

**VILLAGE OF CHIPPEWA LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –OCTOBER 14, 2019**

Mayor Dodaro called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

A roll call was taken with the following officials present: Lowell (Bud) Hardesty, Barbara Hunter (arrived at 7:10 PM), Alan Robbins, Keith Riedel, Ken Demeter, Allan Michelson – Solicitor, Jim Brandenburg – Zoning Inspector, Gary Harris – Fiscal Officer; visitors Bill & Connie Glasenapp, Andy Weimer, Bob & Pam Williams, Dennis and Pamela Mohn, Mark Krosse, Leslie Burns, Laura Gushue, Donna Spitzer, Chief Hall from the Lafayette Fire Department and Sheriff Harhay.

The Mayor asked if everyone read and agreed with the September 9th “Final Revised” minutes delivered to Council this past Saturday and if there were any questions or comments and none were offered.

Ken made a motion to accept the revised September 9th minutes, seconded by Bud. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Alan made a motion to approve the revised October Bill’s for payment in the amount of \$17,459.82, seconded by Bud. 5 ayes, 0 nays

Council Reports:

Safety

Alan reporting:

1. Alan read the Medina County Sheriff’s Office Incident Report to Council and confirmed that the hours patrolling have begun to be reduced down to 100 hours which will drop to 80 hours during the winter months; Andy asked about the status on the reported vandalism and video taken on Bungalow Bay – Deputy Harhay reported that the video was reviewed, the vandal(s) had their back to the camera and that no real damage was sustained, he asked residents to continue to report such matters and that dispatch will send an officer to investigate; Deputy Harhay confirmed that they are prepared to patrol on Halloween evening and Alan confirmed that he will supply them with candy for distribution
2. Barb reported that the two bikes inside of the Community Center were found last night and Friday night and asked if anyone contacted the Sheriff’s department about missing bikes – Deputy Harhay confirmed no such calls were received; Barb stated that she would put a notice onto the Village Webpage
3. Laura asked if there has been any update on a reported sexual assault; Deputy Harhay stated that this occurred in Lafayette Township and is being handled by the Medina Police Department; Mayor Dodaro reminded everyone that any three (3) digit address is in Chippewa Lake while any four (4) digit address is Lafayette Township
4. Chief Hall gave a verbal report to Council as their IT System is down; he confirmed that the new Fire Station Open House is scheduled for October 27th from 1 to 4:00 PM; he confirmed that the Fire Department will be in Chippewa Lake on Halloween at the Chippewa Lake Fire Station that now only contains water rescue equipment but no firefighting or EMT equipment
5. Mayor Dodaro and some residents voiced concerns about the distance and the impact to response times for fire and EMT and the potential delays should there be a train on the tracks between the new Fire Station and Chippewa Lake; Chief Hall responded that the tracks are no

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longer in use, that the responders are mostly located east of Chippewa Lake so they will arrive at the new station faster and that the new fire station will continue to be staffed from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

6. Mayor Dodaro stated that Chippewa Lake began contracting with the Lafayette Township Fire Department in 1994 and in 2002 there was some discussion about closing the Chippewa Lake Fire House but that was dropped perhaps due in part to the monies that would need to be paid to Chippewa Lake if the Fire House were to close (this is because Chippewa Lake donated the property to Lafayette Township with some legal ties to the Village); concerns were raised about the possible impact to insurance rates with the greater distance involved and most concerns related to the EMT response times possibly going from 7 minutes to 15 minutes; Chief Hall reported that they are attempting to increase staff to allow 24 hour coverage but will probably have to do so in stages as staff is difficult to locate especially with the decline in local residents volunteering for such service ;
7. Mayor Dodaro stated that this is a discussion to have with Lafayette Township Trustees rather than Chief Hall and that she would have preferred more advance notice about this change in the utilization of the Chippewa Lake Fire House and that the Village was told the local Fire House would not close but we were never told that the intent was to remove all personnel and fire/EMT equipment; Chief Hall does not feel that anyone should be concerned as he expects the response times to remain nearly the same as in the past; Bud recommended putting a notice on the Village website and asking residents to post questions as well as the Village updating the website with changes in Fire Department status
8. Deputy Harhay reported that the response times in Chippewa Lake are good when compared to other parts of the county and that he will investigate and report at November's meeting on the possibility of installing AED's in patrol vehicles; Barb reported that she will investigate the possibility of having an AED placed in the Community Center; Gary raised a concern about potential liability issues and he was asked to contact our insurance carrier on this matter

Zoning

Bud reporting:

