

**VILLAGE OF CHIPPEWA LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – MAY 13, 2019**

Mayor Dodaro called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

A roll call was taken with the following officials present: Lowell (Bud) Hardesty, Barb Hunter, Alan Robbins, Sarah Arend, Keith Riedel, Allan Michelson – Solicitor, Jim Brandenburg – Zoning Inspector, Gary Harris – Fiscal Officer; residents Andy Weimer, Rick Elias, Bill Glasenapp, Doug Davidson, Mark Reuter, Mark Krosse, Kelly Schmetzer, Amber Dalikas and Laura Gushic; visitors Colleen Swedyk, Medina County Commissioner, David Corrado with Medina County Fiber Network, Nathan Eppink, Director, Medina County Park District, Chief Hall from the Fire Department and Sheriff Deputy Harhay.

Mayor Dodaro informed Council that Ken Demeter would not be present at tonight's meeting.

The Mayor asked if everyone read and agreed with the revised April minutes and if there were any questions or comments – none were offered

Bud made a motion to approve the April minutes as corrected, seconded by Alan. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

The Mayor asked if there were any changes to the May Bill's for Approval and Gary stated that there were three; one for Fast Signs for \$314, one for Albright Security for \$270 and a third for Michele Hunter-Cole for \$72; the Mayor asked for Approval of the May Bill's with the revised amount of \$16,191.27.

Alan made a motion to approve the revised May Bill's for Payment totaling \$16,191.27 seconded by Bud. 5 ayes, 0 nays

Council Reports:

Safety

Alan reporting:

1. thanked Chief Hall for the Night at the Races as sponsored by the Fire Department and Mayor Dodaro reminded the Chief that this was the 100th anniversary of this program and it would be nice to see a float at this year's July 4th Parade
2. Chief Hall reviewed the monthly report to Council; he thanked the Village for the support of the Night at the Races and announced that Councilman Robins won the door prize and has a lot of new friends; he reported that the new Fire House on Lake Road will be completed by June 28th
3. Chief Hall confirmed that the tornado sirens went off due to some current signal issues that are being addressed; Deputy Harhay stated that if you go to the Medina County Emergency Management Agency they can provide information on a tornado phone app that is available
4. Alan read the Sheriff's monthly report and thanked Deputy Harhay for the excellent job that he and his department did in handling a sensitive issue with a local resident

Community Relations:

With Ken absent, Mayor Dodaro invited our guests to present to Council:

1. Director Eppink addressed Council and his recent promotion to be Director due to the recent retirement of his predecessor and that he has been in this capacity now for eight months; he confirmed that one of his primary focuses is to preserve lands before they are all developed as Medina County is in the top 10 of developing counties in the State; confirmed that the Park District is prepared to install a new flag pole for warning lake users when algae blooms require closing of the lake and the thinking now is that it will be installed on beach property near the

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boat ramp - Keith confirmed that this is a good spot due to it being visible for lake users; he confirmed that he will need an easement to proceed and Allan confirmed that he will need a drawing before an easement can be considered; Director Eppink also confirmed that the pole and flag will be maintained by the Park District

2. Mark Krosse reported on Save the Lake and confirmed a meeting from last week where the Medina County Park District is partnering with Chippewa Lake and others for a three year, Clean Ohio \$75,000 Grant and he hopes to hear by the end of May; he expressed his appreciation to Director Eppink for the cooperative efforts and assistance being offered; reported that Save the Lake has received \$10-11,000 in donations and that he is working on filing a Petition with the Muskingham Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) and is being assisted by Allan, Colleen and others in preparing a legal brief for distribution to with input from other local communities in June, in ongoing efforts to improve the quality of the lake; he reported that MWCD collects millions of dollars in oil and gas royalties and is using these funds in districts other than Medina County even though Medina County contributes to the MWCD thus the ongoing efforts to get more assistance from that agency
3. Alan thanked Director Eppink on the structural improvements he has made in the Park District thus far and the level of cooperation with the Village, stating it is the most improved that he has seen in 10 years
4. Director Eppink also stated that the Park District is in negotiations with a developer for adding docks, down from 120 to less than 50 as well as new homes in the old Chippewa Lake Amusement Park area
5. Commissioner Swedyk and Mr. Corrado presented on the new Medina County FiberOptic Network; they spoke about this new program for Medina County with the goal of offering lower internet costs and improved service for county residents through increased competition by having all internet providers offer their services over Medina County FiberOptic lines with County residents able to visit small stores and shop for offered services, phones and other related options - one such store is to be located in Seville and there is no cost to join; they report having 13 carriers interested with possible savings of nearly 50% as they continue looking for even more carriers; reported that Medina County has such service available now for businesses only and now wants to expand this into the private sector; they are asking all residents in Medina County to complete a survey so they know the level of interest and if it is sufficient to support the investment that the County is prepared to make; residents are encouraged to go to www.medinacountyfibernet.com to learn more and to take the survey; Mayor Dodaro asked Mr. Corrado to generate a document that we can put on the Village Neighborhood website to inform our citizens and she thanked all visitors for their presentations to Council
6. Mayor Dodaro recommended that everyone take a look at the photos posted from the Easter Egg Hunt and in particular the photo with Ken and the Easter Bunny posted on the Village Facebook page
7. Mayor Dodaro confirmed that the Spring Newsletter is completed and distributed

