable (\$32,046.63)

Trustee Houserman made a motion to approve \$32,046.63, supported by Trustee Randall. **Motion carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Approval of Treasurer’s Report

Trustee Houserman motioned to approve the Revenue and Expenditure Report and Balance Sheet for January 2025, supported by President Pro Tem Spearling. **Motion carried by voice vote, as presented.**

DPW Report: DPW Supervisor, Lyndon Randall, reported Consumers work at Lift Station has been approved. Waiting on weather conditions for inspection of the new electric meter. CL Trucking ready to assist with guardrail repairs on

the bridge, with more tree removal needed. Snow, frozen water lines, broken meters. The Water tower had broken line from Well 2 to tower, affecting Scada system. Clorwell Electric found corrosion and broken wire. Everything working now, but in future can place PVC pipe from well 2 to tower. The Fire Department has received increased calls for first 6 weeks due to widespread flu, especially among elderly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets/Water/Sewer

- President Pro Tem Spearling mentioned Parking Ordinance for residents that requires vehicles off roadway from 2am – 7am until April 1st for snow plowing. Parking in alternate lots provided. Violators can be cited if they continue to park on the street during those hours.

Finance & Grants Committee

- Chairperson Randall said the Committee has been working on the new FY Budget and there is a meeting next Monday, February 24, 2025 for Public Hearing for Budget Proposal/Approval.

Ordinance Committee

- Chairman Scutt reported on Ordinance Meeting held Tuesday, February 11, with 5 people in attendance. Group consensus to promote Article 3, Section 8-47. A reminder of the Ordinance will appear in the Newsletter in March, as well as a reminder that our Community Clean Up Day for Village residents is scheduled for April 12 from 7:00 to 11:00am.

Personnel Committee

- Chairperson J. Spearling reported the candidate interviewed for part time Office Assistant declined the position, so other applicants currently under consideration to fill in for sick leave, vacation and backup coverage in the office.

Parks & Recreation Committee

- Chairman Russell said the Committee will be speaking with Jeff House of Camp & Cruise in the spring to consider relocating the Kayak Launch to a better location. Also seeking permission with the Council to update the current Recreation Plan for Village of Lyons for planning purposes and better grant/finance opportunities. The current plan doesn't need many changes, but would like to pursue more grants with updated plan.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

- DDA Chair Sherrie Mason said that besides finalizing the TIF Plan tonight, there is a meeting scheduled for March 24 at the Village office at 6:30pm. Encouraged residents to participate.

Events Committee

- Chairperson Mason said the Events Committee will meet Tuesday night, February 18, 2025. She reported they're actively planning Island Fest, with car show Thursday night, August 7, 80's party August 8, Street Dance August 9. Parade, rides, inflatables for children. Sponsorship and Vendor flyers will be going out soon. They're looking for volunteers and public is invited to meetings. Meetings posted on Facebook.

Public Comment: None.

Council Comments: Trustee Houserman mentioned Village's engineer involved in Street Advisory Committee providing professional recommendations throughout the Committee process. The Village will rely on his expertise going forward with street projects. Appreciation mentioned for snow plowing on the Village Streets.

Unfinished Business Correspondence: None.

New Business: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Russell, supported by Trustee Randall at 6:50pm.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Schoenmehl, Village Clerk