1. distributed PAV (Pipeline Awareness Viewer) literature on downloading an app for gas line safety and recommended that all residents do this
2. confirmed that he will be completing the document issued by the Board of Elections to be the point of contact on polling matters; Barb volunteered to open and close the Community Center on voting days and Bud will be available to receive and be present on the day of pick-up of the voting booths
3. Jim read the Zoning Report to Council; announced the Variance Hearing for 488 Shorefield Drive on a matter related to installing a new fence at a height of 5' versus the 4' allowed by code; Donna stated that due to her dogs she would like this elevated height to help avoid the dogs from jumping the fence to be located behind a split rail fence; Jim confirmed that the neighbors were sent letters and Allan asked if any neighbors are present who want to comment on this proposed fence – no one acknowledged being a neighbor
4. **Barb made a motion to approve the Variance, seconded by Ken. Mayor Dodaro asked for a roll-call vote; all 5 Council Members voted aye, motion passed**
5. Mayor Dodaro asked if the information for Permit 19-026 is correct and that they are asking for an extension to a 3-year-old Permit; Dennis responded that it is accurate as he is doing this

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project himself and with his disability it is taking longer than normal; Jim confirmed that steady progress has been made

6. Bill brought up a concern about the garage behind 271 Rustic Rook and an issue of weeds and paint; Jim confirmed that he has spoken with the owner, that he has written her up and that work will begin this month by the owner
7. Barb stated that she wants to make an addition to her home on her properties; Allan recommended “combing the lots” which will work out better for her and she needs to maintain set back requirements
8. Alan confirmed that the Park District has not yet removed the trees from the lakefront property near the medical helicopter landing zone and that this is property owned by the Medina County Park District
9. Allan confirmed that charges have been filed against 587 Lake and a court date is yet to be assigned
10. Barb reported that a stop sign on Shorefield has a visibility issue per Section 304C – Bud confirmed that he and Allan are reviewing this section of the Code
11. Connie reported that the owner of 271 Rustic Rook knows when Jim is coming by and they stop doing metal cutting and do clean-up before Jim drives by; the complaint is that they have been running a business out of this home for the last 10 years and are asking if anything will ever get done to take care of this issue; reported that they are running a scrap business out of this residence, have scrap piles that Jim has written them up for but has never charged them to their knowledge; Allan stated that they need to take pictures and the response was that someone on Council told them not to and Bud stated that he did tell them this; Connie’s concern is that their property assessment has been impacted by a reduction of \$60,000 due to the conditions at that property; Bud stated that he, Jim and Allan will work on this and Allan stated that if they are running a business there is something that can be done about that

Community Relations

Ken Reporting:

1. reported that the lock on the basketball hoop assembly is broken and kids are hanging off the hoop and that he will order a new lock
2. confirmed that the Halloween Party is Saturday, October 26th at 6:00 PM with a children appropriate movie along with food and refreshments
3. Local subdivision’s attorney’s to meet to move towards petitioning the Conservancy Court to rule on the need for the Muskingham Water Shed Commission to get more involved in our lake issues – this remains an open issue at this time
4. Mark spoke about Save the Lake and reported that he has applied for a mini-grant in the amount of \$1,500 with the Western Reserve Land Conservation; he confirmed that they plan on having a Farmers Day next year to meet and talk about farming and its impact on the lake and he also confirmed that the lake was recently tested by the Israeli company mentioned in the August Meeting Minutes and the lake tested good; confirmed that he attended a meeting attended by Commissioner Swedyk, it was not a public meeting but by invitation only and came away with the opinion that the Commissioners are reluctant to overrule the Park District on lake matters
5. Ken asked about the large number of Jellyfish in the lake and was told they are not jellyfish but are Bryozoan and they are benign, non-harmful but are prolific and the sign of a healthy lake

Buildings & Utilities

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Barbara reporting:

1. confirmed that the missing ties in the back of the play area have been replaced
2. reported that Sarah is working on getting a replacement flag from Representative Hambley
3. confirmed that Mark has not yet scheduled the meeting with Seville authorities to discuss LED lights for the Village; Mark reported that some communities such as Toledo and Warren are doing filings with PUCO on LED matters and that there appears to be no movement or support from NOPEC, Alan confirmed that NOPEC does not get involved with street lighting; Alan also stated that the annual NOPEC meeting is scheduled for November 12th and Mayor Dodaro OK'd Alan to attend this meeting
4. reported that the S-hooks on the swings could not be repaired for use
5. reported that she has quotes from Johnson Controls and that 2 new cameras are costing as much as the first eight cameras at nearly \$4,000 and confirmed that Sarah is meeting with someone to obtain a bid on 2 new cameras; once a quote is received details will be provided so Gary can proceed to file the PEP Grant for \$1,000 towards these cameras
6. Gary is to contact the insurance inspector and put him in contact with Ken who will participate in the inspection of the Community Center for insurance appraisal

