

Village of Chippewa Lake

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Council Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2018

The Village of Chippewa Lake met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7 pm in the Community Center located at 24 Circle Crest.

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Law Director, Allan M. Michelson, swore into office Mayor Joanne Dodaro, Barb Hunter, Alan Robbins, Sarah Arend and Bud Hardesty for their new term.

Present: Mayor Joanne Dodaro, Clerk-Treasurer Cathy Osborn, Law Director Allan M. Michelson, Keith Riedel, Barb Hunter, Alan Robbins, Ken Demeter, Sarah Arend, Bud Hardesty and Zoning Inspector Jim Brandenburg.

Motion made by Hunter to nominate Keith Riedel as the Council President for 2018. Hardesty seconded. 5 Ayes, 1 Abstain. Motion approved. Nominations are now closed. Congratulations Keith!

Mayor Dodaro asked Zoning Inspector Jim Brandenburg if he would serve for another year. He agreed.

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Motion made by Robbins to approve the December 11, 2017 Council minutes as written. Riedel seconded. 6 Ayes. Motion approved.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported the following bills to Council:

Joanne Dodaro	218.61
Cathy Osborn	1,330.42
Allan M. Michelson	499.82
Jim Brandenburg	545.37
Columbia Gas	108.68
Eve Conley	54.00
Gary Harris	1,132.35
United States Treasury	37.18
ODJFS	51.17
BWC	43.90
Barb Hunter	1,301.61
Lafayette Township	<u>2,250.00</u>
Total	\$7,573.11

Motion made by Robbins to pay the bills from their proper funds. Hardesty seconded. 6 Ayes. Motion approved.

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Mayor Dodaro announced the new committees for 2018. Cathy will type up a new sheet and pass them out at the February Council meeting.

Mayor Joanne Dodaro thanked Barb Hunter for purchasing the new sound system for the Community Center and Jim Brandenburg for his help with this equipment.

She also thanked Ken Demeter and the Pride Committee for the Christmas program. She heard it was very successful and that Santa arrived to visit with the kids. They had a great turnout with about 25-30 kids and 20 adults.

State of the Village Address

Mayor Dodaro begins by saying Happy New Year! She welcomes the new council members, Sarah Arend and Bud Hardesty. We will miss Tim Karhan and Brad Schleiter as they did a very good job but we are fortunate to have Sarah and Bud and looking forward to a good year working with both of them.

We had a lot of goals that we reached in 2017. We began fixing up Reese's pond and the work will continue in 2018. The road program moved ahead smoothly and the beach operation was very good this year and that's thanks to Bill Glasenapp and the beach attendants and their supervisor, Kris Thompson.

The village residents take great pride in taking care of their property along with the Pride Committee keeping our village looking beautiful.

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She thanked the council members for doing a good job managing the money because we are just renewing the current expense levy when the village could have chosen to increase it, but didn't. She thanked Keith Riedel for **everything** he does in the village, because he does about everything. She thanked Barb Hunter for all she does to take care the Community Center. She keeps an eye on the utilities and report lights that out. She kept at it to get the light at the beach repaired. She got the cameras fixed so we have a good security system. Recently she spent a lot of time looking into a good sound system for the Community Center with the help of Jim Brandenburg. Barb puts in a lot of time doing things that no one realizes. Now she is taking care of who uses the Community Center and taking care of distributing the key. Alan Robbins seems to be right on top of it with the police and fire relations. He is the person who is involved with NOPEC and keeps the mayor and council updated with what's going on. He always has good insight into the finance committee. She thanks Ken Demeter for the great job he does with the Kids Programs. She said Sarah has taken some grant classes and hopefully she will be able to help the village obtain some grants in the future. She has taken on the facebook page and village website to keep those updated. We are expecting great things from Bud Hardesty this year. She knows Bud will help wherever help is needed. Mayor Dodaro said that Cathy keeps hanging in and we know she has had some bad health issues this year. She said most of the time she is up to her outstanding level that we are used to. We also appreciate having Gary Harris on board as her assistant to help her.