Zoning

Jim reporting:

1. read the Zoning Report and addressed specific actions to be taken against the properties located at 77 Longacre, 271 Rustic Rook and 273 Rustic Rook
2. Allan called the Variance Hearing to Order at 8:15 PM as applies to 192 Cottage Cove Drive; it was confirmed that the owner of the property has reworked the proposed living space above the existing garage that is now attached to the main structure and is looking for a variance on

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the West side having a 9' set back versus the 10' per code; Jim confirmed that all neighbors had been mailed notices of this hearing; neighbor Richard Elias stated that he has no objection to the Variance

- 3. Alan made a motion to approve the requested Variance for 192 Cottage Cove, seconded by Barb; Mayor Dodaro asked for a roll-call vote; Bud – Aye, Barb – Aye, Alan – Aye, Sarah –Aye, Keith – Aye; motion passed**
4. Allan closed the Public Hearing at 8:21 PM
5. Allan brought an oversight issue to the attention of Council when the “through lots” code was created as pertains to properties on Bungalow Bay, Parcel numbers 04828A05121 and 04828A05120 and that in the future if these properties are ever built on, Allan recommended that Council grant the future Variance on these properties as it is a “fairness issue” and not a through lot issue
- 6. Keith made a motion to allow a variance on Parcels 04828A05121 and 04828A05120, seconded by Bud. 5 ayes, 0 nays**
7. Bud requested adding two ORC sections to the Village On-line Permit Application and asked how to proceed; Allan stated that since these are citing State law no motions are necessary; Mayor Dodaro told Bud to send them to Katrina to be added to the application
8. Bud distributed a Zoning Proposal as relates to the property located at 227 Briarwood and naming it as Briarwood Memorial Park with a nameplate; Mayor Dodaro questioned naming this space a Memorial Park and recommended against it; Bud requested monies for Phase I and II and will request additional funds to add fencing and posts, in the range of \$200 to \$600, as well as adding some stone work which will be at no cost to the Village and some other improvements to this location
- 9. Bud made a motion to encumber up to \$2,500 for the Phase I and II improvements at 227 Briarwood, seconded by Keith. 5 ayes, 0 nays**
10. Allan reported that John Root inherited some property, Allan indicated that he will get a map of the property in question, Mr. Root does not want the property and is offering it at no cost to the Village; Allan stated that he would proceed to get the property taxes lowered if the Village takes ownership of the property
- 11. Bud made a motion to accept Lot 214 as a gift donated to the Village, seconded by Alan. 5 ayes, 0 nays**

Buildings & Utilities

Barbara reporting:

1. confirmed that the tree reported down behind the Community Center at last month’s meeting has been removed by the property owner
2. confirmed that bush hogging behind the garden has been completed

Parks

Sarah reporting:

1. reported that they received many applications for beach attendants and that selection will be difficult as hiring takes place this week
2. reported that she has selected the bidder to install an electronic gate for the boat ramp access at a cost of \$6,150 and would like to begin work in late September
3. confirmed that final repairs to the tennis court are quoted at a cost of \$15,000; the Fiscal Officer voiced concern about the level of expenses between this and the new gate and stated that he will need time to review the financial impacts to the 2019 budget before he can approve these expenditures