Parks

Keith reporting for Sarah:

1. confirmed that the tennis courts are done for this year, new drains were installed and appear to be working; the game plan is to get water out from under the courts and once confirmed then begin to obtain bids for resurfacing the courts next year; one of the Village residents is looking for a grant that might assist but no luck yet and with these courts non-public, they can only be used by residents and guests, the ability to obtain a grant may not be possible

Streets

Keith reporting:

1. confirmed that the swales have been worked on Chippewa and Garmin Roads and are now able to be mowed
2. confirmed working on a quote to repair a storm sewer leak on Lazywood and Bass Bay and confirmed that a sanitary sewer leak in this area was also repaired
3. Phase 7, he has requested engineering bid drawings by 01/01/2020 with all bids submitted by mid-February so as to clear the way to begin work in early Spring, 2020
4. anticipating having to resubmit Phase 8 in 2020 since we were awarded Phase 7 this year
5. confirmed that he along with Bud and Bill worked on the Pond, the pump is plugged again and they did add chemicals to get the green out of the pond
6. Gary to send Keith revenue information received from the State on Gas Tax revenue amounts for the Village

Legal

Allan reporting:

1. confirmed that he has 4 cases at this time; 87 Long Acre trial date postponed to October 25th with 6 out of an initial 12 items not yet corrected and will now have to postpone again since the roof has now been completed; the pending case related to 44 false alarms called into 911 has been dismissed as that individual is now receiving treatment; the sealing of an old record for an individual who has not had any recent encounters with law officials has been agreed to and lastly the trial date for 587 Lake for four counts is waiting to be set

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2. waiting on a response from the Sheriff's office as relates to the upcoming contract negotiations and the current contract expires on 12/31/2019, he also confirmed that the Zoning Map updating is continuing
3. Bud confirmed that the Sheriff's Department states that our Parking Tickets are not valid and that no owner information can be provided; Allan stated that the tickets are fine, they always provided this information in the past and can continue to do so if they so elect; Bud will meet with Captain Ross and Allan will accompany him as well

Finance

Gary reporting:

1. confirmed that on Saturday he distributed the September 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 September Bank Reconciliation Report as distributed and authorizing Council to sign the report – Alan made a motion to so move, seconded by Barb. 5 ayes, 0 nays**
2. confirmed that on Saturday he distributed the September Appropriations Report to Council through September 30, 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 September 30th signifying Council's review and agreement with the expenditures, Keith made a motion to so move, seconded by Alan. 5 ayes, 0 nays**
3. confirmed that he contacted Brent Osborn today about the annual removal of the water meters for the fountain and pump station and Brent confirmed that he will winterize the lines once the meters are pulled; Gary to contact the Medina County Sanitary Engineer's office to schedule the meter removal
4. reviewed the process now being followed for the Action Item list and the notice that was posted on the Village website outlining this process and how to identify such items
5. did the first reading of Resolution 486-19, a "Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor"
6. **Barb made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Resolution 486-19, seconded by Bud. 5 ayes, 0 nays**
7. **Barb made a motion to pass Resolution 486-19, seconded by Alan. 5 ayes, 0 nays**

Old Business

Nothing offered.

New Business

1. Bob thanked Council for the Bocce Ball Court and the scoreboard
2. Alan confirmed that there is a Medina County Park Board Meeting on Wednesday the 26th that he cannot attend; Ken offered to attend and report back to Council; Alan reported that his issue with the Lake Park Rules is that no input is allowed
3. Barb reported on the meeting she attended with the County Commissioners on the proposal to combine courts and replace an existing building where the estimates went from \$53 million down to \$38 million; Lafayette and Mountville were OK with it, Seville was not pleased as they haven't identified where court will be held during construction as well as concerns over the cost of the project; Barb raised a concern about the impact to tax appraisals based on the most recent appraisals and the accessed increases; at this time it appears that no game plan is in place and the timeline for design is not yet determined

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4. Next Meeting Date, November 11, 2019

Public Participation

Nothing offered.

Alan motioned to adjourn at 9:58 PM, seconded by Bud. 5 ayes, 0 nays

Mayor Joanne Dodaro

Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris