

JULY MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2007

VILLAGE OF LYONS

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Meeting called to order by President Bernard Russell at 7:00 p.m. by President Russell.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

Paul Tunell	P	Stan Nave	P	Jim Shattuck	P
Ann Randall	P	Rosie Ferris	P	Carrie Webster	AB
Bernie Russell	P				

Also attending:

Jill Stilson	P	Linda Rairigh	P	Susan Craft	P
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Agenda Approval - Motion offered by Trustee Tunell, second by Trustee Nave to approve the agenda. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Public Comment –

Bryon Bennett discussed the Island Fest, most found it to be a very good event; the only negative comments were about the Kidz Zone game tickets being so far from the games. The event made a profit of Two Hundred Ninety-one Dollars and Fifty-five cents. We had budgeted a negative Three Hundred Fifty dollars; we are now standing at Six Hundred Forty-One Dollars and Fifty-five cents above projected budget. There-by giving Events Committee a total balance of \$1,685.95 for the remaining events and startup funds for next year.

Cruise Night is scheduled for August 16th from 4 pm to 9:30 or so. We are hoping to be able to get the Rydal’s from Ionia to be some of the entertainment, plus have Rob Cherpes as our DJ for the evening. We hope to schedule a meeting with the Downtown Business this week or next for their input as to what they would like to do at Cruise.

The Events Committee is starting to plan the Christmas parade, we hope to have it in Muir this year, and end at the Lyons Club. Their building is better suited for the kids and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.

Band Stand Project, the plans are being reworked into a two phase plan. The first phase will be to build the stage floor without the rails. The contractor working on the plans believes if the stage is less than thirty inches off the ground, we will not be required to have rails around the front edge.

Presidents Comments – Bernie Russell

1. Vern Shattuck has received another letter from the DEQ requesting that he stop what he is doing, and start a wetland restoration plan within 30 days of the date of letter, July 9, 2007. It is believed that part of the area being dug up by Mr. Shattuck is in the Village limits. It was suggested by the DPW, approved by the council, to ask DEQ to have another GPS done of the area to show the new mining being done by Shattuck. This would assist the Village in determining if Shattuck has violated our mining ordinance Part 13. It was further determined to have Patrick Duff also send a letter to Shattuck informing him of the violation. Rairigh stated that we need to get this on record. Should he be found to be within the Village limits, the penalty is \$500.00 per day, per occurrence. A notice will also need to be sent to Mr. Brown of the same.
2. Skate Park – Bryon Bennett and Ann Pennington have had the first meeting with the kids wanting to assist with the project. Ann has also written a grant proposal as well, and as done research on what type of items we can afford for the park. (see Skate Park Proposal) The Events Committee also has an event in the planning stages to generate

some dollars toward the project. We are working on doing a “Back Yard BBQ” with music & other vendors.

“Also, the DPW had an OSHA Inspector visit, after talking with Susan at the Maintenance Garage, he called this office and asked to talk with me”, stated President Russell. His comment was, “I always like coming here, she, (Susan) always everything just the way is should be.”

Approval of June 2007 Minutes Motion offered by Trustee Randall, second by Trustee Shattuck to approve the June minutes **Motion carried by voice vote**

Jill received an email from Trustee Webster noting that she would not be able to attend this evenings meeting, and had some corrections to make to the minutes, these corrections were made prior to this meeting. She also had a question concerning as to how the discussion bout the accounts payable should be before the motion to approve should be written. Jill explained that it is proper to list the motion and the second before the discussion. According to parliamentary procedures a motion and a second is always received prior to a discussion. It is also procedure that if you are going to vote against a motion and you have offered the motion, you should not discuss it, example; “I’ll make the motion, but I’m voting against it.” This should not be done.

Trustee Randall stated that “even if we don’t do things the right way, we can al least have them written correctly.”

Approval of May 2007 Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes, Motion offered by Trustee Randall, second by Trustee Ferris to approve the minutes from the May Ordinance Committee meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Approval of Accounts Payable – Motion offered by Trustee Shattuck, second by Trustee Ferris to approve the accounts payable, and to include the payables received as of July 16, 2007. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Trustee Tunell asked about where the millings from the bridge deck were being placed, Trustee Randall stated they were being used to fill areas on the postal route where the road edges were starting to break down. Also in areas where residents are parking in the Village right-of-way

DPW Susan Craft noted that an invoice of 175.00 from the City of Ionia would be billed to Resident Allen Weaver for repair needed at 336 S. Tabor for equipment rental of the Vac Truck.

