

Village of Luther

REGULAR MEETING

April 11th, 2023

Village President Treiber called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

Members Present: Village President Andrew Treiber, Treasurer Amy Jo DeJesus, Clerk Brittany Carlson, Trustees Brandon Voyles, James Bacon, Connie Holmes, Rick Mongar, Felisa Wert and Linda Wellman.

Members Absent: None

Visitor's Present: Village DPW Matt Pulaskey, Jerry Janssen, Dennis Karczynski, JoEllen Foster Wuotinen, David Thorp, Gary Mongar, Carla Mongar, Nicole Emmert, Jon Nortley, Dottie (Dorothy) Nortley, Gretchen Allan, Cheryl Jayne Fullerton, Rebecca Susanka, Jeremy Susanka, Steve Zimmerman.

Mongar made a motion to accept the agenda dated March 14, 2023, 2nd by Holmes. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Public Comment- Nicole Emmert wanted to thank the Village for taking the tree down by her house.

Many constituents are not in support of the proposed trash ordinance.

Dave Thorp Asked about the Blight Ordinance and is very displeased by the community garden still. He was informed we are currently in the process of hiring a blight officer after several years of looking for one.

JoEllen Foster came asking about how to obtain a burn permit and what the laws are about that. President Treiber suggested everyone go to the DNR website and read about the burn laws in the state.

Wellman made a motion, 2nd by Voyles to approve the minutes dated March 14, 2023. All in favor. Motion Carried.

The Financial report dated March 2023 was given with the following balances: General Fund \$283,700.69, Payroll \$7,279.45, Major Street \$186,301.19, Local Street \$159,832.91, Park Improvement \$3,3428.69, Petty Cash \$1,766.95.

Mongar made a motion to approve the financials as presented. 2nd by Holmes. Roll Call Vote-Yes-Holmes, Bacon, Wert, Wellman, Voyles, Mongar, Treiber. -No-None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

March 2023 Bills; Consumers Energy- LASA \$33.98, DPW \$66.32, Street Light \$1,343.51, LED Street Lights \$912.67; CV Kwik Mart \$146.23, OCD Accounting \$90.00; Crystal Flash \$530.12; Republic Waste \$593.00; Brooks Elite \$2,999.00; INA Store \$4650.00; Municipal Underwriters of Michigan \$11,610.00; Cadillac Culvert \$1,018.00. Holmes made a motion to pay all bills as presented, 2nd by Mongar. Roll Call Vote-Yes-Holmes, Bacon, Voyles, Mongar, Wert, Wellman, Treiber. -No-None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

The DPW Committee had a meeting on April 10, 2023. Minutes presented.

The container will be delivered between April 21-26, Matt will be there to receive it.

President Treiber presented an MOU for an agreement between the Village and the County on Duck pond road and Lincoln Creek.

As it is April it is time to review DPW wages. The council discussed a raise for the DPW workers. With the cost of living, work requirements, and expectations of the DPW Workers Wellman made a motion to give the Department of Public Works Full-time and part-time positions a \$2.50 an hour raise, 2nd by Holmes. This makes full-time wage \$18.00 an hour and part-time wage \$16.00 an hour. Roll Call Vote-Yes-Holmes, Bacon, Voyles, Mongar, Wert, Wellman, Treiber. -No-None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

The council discussed the Trash Ordinance after reading the two proposals received last month. The council feels the village constituents are not interested in this ordinance. Mongar motioned to stop proceeding with this ordinance. 2nd by Bacon. Roll Call Vote-Yes-Holmes, Bacon, Voyles, Mongar, Wert, Wellman, Treiber. -No-None. All in Favor. Motion Carried. The council thanked Dennis Karczynski for the due diligence he put into this project.

The hiring Committee did hold an interview with Shannon Mitchel. They have not contacted him yet. Wert will call him tomorrow. Carlson will get the contract signed and meet with him for more information about the project.

The Village is having a problem with the deed for Fairbanks Park. Treiber has met with a lawyer and received advice on how to proceed. In recent years property I.D.# have been combined and wrong at equalization. The Fairbanks Park Property is not in the Village name. The council decided to try to talk to the woman that the property has been given to and see if she will be honest about the property lines and the issue can be resolved at the courthouse. We will take legal action if needed. All ARPA Funds collected from the county will remain untouched until said property issue is resolved. Holmes motioned to allow Treiber to speak to the woman and do what is necessary for the property, 2nd by Mongar. Roll Call Vote-Yes-Holmes, Bacon, Voyles, Mongar, Wert, Wellman, Treiber. -No-None. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Wellman made a motion to allow Treiber to sign the agreement for McCurdy, Wotila & Porteous to complete the title searches for other properties, Whaley Field, Museum, Senior Center block; 2nd by Holmes. Roll Call Vote-Yes-Holmes, Bacon, Voyles, Mongar, Wert, Wellman, Treiber. -No-None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Wellman gave the council a copy of the Village signs she designed and contacted the company, just needing approval and payment. Holmes made a motion to spend up to \$7,000.00 to purchase new Village of Luther signs and supplies needed to install the signs. 2nd by Mongar. Roll Call Vote-Yes-Holmes, Bacon, Voyles, Mongar, Wert, Wellman, Treiber. -No-None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Holmes asked the council for permission to rototill the community garden. Mongar brought out the Village Ordinances from 1980 and one says it is unlawful to turn dirt on public property. Wert motioned to take down the community garden 2nd by Mongar. Roll Call Vote-Yes-Bacon, Voyles, Mongar, Wert, Wellman, Treiber. -No-Holmes. 6-1. Motion Carried.

The warning Siren for the fire department would cost over One Million dollars. They are looking for an alternative option.

Public Comment- Cheryl Fullerton Clerk of Newkirk Township let the council know the contract has been signed and sent to LCRC for the south state street project.

Voyles made a motion 2nd Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm. All in favor! Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:327pm.

Brittany Carlson
Clerk
Village of Luther