

**VILLAGE OF CHIPPEWA LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 12, 2019**

Mayor Dodaro called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

A roll call was taken with the following officials present: Ken Demeter, Keith Riedel, Alan Robbins, Barbara Hunter, Lowell (Bud) Hardesty, Sarah Arend, Allan Michelson – Solicitor, Jim Brandenburg – Zoning Inspector, Gary Harris – Fiscal Officer; visitors Bill Glasenapp, Andy Weimer, Mark Krosse, Bob & Pam Williams, Dennis and Pamela Mohn, Tony Ramos, Dave Young, April and Brad Winter, Amber Dalakas, Alison Hall, Rita Davis, Jimmy Showman, Rick Evans, Mark Reuter, Chief Hall from the Lafayette Fire Department and Sheriff Harhay.

The Mayor thanked the members of the Pride Committee who were present for the great Pride Party and the excellent turn-out.

The Mayor asked Rick Evans from Lafayette Township if he wanted to go first on the 2019 contract matter and he responded yes. Alan asked if new snow plow drivers had yet been hired and Rick responded with “no, not yet”; Alan then confirmed the need for training of any new drivers due to the complexity of properly operating the equipment; Rick agreed and also stated that they will be doing repairs on Reed Street in the near future and thanked Keith for his understanding and patience.

Allan did the first reading of Ordinance 839-19 “An Ordinance authorizing an agreement between the Village and the Lafayette Township Trustees for Township Service Department services, and declaring the same an emergency.”

Keith made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 839-19, seconded by Alan. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Alan made a motion to adopt Ordinance 839-19 as an emergency, seconded by Barb. 6 ayes, 0 nays

The Mayor asked if everyone read and agreed with the July 8th minutes and if there were any questions or comments – none were offered

Bud made a motion to accept the July 8th minutes as released, seconded by Alan. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

The Mayor asked if everyone read and agreed with the July 30th Special Meeting Minutes and if there were any questions or comments – none were offered

Alan made a motion to accept the July 30th Special Meeting Minutes as released, seconded by Barb. 6 ayes, 0 nays

The Mayor asked if everyone read the revised August Bill’s for Approval and asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered

Alan made a motion to approve the revised August Bill’s for payment in the amount of \$25,999.04, seconded by Barb. 6 ayes, 0 nays

Council Reports:

Safety

Alan reporting:

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1. Alan read the Medina County Sheriff's Office Incident Report to Council and thanked Deputy Harhay for the good job in planning and providing vacation coverage with his staff
2. Chief Hall read his report to Council and at the end of the report Alan asked about the opening of the new fire station; Chief Hall confirmed that the building is done, the contractor is now going through the punch-list items and that asphalt has been the hold-up due to weather impacts and backlog
3. Alan introduced Tony Ramos who is the Community Outreach Manager with NOPEC; Tony announced that NOPEC has a program to recognize outstanding local employees and this year they have nominated and are recognizing Chief Jeff Hall and his contributions to the local governments and the respective Villages and Township; many of Chief Hall's family members were present as photos were taken and an acknowledged congratulations from all those present; Alan asked about Jeff's father and grand-father who also served on the Lafayette Fire Department with both reaching the level of Assistant Fire Chief; Alan thanked Alison Hall and Dave Young for their assistance in helping to organize this surprise award ceremony for Chief Hall; Chief Hall stated that this was a total surprise and how honored he is to serve the local communities and how this event was a humbling experience for him

Zoning

Bud reporting:

1. Jim read the Zoning Report to Council; reported that he met with the owner of 587 Lake to review the violations and that to date nothing has been done and he asked Allan to issue a letter to the owner stating actions that can follow if no corrections are made
2. questions were raised about the lack of no parking signs on Beachside and Rockridge, the Mayor asked Keith to look into these matters
3. a question came up about 258 Rustic Rook and how some progress began to happen but once again reports are coming in about high grass and weeds; Bill Glasenapp reported that the house is wide open and a danger to children; the Mayor stated that she wants action taken to correct this matter and wants Zoning to enforce Code requirements; Allan offered to get involved as needed

Community Relations

Ken Reporting:

