

**Village of Lake Isabella**  
**Village Council Minutes**  
Regular Meeting – April 18, 2006

1096 Queens Way  
Lake Isabella, MI, 48893

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The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Dunn and the pledge was recited.

**Members Present:** Dunn, Hughes, Grey, Griffin, Lacca, Kiel, and Torgerson

**Members Absent:** None

Motion made by Grey, seconded by Lacca to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Torgerson, seconded by Hughes, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included the balance sheet, income and expense report, bills to be paid (Checks 2955 through 3003), Planning Commission report, Zoning Board of Appeals report, Airport Advisory Board report, and the Council minutes from the March 21, 2006 regular meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Hughes, Lacca, Grey, Griffin, Dunn, Kiel, and Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED.

Wolff submitted his Manager's report in writing, see attached.

The LIPOA report was submitted in writing, see attached. Grey asked people to attend the LIPOA annual meeting in May as the organization will be considering raising dues.

There was no President's report

**Public Comments:**

George Colby of Carmen Drive: The Village needs to pursue either closing off access or fully acquiring the part of "Duquesa Road" that is outside of the Village limits.

Elmer Ledbetter of Red Fox Court: The trees gone at the airport is great news!

Bob Simpson of Brinton Road: Still would like to swap his lot in Golf Estates II.

Lacca asked what the status of the "Duquesa Road" situation is currently. Wolff reported that it is outside of the Village limits and that really it should be the county that acquires the road. He also informed the Council that as it exists today it would be likely be classified as an "attractive nuisance" which could become a liability issue for the Village. He also stated that several years ago there was a legal opinion issued by Jack Lynch on this issue which stated that the public's continued use of the road over the years thereby made it a public road which needs to be maintained. Dunn asked Wolff to have a report to the Council on funding options and expenses at the May meeting.

**Existing Business:**

1. Animal Control

Wolff submitted his research into how the Village of Shepherd and the City of Mount Pleasant handle dog problems. He reported that both will take a stray to the pound

occasionally, but not as a standard practice. Both municipalities stated that stray dogs are not a major issue that they are facing.

Kiel asked what the total cost would be in materials to get a dog catching program up and running? Wolff reported that it would likely cost around \$2,000.

Torgerson shared with the Council details of an incident involving his sister-in-law being chased by dogs while jogging in Isabella North. He stated that he felt this is a growing problem and the Village needs to address it.

Motion made by Kiel, seconded by Griffin, to direct the manager to spend up to \$2,000 in materials plus labor costs to implement a dog catching program. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Hughes, Lacca, Grey, Griffin, Dunn, Kiel, and Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED.

2. Village Lots

Wolff presented the Council with a proposal for selling various Village owned lots. Wolff recommends the Village sell the following lots:

Isabella North: 18, 223, 117, 269, 40, 28, 245-247, 260-262, 316-317, 189-190, 248-249, 272-273, and 20.

Airpark: 8-9

Golf Estates II: 550

Isabella South: 52-53, 66-67, 74-75, 82-83, 119-120, 69, 59, 92, 147, 139, 54-55, 72-73, 76-77, 84-85, 57, 69, 81, 152, 145, and 131.

Wolff presented the Council with a series of questions, the answers of which he will draft into a resolution to present at the May meeting, the questions and answers are as follows:

1. Does the Council agree with discounting the lots in plats where septic permits are no longer available? (Yes)
2. If so, does the Council feel that a 25% discount is the fair amount? (Yes)
3. Does the Council agree with the prices contained in the report and the method used for setting them? (Yes)
4. Does the Council agree with the timeline outlined in the report, starting to sell the lots in late May? (Yes)
5. Does the Council agree with an additional discount of \$500 per lot when the owner agrees to permanently combine the lot to a lot already in private ownership? (Yes)
6. What type of deed does the Council want the Village to use? (Quit-claim deeds for all lots, also purchase agreement required prior to closing of the sale, with at least 10% non-refundable down upon signing the purchase agreement.)

3. Village Office Location

There was no recommendation from the Planning Commission on a location for a Village office, the Council agreed to wait another 2 months before taking further action.

4. DNR Public Hearing

Wolff reported that the DNR had finally made contact regarding the public hearing to regulate the discharge of firearms within the Village. Wolff stated that the DNR requires that the location be large enough to handle a large crowd, be handicapped accessible, and that they have at least 1 month notice. The Council directed Wolff to set a date for mid to late June at the Weidman Community Center.

**New Business:**

1. Proposed 2006-07 Budget

The 2006-07 budget was introduced with a public hearing set for the May meeting.

**Public Comments:**

Mike Scherba of Lincoln Drive: Agrees that a quit-claim deed is the method to use for the lot sale, but that the Council should require all the money up front.

Elmer Ledbetter of Red Fox Court: Wanted to remind the Council about the additional property available at the airport location for the office building.

Dave Ochander of Fairway Drive: Invited everyone to attend the LIPOA annual meeting.

George Colby of Carmen Drive: The Village needs to adopt a rental housing inspection ordinance.

With no further business before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

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Jeff Grey  
Village Clerk

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George Dunn  
Village President