

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

August 21, 2006

**VILLAGE OF LYONS**

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

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

Also attending:

Jill Stilson	P	Linda Rairigh	P	Susan Craft	P
Steve Larson	P				

Guest Attending:

Theodore Wooden, Christopher Wooden, Charity Wooden, Jennifer Dugan, Bryon Bennett

**APPROVE AGENDA** – Motion offered by Trustee Ferris, second by Trustee Shattuck to approve the agenda as stated. President Russell noted that our Guest Speaker; Wilma Bailey of Modern Woodman of America has been delayed but will be attending the September 18 meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*Mrs. Charity Wooden* asked if the council minded if she recorded this meeting. Mrs. Wooden also asked for a public apology to be made to her brother-in-law and family for comments made at the July Council meeting. In addition she asked what was done concerning the comment, President Russell stated that we caution against using language like that. As stated before, it is not a Village issue, but a Civil Matter and should not have been brought in here. We (the Village), did receive a complaint, and as policy, we respond to all complaints. We believed the situation had quieted down and chose not to send a letter to our Prosecuting Attorney. We have changed the format to state that “we may” send. Trustee Shattuck complied with this request and apologized to Christopher Wooden for comments made in the heat of the moment. President Russell stated that the issues should not have been brought to the Council because it is a Civil Matter. And as far as the Council is concerned this matter is done.

*President Russell* explained about the skate board survey, and that 13 approved, 4 disapproved. Trustee Nave stated he has been getting several positive comments and it is positive to have the park, but many felt it would be best not to have it near the establishment selling beer. Nave further suggested the Council send a letter asking businesses to discourage loitering in front of their businesses and to please call the police. If open alcohol is seen being consumed on the streets. The main concern is having the adults drinking around the young children or watching them while using the skate board park.

*Bryon Bennett* has been talking with the kids using skate boards about what they would like to have in a park, and where they would like to have it. The response was “just a rail would be cool”, and they thought Robinson Park would be fine.

*Mr. Bennett* also updated the Council on Cruise Night, and the Band Stand.

Cruise Night went very well, and we are hoping they will return next year. Signs restricting bicycles from the downtown area were placed around the area where the Cruisers were to

setup. Susan noted that once the kids were told to put the bikes in the rack, they were very helpful with the event.

*Bryon* has created an information book for the band stand which contains the original drawings, the grant application as well as cost sheets for the project. He asked that council consider approval in next year's budget of fifteen hundred dollars for design engineering required in the grant application. Currently we have accepted donations and have collected Five Hundred Seventy-Five dollars toward the band stand project. We are still getting sponsors as well. A question of how we apply to become a "Cool City" and what is required? Linda Rairigh will be looking into this for the committee.

**Presidents List – Bernie Russell**

1. Skate Ramp covered in Public Comments
2. Wilma Bailey has re-scheduled to the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting
3. Status change for Linda – a resolution was offered by Trustee Randall, second by Trustee Nave to approve the Resolution to change the payroll basis of the Village Treasurer from salary to hourly;

**TREASURER RESOLUTION**

Approved: August 21, 2006

At a regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Lyons, County of Ionia, Michigan, held in said Village on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2006,

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Ann Randall, and seconded by Trustee Stan Nave;

**WHEREAS**, It is in the best interest of the Village to change the payroll basis of the Village Treasurer from salary to hourly;

**IT IS NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Village Treasurer's pay be changed from \$125.28 per week to \$12.53 per hour. The Treasurer will work an average of not less than 10 hours per week and not more than 20 hours per week. The treasurer shall not be eligible for fringe benefits.

Motion carried by voice vote

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution are available at the office of the Village of Lyons, of the Township of Lyons, in the County of Ionia.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Lyons Village Council in a regular session held on August 21, 2006.

