

# Village of Lake Isabella

## Village Council Minutes

Regular Meeting – February 17, 2009

1010 Clubhouse Drive  
Lake Isabella, MI, 48893

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Village President David Torgerson and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Members Present:** Miller, Grey, Pattison, & Torgerson

**Members Excused:** Lacca, Griffin, and Kiel

A motion was made by Miller, which was seconded, to approve the Agenda as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Miller, Grey, Pattison, and Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Miller, which was seconded, to approve the consent agenda as presented which included the following items of business; invoices and disbursements (checks 10,017 through 10,055 from the primary checking account, and check 55 from the Sewer Fund checking account), the Balance Sheet, the Investment Report, the Income/Expense Report, minutes from the January 20, 2009 Village Council meeting, and the minutes of the February 10, 2009 Planning Commission meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Miller, Grey, Pattison, and Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### Reports

- The Village Manager reported that as of January 31<sup>st</sup> the Village had used nearly 95% of its winter plowing budget. He also reported on Code Enforcement activity for the month, upcoming training sessions being offered,
- Hiither briefly reported on the LIPOA. He discussed the plan to have an Easter Egg hunt this year.

### Public Comments

- None

### Public Hearings

1. Proposed Resolution 2009-01; Broomfield Township Fire District Renewal (Resolution 2 of 4)

Torgerson opened the public hearing at 7:04 PM

Public Comment/Objections:

- Kim Fox of Little Turtle Way: Questioned how the unbuildable lots benefit from the assessment and asked for an explanation of how the assessment process works.
- Mike Scherba of Lincoln Drive: Asked if the assessment was in any way different from the assessment over the previous 8 years.

Torgerson closed the public hearing at 7:10 PM

### **Existing Business**

1. Proposed Resolution 2009-01; Broomfield Township Fire District Renewal (Resolution 2 of 4)  
A motion was made by Grey, which was seconded by Miller, to adopt Resolution 2009-01, which is the second of four required resolutions to renew the existing the 1 Mill special assessment on residents of Broomfield Township residing in the Village of Lake Isabella to provide fire and EMS service. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Miller, Grey, Pattison, and Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
2. Unbuildable Lots Update – Professional Service Agreement with Rowe Incorporated  
A motion was made by Grey, which was seconded by Miller, to approve the proposed professional service agreement with Rowe Incorporated to conduct a feasibility study to construct decentralized wastewater systems in Lake Isabella South and Lake Isabella Golf Estates II and examine the possible expansion of the Isabella County Water System into Lake Isabella North. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Miller, Grey, Pattison, and Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. Rental Housing License and Inspection Program Update  
Wolff provided an update to the Council on the rental inspection program. There was discussion over the recommendations and concerns voiced by several landlords. These concerns included the need for non-removable battery smoke detectors, qualified inspections done by MSHDA being acceptable for the Village, and the requirement that the landlords provide solid waste removal service.

### **New Business**

1. 2008 Planning & Zoning Report  
A motion was made by Grey, which was seconded, to accept the 2008 Planning and Zoning Report as presented. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
Torgerson thanked the members of the Planning Commission for their work and time given to the Village.
2. Isabella County Community Composting Program  
There was discussion over the request from Isabella County to form a community composting program. The Council agreed to sign the letter of interest and continue to work on a local program for Lake Isabella.

### **Public Comments**

- Richard A. Cook of Weidman: Questioned if the Village would be exploring other options for plowing in 2009-2010 as he felt the performance was not up to expectations early in the winter, especially in terms of clearing width of the roadway. *Grey asked how long our contract with Mt. Pleasant Excavating was for. Wolff replied that the contract is opened ended. He further stated with over four feet snow in the month of December alone problems would have likely existed regardless of who plowed. He stated that Mt. Pleasant Excavating has shown marked improvement as the winter has continued, and he feels that service should be back to previous levels for the second half of winter.*
- Dave McGrath of Queens Way: Asked if the Village has a set arrangement on when the plow trucks start in the morning and the order of streets plowed, if they could plow

earlier to help the morning traffic? *Wolff replied that the contract with Mt. Pleasant Excavating is the same as it was with Wilcox Excavating. There is no set time in the agreement as weather conditions vary with each storm and need to be managed on an individual basis. He stated that the Village plows the Major Streets before the Local Streets, that policy has not changed with the new company.*

With no further business, the Village Council stood in adjournment at 7:42 PM.

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Jeffrey P. Grey, Village Clerk

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David Torgerson, Village President