Council was asked if they would like to continue to receive copies of the Visa statement, and the employee leave reports. All said yes.

Treasurers Report – Linda Rairigh

Linda had revised pages of the General Fund. Taxes have been mailed out, and some have been received back. Motion offered by Trustee Tunell, second by Trustee Ferris to approve the treasurers’ report. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Street Committee – Ann Randall, Chair

Trustee Randall reported that estimates for the bridge repair came in less than expected. Susan also added that the invoice from Woodland Paving should also be less that originally expected. Trustee Randall noted the millings from the bridge deck were being placed in areas that were causing road edges to break down, such as where people park, and along the mail carrier routes.

Finance Committee – Carrie Webster, Chair

Nothing at this time

Personnel Committee – Ann Randall, Chair

Due to personal reasons the last meeting was canceled I would like to re-schedule it at this time. Meeting set for July 23, 2007 at 4:30 pm

Fire, Water & Sewer – Paul Tunell, Chair

Susan has the cost to change the storm sewer lines currently running across two resident's properties on S. King Street from Isham. It will require a new catch basin and the materials should be less than \$1,000.00. This project will not be done until fall.

The DPW has been watering the twenty some trees we planted this spring, using a good deal more water than normal, it was suggested that we not split this amount with Muir, but bill them the usual usage of about two thousand gallon. Also, Greenview Point has been receiving water from the Fire Department; President Russell stated that Don Jandernaw will be sending a letter explaining the payment to both the Township and the Village for the amount of water used in maintaining the plantings at Greenview Point.

Grants – Jim Shattuck, Chair

Nothing at this time

Ordinance Committee – Carrie Webster, Chair

The minutes were completed from the May Ordinance meeting, and letters were identified in the minutes to be sent out by the clerk. Mrs. Barnes advised me this past weekend that the last remaining item at the Chrysler Plant, owned by Mr. Brown, had been taken care of. A letter was going to be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Noble re: parking their motor home at road side, on the east side of their house, causing problems with street maintenance for the DPW crew. Susan Craft had an opportunity to speak to Mr. Noble about the motor home and he has have moved it to the back part of his lot. Please send a letter thanking him for his cooperation as a result of that conversation, and include a copy of the pertaining ordinance, stating he may not be aware of some of our ordinances, and we're sending it to him as an information tool for his future reference. Please include an invitation to him to attend meetings, and state the schedule. Jill, was there any feedback on the letter to Roger Ferris? What is the status of the other letters?

Jill noted that all requested letters had been sent and have received several responses. Two residents have filled out car permits, allowing them six months repair their cars. Trustee Tunell felt the letter was to strong and we should revise how it's written, he was offended by the threat of jail time. It was explained that was not part of the letter per say, but it is part of the ordinance violation should residents not comply with the Village ordinance.

Parks and Receptions – Jim Shattuck, Chair

Nothing at this time

DPW Report – Susan Craft, DPW Superintendent

We currently have bees in the sandbox in Hazel Devore. After researching them, it was discovered that they are environmentally friendly. (See notice)

Attached is an article on the wasps in the park. Ours are the Scollid family I think based on the description. I guess we are to leave them alone. If they will kill grubs then we will have fewer moles.

- Vandalize in the park; the covers of two trash cans were burned in the fire pit this weekend, eight tables have been damaged, four more have been badly scratched.

Thursday evening several tables had been tipped up on end and beer cans were found behind them.

- The Village has had several Breaking and Entering incidents lately. Also, two homes on Baldwin have had their back doors kicked in during the day.

It was the recommendation of the Council to ask for an increase in patrols for the Village. Trustee Nave suggested we look into starting a Neighborhood Watch. Jill noted that she should have the information by Tuesday. Council agreed to look into the program as soon as information was made available.

Council Comments

Jill asked to be allowed to attend training in September for \$99.00 on Grammar and Proof-Reading. Motion to approve sending Jill to training offered by Trustee Shattuck, second by Trustee Randall. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Motion offered by Trustee Tunell, second by Trustee Nave to adjourn. **Adjournment 8:35 pm**

CERTIFICATION

I, Jill Stilson, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of village regular meeting minutes adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Lyons, County of Ionia, and the State of Michigan, at a meeting held on July 16, 2007. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open meetings Act, Act no. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1976, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for said meeting.

Dated August 20, 2007

Jill Stilson

Jill Stilson, Village Clerk