*Jill Stilson*

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Jill Stilson, Village Clerk

**Effective Date:** August 21, 2006

4. Training classes from Michigan Department of Environmental Quality are being offered for free to Council Members and Staff. Should you decide to go contact Jill and she will get your application sent in for you?
5. Guard Rail Grant – Ionia County Road Commission Agreement between the Village of Lyons and the Road Commission for the performance of the work to be done to replace and upgrade guardrail on Staley Road at the estimated cost of Sixteen Thousand Dollars. Motion to accept the agreement for the Guard Rail Grant offered by Trustee Tunell, second by Trustee Nave. Motion carried.

**Approval of July Minutes** - Motion offered by Trustee Tunell, second by Trustee Nave to approve the July Minutes. Motion Carried.

**Approval of Accounts Payable** – Motion offered by Trustee Tunell, second by Trustee Nave to approve the July Accounts Payable. Motion Carried.

Trustee Shattuck asked to have the repairs to the backhoe explained. Trustee Shattuck asked why two checks for Belding Fencing, first was the 50% down, second was to be paid upon completion of the project. This is part of the easement agreement with Gary Craft.

**Approval of the Treasurer's Report** – Linda Rairigh

Motion offered by Trustee Tunell, second by Trustee Randall to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

Linda reported that 18.6% of the Village Taxes have been collected to date. Our audit report is in the works. After talking with both Jim Keifer, and Tom Traciak, it was discovered that we can raise our tax levy to 15 mills and levy any lessor amount we feel is needed. 1 mill = \$1 per thousand taxable value and will generate \$10,354.00 based on this year's taxable value. Trustee Randall stated that we have to do something and soon to keep the village running.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Street Committee** – Ann Randall, Chair

Susan Craft, Ann Randall, Bernie Russell did a walk through with Todd Richter of Fleis & Vandenbrink, and Scott Youngstrom of Youngstrom Construction on Monday, August 14, 2006. Susan has a 36 items on her punch list that need to be completed before the job can be considered complete. President Russell explained the problem with Ted Rux's drive way. Mr. Rux had removed the concrete from his drive and changed the angle before the construction company had done any cuts. And he also could not decide if he wanted asphalt or concrete, he received a five foot concrete apron. He also expected to have the entire drive done not just a short section.

President Russell stated we are waiting for the final figures to come from Fleis and Vandenbrink which Larry Fleis will bring to the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. At the last meeting it was decided to address a letter to Larry Fleis requesting a meeting, He instead chose to call Larry and talk with about our concerns. Bernie, Susan Craft, Larry Fleis and Todd Richter had a meeting on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> to cover all of the issues from July's meetings. Larry Fleis will bring the updated numbers and answer any questions we may have.

**Finance Committee** – Carrie Webster, Chair

Not in attendance

**Personnel Committee** – Ann Randall, Chair

Nothing at this time

**Fire, Water & Sewer Committee** – Paul Tunell, Chair

Nothing at this time

**Grants Committee** – Jim Shattuck, Chair

Is working on something for Bryon

**Ordinance Committee** – Carrie Webster, Chair

Not in attendance

**Parks and Recreation Committee** – Jim Shattuck, Chair

Nothing at this time

**DPW Report** – Susan Craft, Superintendent

STREET – Covered by Trustee Randall

WATER & SEWER – Well Grants are back and we are waiting on Brian Rice

- Meter Pit, hit by lightening and was turned in to insurance, received an additional estimate of Twelve Hundred to Sixteen Hundred dollars and will have it turned in to insurance when the work is complete.
- Comfort Station area was cleaned up by Youngstrom, they removed four large loads of foundation, not something our backhoe could have handled.
- Well abandonment Grant - Chrysler Plant, we have approval from AJ Brown to plug 2 of the outside wells located at the old school.

**Tabled Items:** Engineer Company listings, **TABLED**

**New Business** - Nothing at this time

**Council Comments** - Nothing at this time

**Adjournment** – Motion offered by Trustee Tunell, second by Trustee Ferris  
Adjourn at 8:39 pm