1. confirmed that the individuals sent over from the Court to perform volunteer service went well and that they did a good job cleaning up the beach area and tennis courts
2. announced that the Kids Water Fest will be taking place this upcoming Saturday at 1:00 PM at Point Park with pizza, refreshments and prizes
3. Mayor Dodaro announced that the Labor Day Party will be held on September 1st and that Cross Pointe Church will be running the event with net proceeds to be split between the Village and Fire Department
4. Mayor Dodaro asked Mark Krosse about an update on Save the Lake; Mark expressed frustration with the Park District who, in his opinion, is playing possum and not taking a stand or a position on asking the Muskingham Water Shed to get more involved with our lake; he confirmed that Lafayette Township passed their petition to join in asking the Conservancy Court to hear the case and rule on this matter
5. Mark reported that he has submitted three (3) grants for purposes of acquiring advanced technology for lake algae monitoring and that one of these grants with the Western Reserve Land Conservation organization in the amount of \$1,500, if awarded, will be used for an educating seminar for a planned Farmers Day event to discuss issues and solutions; Alan

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asked if the County Commissioners are weighing in on this matter and Mark stated that they are waiting for the Park District who, at this time, continues to back-pedal and maintain a position of non-support without so stating; Mark confirmed how he has reworked the petition language twice to be in line with what the Park District felt best in how to approach the Muskingham Water Shed organization but to no avail; it is Marks opinion to consider the Park District not supporting local efforts and thus the need, in his opinion, to have the local subdivision attorney's meet to move towards petitioning the Conservancy Court to rule on this matter; Mark stated that this has been an issue discussed since 1961 with no satisfactory outcome and also suggested organizing an ad-hoc committee comprised of local government representatives to attend the upcoming County Commissioners and Park District meeting that is taking place later this month

6. Mark asked Bud to report about ongoing efforts with an Israeli company looking at helping the Park District control the dangerous Cyano bacteria that forms the algae on our lake; Bud reported that for the past several days he and other volunteers were interfacing with the Israeli engineers on the possible use of a copper sulphate product that focuses on not totally killing this bacteria but rather reducing the levels of the Cyano bacteria in order that the good bacteria can make a comeback and improve the health of the lake; this company works to restore the natural chemical balance in water thus returning such waters to a healthy state; this new technology has world wide application and that moving forward with this new technology is a decision to be made by the Park District along with local volunteers from the communities impacted; Bud acknowledged that many local people are involved behind the scenes and helping to bring this project along as far as it has come, people such as John Santora, Mark Krosse, Ed Stevens to name just a few

Buildings & Utilities

Barbara reporting:

1. announced that she has a list of every street sign and locations for the entire Village – Bud and Keith asked to be copied on this listing
2. confirmed that she will contact Aaron about the replacement of the fencing near the teeter-totter that needs to be completed
3. Mayor Dodaro asked about progress on replacing the worn flags; Barb confirmed that she is having to determine the proper people to direct her inquiry to and her efforts are on-going
4. confirmed having attended the information gathering meeting with Ohio Edison on LED street lighting; Mark confirmed that Ohio Edison has responded that the Village cannot acquire their own LED's to attach to Ohio Edison poles – they need to be purchased through Ohio Edison; Mark also confirmed that he has not yet scheduled a meeting with Seville representatives to review their LED program and results; Alan asked what options does the Village have on options for LED direct purchasing and Mark indicated that the Village should join the efforts in presenting to the PUCO to argue our case; Alan confirmed that he has sent an inquiry to NOPEC asking for their assistance in this matter but with no response as of yet so he will now make direct contact with his NOPEC interface; Mark confirmed that the pilot project in Chippewa Lake for installing 13 LED's is still open, Mayor Dodaro stated that these need to be installed on Beachside Blvd.

Parks

Sarah reporting:

1. thanked Amber Dalakas for her efforts in collecting and reporting on the Lake/Boat passes and having collected \$7,097.50 thus far

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2. confirmed that the beach is now closing at sun-set as opposed to working until 9:00 PM with the shorter daylight hours that we now have
3. reported that Mosquito Spraying is continuing and that she is interfacing with the Park District on the mosquito trappings which determine how much longer the spraying needs to continue
4. Mayor Dodaro asked if the tennis courts are done and Sarah confirmed that they are but they are not yet playable until it is determined if the repairs have corrected the problems and that they will be playable next year
5. a question was raised about bees on the beach and what can be done to eliminate this concern; Sarah stated that other communities continuously rake and/or turn-over the sand which we have been able to do twice this year and that she is not in favor of using known chemicals due to the negative impacts that they can have when discharged into the lake; she is investigating the use of diatomaceous earth as a possible solution

Streets

Keith reporting:

