

# VILLAGE OF LYONS COUNCIL MEETING JULY 2, 2018 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Lyons Village Council called to order on Monday, July 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Present: Council members: A.J. Call, Neil Shaw, Jimmy Thornton, John Good, Julie Fenicle, and Mark Bryson; Village Administrator, Tanya Lumbrezer and Clerk/Fiscal Officer, Pam Kurfiss. Employee: Ron Ankney. The meeting opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Julie Fenicle, President of Council, ran the meeting in the Mayor's absence.

A motion made by Neil Shaw and seconded by Mark Bryson to accept the minutes from the June, 2018 meeting. 5 yea, motion passed.

A motion was made by John Good and seconded by A.J. Call to accept Financial Reports from June, 2018. 5 yea, motion passed.

A motion was made by A.J. Call and seconded by Neil Shaw to accept the reading of the bills from June, 2018. 5 yea, motion passed.

## **Public:**

Mr. Pruitt from the Village Reporter was also in attendance to observe. President, Julie Fenicle, stated that she had some issues with Mr. Pruitt's article in the June 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the The Village Reporter regarding last month's Council meeting. She stated that there was some incorrect information published regarding the amount of water loss and that dollar amount of \$4.9 million, which was incorrect. Discussion was held. Mr. Pruitt apologized for his mistake and stated that he would publish a retraction. He also requested that a summary of what was discussed at council meetings be emailed to him. Mr. Pruitt then left the meeting.

## **Employees Report**

Ron handed out information to everyone regarding Village of Lyons water rates, which included what residents pay (in town, outside of town, and bulk). This information is attached. Ron suggested that the water we sell as bulk be called "surplus" rather than "bulk." Discussion held regarding the few people who purchase "bulk" water and where and how they obtain the water. EPA requires a backflow preventer on fire hydrants for letting people draw bulk water from fire hydrants. It was then discussed about having our own bulk water station and do we have the property to do this or do we have the money to do this. President, Julie Fenicle, suggested that maybe we should have a committee to look into the cost of putting a bulk water station in, land options, and costs. It was decided to table the "bulk water station" topic.

## **Committee Reports**

Tanya stated that there are 2 trees in town (near Jim Sayers) that are on the Village property that need to be cut down. She contacted Jason at the Tree King (567-454-7864). It will cost \$1,000 for the 2 trees to be cut.

## **Old Business**

Tanya stated that she is still working on the current database software regarding the water loss issues. She also said that the water is not back on at Mark Murar's house.

Tanya said that the security camera is still in process and that there has been some progress with the dog issue on E. Morenci St. They installed an invisible fence.

### **New Business**

Tanya said that the Chicken B-B-Q will be held July 28, 28, & 29 and that if you can help to let her know. Tanya gave an update regarding R.I.T.A. and said that the income tax collection started in November, 2016 and that \$46,427 was collected in 2017.

Neil Shaw stated that he has given the name of 1 house (Marge Shuman) to the Regional Planning Commission to be considered for grant money to be cleaned up/demolished, but the homeowner has to agree Neil also asked about the water tower – where are we at with this (as far as getting it repaired)? Discussion held. There may be funds/grant money through CDBG at a 50% cost share. When is the deadline to apply for this?

Neil also stated that Maunee Valley is working on a county comprehensive plan surveys for project growth. The surveys will be at high schools and at the county fair.

### **Administrator's Report**

Tanya told council that Debbie Hudik turned in a \$180 invoice that she had from Critter Gitter for a woodchuck and asked if the Village of Lyons would pay for it. Discussion was held regarding this and it was decided to NOT pay for village resident's varmint/pest/wildlife control.

Tanya also said that the EPA consumer confidence letters were sent out.

June, 2018 water usage was 2,901,000 gallons

18% water loss

Vaculik used 388,500 gal.; Holland-25,400 gal.

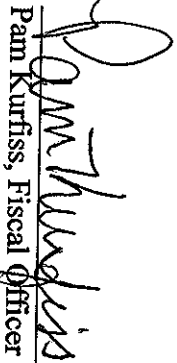
Tanya said there were 10, 10-day shut off notices and that was the lowest ever and approx.. 3, 1-day notices.

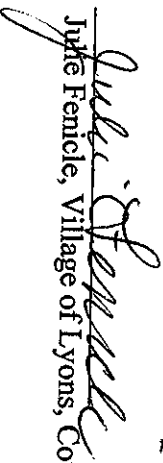
**Mayor's Report – given by Julie Fenicle, President of Council**  
55 hours were given by the Sheriff's department in June

Next meeting is August 6th, 7 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding September Council meeting falls on Labor Day, so it was decided to have it on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

A motion made by John Good and seconded by A.J. Call to adjourn the meeting. 5 yea, meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

  
Pam Kurfiss, Fiscal Officer

  
Julie Fenicle, Village of Lyons, Council President