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She thanks Gary for what he has done so far. She thanks Allan Michelson for keeping us legal; she said you are our rock. We appreciate his knowledge of the village laws. She thanks Jim Brandenburg for the fine job he does for the village. He seems to go above and beyond his job to help our residents. He handles the permits and complaints very efficiently. She said he does a good job and she's glad he is staying on. She thanked Officer Jim Harhay his fine service to the village. She thanks him for his effort to attend any many of the council meetings as he can and that is appreciated. She said we also need to be grateful for the fine job that our fire and rescue does for the village. She thinks the Chippewa Lake Ski Team is one of the best youth programs ever. They are a great source of pride for this community. Our Chippewa Pride and Garden Club has made a big difference here. The village really looked better once those two groups got involved. She is looking forward to seeing what difference the Save The Lake group will make this year. The Lions Club, which is one of the mayor's favorite groups, does wonderful events such as the Polar Bear Jump every January. They spent over \$6,000.00 for food baskets at Christmas that helped 83 families this year. The majority of those families were in the Chippewa Lake area. She thanks our citizens who help by volunteering for so many things which makes a big difference. Our residents take pride in where they live and it makes this a neat place to live and she is proud to be the mayor of this village! Cathy said we are lucky to have her as our mayor. She receives a round of applause.

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Safety: Robbins said he received a call from Fire Chief Jeff Hall that he is not able to attend tonight's meeting. Deputy Harhay is here tonight on his off day and we appreciate that.

Robbins read the police report for the month of December as follows: alarm activated-2, assist-1, business check-9, CO detector-1, DAV disabled vehicle-2, dead on arrival-1, disturbance-1, domestic-1, fire alarm-residential-1, natural gas leak-1, medical alarm-2, obscene phone harassment-1, squad or ambulance-6, suspicious circumstances-1, traffic stop-4, warrant-1, water -up

Mayor Dodaro asked Deputy Harhay when a village sign is hit as a result of an accident should the village be notified who hit it? He said it depends on who handles the call. The Law Director said that the village should be notified who hit the sign because it was owned by a municipality. The Law Director will follow up on finding out who the person was that hit the sign to try to get restitution for the cost of that sign. Mayor Dodaro thanked Deputy Harhay for coming to the meeting tonight.

Zoning: Brandenburg gave the zoning report for January as follows: **123 Bass Bay:** construction debris clean-up has been postponed because of weather. **273 Rustic Rook:** overgrowth clean-up postponed due to weather. **152 Heather Hedge:** Removal of tarp structure has been postponed due to weather. **266 Rustic Rook:** Removal of garbage and vehicle with expired plates has been postponed due to weather.

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Permits

17-039 ~ 221 Shadow Shore Drive
PN# 048-28A-04-265
Variance-Approved

17-040 ~ 221 Shadow Shore Drive
PN# 048-28A-04-265
Permit - House Replacement

Brandenburg said he received a submittal for plans on a lot on Northvale #116 & 117. After review, the plans were not in compliance with our regulations of our square footage for the base. The owner of the property will be applying for a variance. That should come before council at the February meeting. Riedel has some questions about the living space proposed for this building. This will be discussed further.

Finance: Cathy said she gave her Cash Summary by Fund report for the entire year of 2017 at the Appropriations meeting held prior to the council meeting. (see attached) The beginning balance as of January 1, 2017 in all funds were \$209,831.46. The total revenue deposited in 2017 was \$263,191.53 and the total expenditures were \$225,871.51. The ending balance in all funds was \$280,067.96.

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Finance: At the Appropriations meeting, Cathy presented and reviewed the Revenue status report and the Appropriation status report with Council and Mayor.

Gary Harris gave his report on the bank reconciliation status. (see attached). His report breaks down in detail the months of October, November and December of 2017. Gary expects to present the January 2018 bank statement at the February meeting.

Gary explained that he set up Cathy's new computer that UAN sent her but there were problems. The computer didn't work right out of the box. He had to have Dell come out to fix it before any set up could take place.

Cathy and Gary will present the October, November, December and January 2018 bank statements for council's signatures at the February meeting.

Mayor Dodaro said it sounds like Gary and Cathy have been working hard and it must be annoying to have broken equipment right out of the box. It seems like they are still getting a lot accomplished.

Building & Utilities: Mayor Dodaro thanked Barb for finding a good sound system for the Community Center. She did a lot of research and obtained a lot of help from Jim Brandenburg. Hardesty is going to look into obtaining a cart from Sam's Club to carry all of this equipment.