1. confirmed that he has confirmed with Gary and Kent that all OPWC Phase 7 documentation has been delivered and is in place
2. confirmed that he is preparing to work on the OPWC Phase 8 Application; Gary asked if this will use Loans or local matching funds and stated that his preference is the use of a Loan to minimize impacts to Village financial resources
3. reported that Medina County has a new Road Superintendent, Quinton Channel, who is good to work with and is responsive; Dennis Mohn asked about the culvert under Garmin Road and who is responsible, Keith advised him that it is Medina County's responsibility; Dennis raised concerns about the volume of water running through this culvert and the continuing issue of high grasses and debris and how there is also a water leak outside of 256 Rustic Rook; Bud suggested that he and Keith along with Dennis get together to evaluate what is happening for possible further action
4. Mayor Dodaro asked who will be the point of contact for residents wanting information on tax impacts with the additional 1 mil tax increase on the Road and Bridge Levy that will be on the November ballot; Bud offered to be that person and to contact the County for the details (the day after the meeting Gary and Bud agreed that Gary will be the point of contact for any resident inquiring about tax impacts)

Legal

Allan reporting:

1. confirmed that he has 3 cases at this time; 87 Long Acre has a trial date of August 26th pertaining to the 6 open items, out of an initial 12, that have not yet been corrected; a pending case related to 44 false alarms called into 911 and that the defendant is currently undergoing a competency evaluation; lastly the sealing of an old record for an individual who has not had and recent encounters with law officials
2. stated that he has an Ordinance prepared relating to construction noise in the Village and it would stop work between the hours of 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM; Bud indicated that he wants to learn more about this before voting on this Ordinance and **made a motion to table this Ordinance while investigation takes place, seconded by Ken. 5 ayes, 1 nay – motion approved**
3. Mark reported that noise control in another community he knows about limits such work from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM with no Sunday's; Bill reported that in Florida they can only work from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and nothing allowed on weekends; Alison Hall reported that she had her roofing crews start at 6:30 AM after she got her neighbors OK and with no issues developing

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Finance

Gary reporting:

1. confirmed that on Saturday he distributed the July 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 July Bank Reconciliation Report as distributed and authorizing Council to sign the report – Alan made a motion to so move, seconded by Bud. 6 ayes, 0 nays**
2. confirmed that on Saturday he distributed the July Appropriations Report to Council through July 31, 2019; he asked if there were any questions – none were offered – he asked for **a motion approving Council to sign-off on the Appropriations Report through July 31st signifying Council’s review and agreement with the expenditures, Bud made a motion to so move, seconded by Alan. 6 ayes, 0 nays**
3. reported that he could not locate the signed copy of the approved June Reconciliation report and requested Council to sign-off once again
4. confirmed receiving a letter from the Medina County Board of Elections pertaining to the March 2020 Presidential Primary and who on Council would be the point of contact during normal hours and on a 24-hour basis – Bud volunteered to be that person and was asked if he understood what is involved and he stated yes he does
5. confirmed that he has received one parking ticket and it has not yet been paid and asked what is his next step and how long is he to wait before taking the next step – Allan confirmed that he will get with Gary on this matter

Old Business

Nothing offered.

New Business

Nothing offered.

Public Participation

1. Pam Mohn thanked the Pride Committee for the wonderful Pride Party and especially the work of Bob and Pam Williams
2. Amber reported that the excess water issues at the intersection of Garmin and Chippewa Roadsoads have gotten worse
3. Andy Weimer recommended that Gary begin to report on a monthly basis an Action Item list composed of those items discussed at Council Meetings that need some sort of action taken; Mayor Dodaro asked that Gary proceed to do so
4. Bill recommended some sort of recognition program for those whose efforts go unnoticed; Mayor Dodaro asked what type of recognition and Bill did not have anything specific so she asked him to report back to Council with some ideas for consideration
5. Allan recommended that he “clean-up” the Zoning Map based on some oversights made in the past
6. **Bud made a motion to have Allan proceed to update the Zoning Map for the Village, seconded by Ken. 6 ayes, 0 nays**
7. Mark Reuter stated that dirt that was to have been removed from Briarwood is still there; Bud stated that he will contact Aaron to remove it; Mark also stated that the property across from his property needs to be cleaned-up, that he wants a stop sign at Rustic Rook and Park Lake so that there is a 3-way stop at this intersection; Mayor Dodaro asked Keith to look into this

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8. Pam Mohn asked who cut the bushes and limbs along Garmin, they “butchered the job” and left debris; Keith confirmed that this would have been Lafayette Township and Bud stated that he will look into this

Bud motioned to adjourn at 9:06 PM, seconded by Alan. 6 ayes, 0 nays

Mayor Joanne Dodaro

Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris