

# Village of Lake Isabella

## Village Council Minutes

Regular Meeting – March 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:** Grey, Griffin, Lacca, Miller, Pattison, & Torgerson

**Members Excused:** Kiel

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

A motion was made by Lacca, which was seconded by Griffin, to approve the consent agenda as presented which included the following items of business; invoices and disbursements (checks 10,056 through 10,083), the Balance Sheet, the Investment Report, the Income/Expense Report, minutes from the February 17, 2009 Village Council meeting, minutes of the February 17, 2009 Finance Committee meeting, approval of bond payments due on April 1<sup>st</sup>, and the approval to close the LSSAPP Construction Fund checking account with Isabella Bank & Trust. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Grey, Griffin, Lacca, Miller, Pattison, & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### Reports

- The Village Manager reported to the Council on the following items. The resignation of Roger Kerr from the Planning Commission, the Village's bi-annual loss control meeting with the Michigan Municipal League, and the various e-mails received by the Village.
- Hiither briefly reported on the LIPOA. He discussed the plan to have an Easter egg hunt on Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>. He also informed the Council that the LIPOA will be purchasing phosphorous free fertilizer for sale again this year.

### Public Comments

- None

### Public Hearings

- None

### Existing Business

#### 1. Unbuildable Lots Update

Wolff provided an update to the Council regarding the unbuildable lots. He discussed the upcoming mailing to gain lot owner permission for water testing in Lake Isabella Airpark and Canterbury Estates. Once samples have been obtained and submitted to an independent lab for testing, the required geotechnical information requested by the DEQ will have been obtained. He also discussed the process for the independent review of the decentralized wastewater study for southern Lake Isabella. He outlined a process which would have interested firms submit qualifications to the Council for the April

meeting with the Council selecting finalists for bidding the review out to at the May meeting. This would allow the Village to select a firm at the June meeting and hopefully have this firm meet with the Village and Rowe Professional Services in July when Rowe's report is completed. He also reported that at the April meeting the Council will have a proposed final draft of the lot swapping plan for Lake Isabella North to consider.

2. Resolution 2008-27: Village Council Rules & Procedures Update

After discussion regarding the proposed changes from the December meeting, a motion was made by Pattison, which was seconded by Miller, to return Resolution 2008-27 from being tabled. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Lacca, which was seconded by Pattison, to adopt Resolution 2008-27 which amends the Village Council Rules and Procedures, as amended. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Grey, Griffin, Lacca, Miller, Pattison, & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**New Business**

1. 2009 – 2010 Budget Discussion

The Council discussed the upcoming 2009 – 2010 budget. There was discussion over the Village creating a community composting program. Wolff reported that he had recently met with representatives from the Isabella County Materials Recovery Facility who are interested in forming a county composting program. His recommendation to the Council is for the Village to pursue the county program, and amend the burning ordinance to allow residents to burn brush. Leaves would still need to be taken to the MRF. As an alternative the Village could further investigate developing a bagged leaf collection program. The Village would collect bagged leaves which have a tag on certain dates. The tag would be purchased from the Village Hall; proceeds from the tag sales would be used to support the program. The Council requested that a proposed change to the Village's burning ordinance be presented at the next Council meeting. Wolff also discussed developing more community promotion items and events in the upcoming budget.

2. 2009 Independence Day Fireworks

A motion was made by Miller, which was seconded by Griffin, to approve the proposed contract for the 2009 Independence Day Fireworks. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Grey, Griffin, Lacca, Miller, Pattison, & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Major Street Speed Limit Study

Wolff presented a preliminary study outlining the need to further review the posted speed limit on El Camino Grande and Queens Way. Wolff outlined a process where the Village would complete the preliminary study and data collection, submit them to the Isabella County Sheriff's Department and Michigan State Police with the intention of coordinating an enforcement period, then recollecting data once the enforcement campaign has been completed.

Lacca commented that he feels the Village needs to enact measures which control the speed before the Village raises the speed limit, and the preliminary data submitted to the Council shows there is a real problem with speeding on these two streets.

Grey questioned whether raising the speed limit would in turn make people drive faster.

Wolff stated that studies conducted by the Michigan State Police show that people drive at speeds they are safe for the environment more than the speed posted.

Torgerson stated that he feels the matter needs to be considered as if the speed limit is too low, it will only encourage people to speed as they will see it as unrealistic.

4. 2009 Michigan Land Bank Conference

The Council reviewed the upcoming Michigan Land Bank Conference. The Village has been working with the Isabella County Treasurer to develop a Land Bank in Isabella County. Wolff stated that he is unable to attend due to training he is attending in Lansing on the same day and asked if any of the Council members wanted to attend.

**Public Comments**

- John Urban of Weidman asked if the Village had received any money from the stimulus bill yet. Wolff reported that the Village had not, but stated that the Village is pursuing Charter Communications to apply for a grant to upgrade the cable system at Lake Isabella. He also reported on the status of public safety and transportation funding from the stimulus package.

A motion was made by Grey, which was seconded by Pattison, to enter into closed session at 8:10 PM as allowed by the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, MCL section 15.268 (d) to consider the purchase of real property. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Grey, Griffin, Lacca, Miller, Pattison, & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Griffin, which was seconded by Lacca, to leave closed session at 9:13 PM. ROLL CALL VOTE; YEAS: Grey, Griffin, Lacca, Miller, Pattison, & Torgerson; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further business, the Village Council stood in adjournment at 9:14 PM.

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Jeffrey P. Grey, Village Clerk

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David Torgerson, Village President