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Building & Utilities: Hunter asks the Law Director if she could be liable should someone slip and fall while picking up the key to the Community Center at her home. The Law Director said snowfall is a natural occurrence so he didn't think so.

Parks: Sarah said that they are considering members for the Boat Ramp committee. Bill Glasenapp is going to work with us next summer. Sarah's husband has agreed to work with this committee also.

Kris Thompson has agreed to return as the Beach Supervisor in 2018. They will discuss how many prior attendants are coming back and how many positions they need to fill.

Streets: Riedel said we have some applications going to small government for possible funding of a road project that didn't get approval from OPWC. Riedel said if the village raises our portion of match to 15% we could pick up a couple more points. Riedel said he will looking into other Engineering firms.

Riedel said he thinks Lafayette Township is doing a real good job of plowing our roads. They have one man, Carlos, who takes care of the village plowing. Hunter said he does do a good job of plowing that's why she was surprised that the Community Center's parking lot wasn't plowed for tonight's meeting.

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Community Relations/Kids Programs: Demeter thanked all of those who attended the "Breakfast with Santa" in December. He said they had a great turnout with about 25 kids and 20 adults. He gave a special thanks to Santa and the Pride Committee.

Demeter is considering holding a teens' night in the future but he is working out the details. He heard that CrossPointe is considering doing the same. He will come back to council to discuss this idea further.

Demeter is also talking about holding a mac & cheese cook-off instead of a chili cook-off. This is still in discussion.

Joan Armbruster will be hosting a meeting this coming Wednesday to see where we are. Within the next they will be co-hosting a half day workshop with a number of agencies to help put together an actual work plan. This is not a public meeting at this point. This will be held at the Park District facility. The Park District, Medina Soil & Water, Farm Bureau, Ohio State Extension, Andy Vidra knows of a well restricted consultant and the Ohio EPA.

Law Director: He said he has two cases in court to report on. The defendant was found guilty of shoplifting with no sentencing yet. The second case the defendant was found guilty of unauthorized use of property. The sentencing will be on January 24, 2018. The third case that we are interested in is Lingenfelter at 258 Rustic Rook. Finally, there is going to be a default judgment and we are probably going to be looking at a sale in March or April.

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Law Director: Sheriff sales are usually the second or third Thursday of the month. There are taxes and court cost on the Rustic Rook property that comes up to about \$6,000.00. There is also a federal tax lien that is about \$26,000.00. and There is another property in Lodi also. The clearest answer the Law Director can get is that the minimum bid will be about \$6,000.00. which make it free and clear of everything but the tax lien. Anything that is bid above that minimum bid will go to pay off tax lien. The buyer then has the property. There is a window of opportunity for the IRS to try to enforce the tax lien against the property. They have a short time limit on that and he thinks it's 120 days after the sheriff's sale. Our prosecutor's office tells the Law Director that he's never seen the IRS do that...yet. Robbins asks if the village could bid on the Chippewa Lake property. Mr Glasenapp is interested in the property and the Law Director has shared this information with him.

The agreement for police services for 2018 has been signed by the sheriff and it's at the trustees to be signed or has been signed. The agreement is for the same rate as last year.

He did file the village's resolution with the Board of Elections putting the 6-mil renewal on the May 8th ballot. Robbins said that in the past we have done some yard signs promoting the levy. The Law Director said he has looked into this and village cannot participate or spend any money in any campaign for the levy. The village can get a citizen group to set up a committee to promote the levy. The village can present the facts in an upcoming newsletter and that's it.

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Robbins passed out a flyer from NOPEC on electric aggregation. Our electric aggregation with First Energy expires at the end of 2018. There is no action required at this time. He said there is some boiler plate issues that Allan Michelson should review as far as an ordinance. There would be additional public hearings required. In February or March Robbins said he will be looking into who would offer the village the best opportunities for our community.

8:55 pm, Hunter made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Robbins seconded. 6 Ayes. Motion approved..

Next Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2018, 7 pm at the Chippewa Lake Community Center, 24 Circle Crest.

Joanne Dodaro, Mayor

Cathy Osborn, Clerk-Treasurer