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4. **Keith made a tentative motion to approve spending up to \$15,000 for the final tennis court repairs, pending Fiscal Officer review and approval, seconded by Bud. 5 ayes, 0 nays**
5. confirmed that Bill Glasenapp has returned and that they had an open house at the Community Center this past Saturday to sell lake and boat passes and between the sales at the open house and those received through the mail the Village is near \$2,800 in sales thus far this year
6. **Sarah made a motion to approve paying all new beach attendants at the State published minimum wage rate this year and all years going forward and to increase the Senior Beach Attendants and the Beach Attendant Supervisor by \$0.25 per hour for this year, seconded by Bud. 5 ayes, 0 nays**

Streets

Keith reporting:

1. reported that he has received the bids for the 2019 street repairs and patching at a cost of \$45,410, which he has reviewed with the Fiscal Officer and received approval for spending; this is above and beyond the recently awarded Ohio Public Works Grant
2. **Keith made a motion to accept and approve spending up to \$45,410 as quoted by Granger Paving, seconded by Barb. 5 ayes, 0 nays**
3. Allan reminded Council that the Road and Bridge Levy expires this year and that the Village has three opportunities to get this on a ballot beginning with November of 2019

Legal

Allan reporting:

1. confirmed that he has four (4) cases in court
2. Allan did the first reading of Ordinance 836-19 “an Ordinance approving a monthly pay raise for members of Village Council to take effect on January 1, 2022”
3. Allan did the first reading of Resolution 483-19 “a Resolution adopting the Medina County All Hazard and Flood Mitigation Plan as updated in 2019 by the Medina County Emergency Management Agency”
4. **Keith made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Resolution 483-19, seconded by Barb. 5 ayes, 0 nays**
5. **Bud made a motion to Adopt Resolution 483-19 as an emergency, seconded by Alan. 5 ayes, 0 nays**

Finance

Gary reporting:

1. confirmed that on Saturday he distributed the April Bank Reconciliation Report to Council reflecting that all accounts are “in balance” – he asked if there are there any questions or comments – none were offered; he requested a **motion approving the April Bank Reconciliation Report as distributed and authorizing Council to sign the report – Bud made a motion to so move, seconded by Alan. 5 ayes, 0 nays**
2. confirmed that on Saturday he distributed the April Appropriation Report to Council through April 30, 2019; he asked if there were any questions on either report – none were offered – he asked for a **motion approving Council to sign-off on the Appropriations Report through April 30th signifying Council’s review and agreement with the expenditures, Bud made a motion to so move, seconded by Keith. 5 ayes, 0 nays**
3. distributed the 2020 Budget for Council to review and be prepared to vote on at the June meeting; stated that if Council wants to make any changes to the proposed budget he will need input on or before June 3rd, otherwise the proposed budget will be the official budget that he

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will send to the Auditor's office; he also distributed the 2020 Budget Key Points document to assist Council members in reviewing the budget sheets – he asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered; he also stated that he is willing to meet with any member of Council individually or as a group at any time to assist them with their budget reviews or analyzing their 2020 budget requirements; Keith asked to schedule a meeting date with Gary after the Council meeting

Old Business

Nothing offered.

New Business

1. Bill Glasenapp thanked Council and Zoning for taking actions on the Rustic Rook properties
2. Amber Dalikas recommended planting only native trees and bushes on any property improvements
3. members of Council asked if there should be consideration for tying in the Village to the proposed new development of the old amusement park; concerns were raised about doing this and issues that could result as pertains to the Village beach and boat ramp as well as concerns about any development and "run-off" into the lake and the impact that it might have
4. a question was raised about code violations of barking dogs; Allan stated that we do have such a code and he will have to look it up and also stated that a tape recording of the barking along with marking the dates and times would also be necessary
5. Mark Reuter asked that the Village maintain the property across from 394 Craggy Creek by bush hogging a few times per month

Public Participation

Nothing offered.

Executive Session

1. At 9:52 PM Barb made a motion that Council go into Executive Session on a matter requiring consultation with the Village Solicitor; Mayor Dodaro asked for a roll-call vote; Bud – Aye, Barb – Aye, Alan – Aye, Sarah – Aye, Keith – Aye
2. At 10:20 Barb made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session, seconded by Keith. 5 ayes, 0 nays

Bud motioned to adjourn at 10:21 PM, seconded by Keith. 5 ayes, 0 nays

Mayor Joanne Dodaro

Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris