

**JANUARY MEETING MINUTES**

January 21, 2008

**VILLAGE OF LYONS**

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call: Stan Nave           A       Ann Randall           P       Rosie Ferris       P  
              Jim Shattuck       A       Bernie Russell       P       Paul Tunell       P

Also attending: Linda Rairigh, Susan Craft, Steve Larson

**Guest Attending:** Kenton Eavey, Carrie Webster, Charity Wooden, Crystal Rux

**Approval of Agenda;** Motion offered by Trustee Ferris, second by Trustee Tunell to approve the agenda. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Public Comments:**

- Charity Wooden asked if there is a Village ordinance prohibiting video taping persons in their residence. President Russell indicated that there is no ordinance to that effect and that it would be a police matter. He suggested that she file a police report.
- Crystal Rux thanked President Russell for rescuing her cat
- Carrie Webster and Kenton Eavey had no comments at this time.

**Presidents Comments:**

1. Bi-monthly recycle with the Village of Muir – In the past we have been being undercharged by Waste Management for recycling. We have been charged \$100 per month and it should have been \$100 each (for the Villages of Lyons & Muir) per month. They have now changed our future billings. Lyons Township Supervisor has indicated an interest in participating and contributing to a bi-monthly recycling program. Council agreed that we should check with Village of Pewamo regarding their participation before making a decision about changing to bi-monthly.
2. ICEA Diane Smith – DPW Supervisor, Susan Craft and President Russell attended a meeting with Diane Smith regarding the possible sale of the Chrysler plant. The phase two environmental study for the building has been completed and it passes for use as a commercial site. It appears, therefore, that the building has been sold since the sale was contingent upon that approval. President Russell will check with Diane Smith to find out what the new owner wants or needs from the Village in terms of water/sewer. The Council is concerned about grant deadlines approaching for funding that would assist with the Village portion of those costs.
3. Ordinance changes – to be discussed under Ordinance Committee report
4. The next budget meeting will be held Tuesday, February 12 at 5:00 pm
5. Neighborhood Watch – discussion was postponed until the February meeting because Trustee Nave was not able to attend this meeting.

**Approval of December Minutes** – Motion offered by Trustee Tunell, second by Trustee Randall to approve the December Minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Approval of Accounts Payable** - Motion offered by Trustee Tunell, second by Trustee Ferris to approve the December accounts payable. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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Trustee Randall suggested that Robert Johnson be notified that he should send bills timelier. Treasurer Rairigh indicated that Clerk Stilson had already discussed this with him. Treasurer Rairigh will send a copy of the January meeting minutes to notify him of Council's concern.

**Treasurer's Report – Linda Rairigh**

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report offered by Trustee Randall, second by Trustee Tunell

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

The Treasurer discussed the deficiency of funds in the Local Street Fund and notified Council that they would have to address the problem at their next meeting if a negative balance remains.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Streets, Water, Sewer and Fire Committee – Ann Randall, Chair**

- There was a water main break today near the corner of Felch and Irish. The Village of Muir DPW assisted our DPW staff to fix the problem. We went through 88,000 extra gallons of water between 2am when the break occurred and mid-afternoon when the break was repaired. The pump at the well house may have developed some problems caused by the extra capacity needed. Susan will have it checked. Officially the cause for the water main break is unknown. Council thanked the DPW staff for the quick response.

**Finance, Grants, Parks & Recreation Committee – Stan Nave, Chair**

- There was no report in Stan's absence except to note the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for February 12, 2008.
- At this time it was also mentioned that the DDA has obtained welcome banners for the downtown and the DPW will be putting them up sometime this Spring.

**Ordinance, Personnel Policy Committee – Paul Tunell, Chair**

- Motion offered by Trustee Tunell, second by Trustee Ferris to add the following section to the "Village Officer Compensation" Ordinance Section 1.002.1 to allow the management negotiating team reimbursement for negotiating team meetings in excess of the limitations currently provided in the Ordinance. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
  - The new language shall read: **Section 2b. In addition to Committee Meetings authorized in Section 2 above, all members of the management negotiating team, as determined by Council, and with the exception of legal staff, shall be paid for attendance at each meeting of said team at the rate of \$40.00 per meeting. All members of the management negotiating team shall be reimbursed at the current IRS approved mileage rate for all meetings that take place at locations outside the Village limits.**
  - Guest Eavey suggested that Council check to see if a local attorney could handle the negotiations at a lower price. Guest Webster suggested that the management negotiating team members not be paid meeting pay if the meeting is held during regular work hours. No action was taken by Council on these suggestions.

**Tabled Items:**

**Part 30 - TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:** Penalties and procedure on arrest. President Russell reported that the attorney said that the Village should be consistent in the amounts of penalties

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and fines throughout the ordinances. It was decided to table further discussion for a future meeting.

**DPW Report – Susan Craft, Superintendent**

Trustee Randall asked how much it will cost to repair the road after the water main break. DPW Supervisor Craft indicated that it is too soon to tell but to expect a minimum of \$1,000. She also pointed out that this is a local street and will have to be paid from the beleaguered Local Street Fund.

**Council Comments:**

Trustee Ferris announced that meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, January 29 and Tuesday, February, 12 from 6:30-8:00 at Twin Rivers Elementary School to identify and develop solutions to problems regarding children and youth in the Lyons-Muir communities.

President Russell asked Council if they have any objections to part time DPW staff attending the Michigan Rural Water conference in Traverse City in March with the full time DPW staff. There will be no additional cost to the Village as Steve Larson has agreed to share his room at the hotel and the conference itself is free. This is a three day, two night conference. No objections were voiced.

DPW supervisor Craft suggested that Village office hours be changed to 8:30 am to 4:30 pm to allow staff time to pick up mail at the Post Office when they open at 8:00 and still have time to get to the office and open up. Trustee Randall indicated that she had discussed this with the Clerk who had no objections. Treasurer Rairigh agreed to make signs to post the change in the office window.

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Tunell, second by Trustee Randall

**Adjourn 8:03 pm**