

# Village of Luther

## REGULAR MEET

October 18, 2023

Village President Treiber called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

Members Present: Village President Andrew Treiber, Trustees: James Bacon, Connie Holmes, Felisa Wert.

Members Absent: Trustee Richard Mongar, Trustee Brandon Voyles Trustee Linda Wellman, Treasurer Amy Jo DeJesus, Clerk Dennis Karczynski,

Visitor's Present: Village DPW Matt Pulaskey, Tiffany Clark, Mildred Olson, Brittany Carlson

Connie Holmes made a motion to accept the agenda with date change to October 18, 2023, 2nd by James Bacon. With changes to add 2023 Audit deficiency Action Plan to new business. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

- Mildred Olson
  - Had a stone for her son (Doug) ordered and is requesting a small tree or bush to put aside it. Her son Ken will help her put a small bush or flower there.
  - Connie Holmes made a motion to allow the inscribed memorial stone and a small bush to be placed next to the memorial bench in Mill Pond Park. James Bacon seconded the motion. All in favor, Motion Carried.
- Tiffany Clark gave a letter of intent, if there is a board member position open, she would like to be considered.

Correspondents – Andy stated correspondents are on the table for anyone to take.

Minutes Dated 9/12/2023 – Connie Holmes made a motion to accept the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynn Wert to approve the minutes dated September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. All in favor. Motion Carried.

### The Financial report dated September 2023

General Fund \$359,318.50, Payroll Fund \$5,892.44, Major Street Fund \$89,583.70, Local Street Fund \$134,029.47, Public Improvement Fund \$2,842.52, Petty Cash Fund \$4848.04

Connie Holmes made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Bacon.

All in favor. Motion Carried.

September 2023 Bills to be paid CV Kwik Mart \$111.50, Crystal Flash \$1,3511.67, Consumer Energy Street Lights \$485.75, Consumers Energy LED \$587.36, OCD \$90.00, Western Michigan Fleet Parts \$251.24. Andy asked to add Twin Creek Heating & Cooling \$125.00 & a Correction to LASA streetlights to LED.

James Bacon made a motion to pay all bills as presented with corrections, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Connie Holmes.

All in favor. Motion Carried.

### The DPW Committee Report-

- The new village signs are all up. The sleeves were not ordered because the cost was approximately \$1,500. Matt will paint them in the fall & the spring. He will paint them once a year as needed.
- Main Steet is lined/paint striped. Christmas lights will be discussed during the meeting in November.
- The big willow tree in Luther will be removed, it's the village of Luther does owns it. James was requested to get the stumps removed. A list of trees will be removed.

### Fire Board Committee –

- Lynn Wert stated nothing to report.
- All 3 municipalities got a grant for \$10,000 and it must be bought by the end of the month.

Hall Committee – Connie Holmes, nothing to report. Andy asked if at the next Hall committee meeting a request for the men's bathroom fan to be changed.

### Ordinance Committee Report – No Committee formed.

#### Discussion:

- Blight - An officer from the sheriff's department to be a blight officer (Marshall Law). The title is to be discussed. The title, "Blight Inspector" should be used as per council discussed. The fine & court process was discussed.
- A motion was made to hire Marshall Law as the Village of Luther Blight Inspector immediately by Connie Holmes and seconded by James Bacon.
- Roll call vote: Yes – James Bacon, Lynn Wert, Andy Treiber, Connie Holmes. Opposed – No one
- Dennis Karczynski, Clerk, will make arrangements to give Marshall all required paperwork.

### Parks (Public Improvement Committee) –

- The check was sent back to the county for their ARPA refund with a letter of explanation from Andy.
- The light above the basketball court has been rewired and is working by Consumers.
- Andy discussed the (3) Port Johns paid for by the Village.

### Old Business -

- James Bacon discussed the situation with Fairbanks Property. Fleis & Vanden Brink will get a price for a title search and all necessary paperwork to finalize the purchase of the property for Fairbanks Park. James estimate to accomplish this is between \$5,000 and \$15,000.
- Andy said that the committee member situation needs to be resolved regarding all committees. At the next budget meeting, money for participating on committees and projects can be discussed.
- Andy discussed the animal permit violation letter. He said a letter was sent with no response. Connie asked for it to be present by registered/certified mail. Andy suggested all future letters for ordinance violations as certified registered mail.
- Connie Holmes proposed a second violation letter be sent by certified registered mail to anyone in violation of ordinances now are in the future. Discussion was made as to who and how any animals should be removed, especially if there is no response by the homeowner. Andy said that it should then be taken to court. James Bacon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. A Roll call vote was then taken: Yes – James Bacon, Lynn Wert, Andy Treiber, Connie Holmes. Opposed – No one

New Business –

- Andy discussed a letter of request from the state department of treasury to correct, per the last audits, deficiencies. Andy sent a copy of Barrot & Cotters corrections.

Public Comment-

- Brittany Carlson had a question regarding a petty cash expenditure (\$360) on the financial fund statement, no description was given. Andy will investigate.

A motion was made by James Bacon to adjourn, seconded by Lynn Wert, the meeting at 7:58 p.m... All in favor! Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned 7:58 pm.

Dennis Karczynski  
Clerk  
Village of Luther