

**VILLAGE OF CHIPPEWA LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 8, 2021**

NOTE – THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA “ZOOM MEETINGS” DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Mayor Joanne Dodaro called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

A roll call was taken with the following officials present: Lowell (Bud) Hardesty, Barbara Hunter (arrived 7:09), Alan Robbins, Tamitha Sorgi, Keith Riedel, Ken Demeter, Allan Michelson – Solicitor, Jim Brandenburg – Zoning Inspector, Gary Harris – Fiscal Officer; visitors Mark & Lisa Krosse, Mark Reuter, Bill Glasenapp, Ed Nagy, Alison Weimer, Leslie Burns, Howard Wolff, Vincent Pribish, Kelly Schmotzer, Laura Gushue, Greg Stanislawski, Dennis Mohn, Jeff Schmitt, Chief Winkler and Deputy Harhay.

Mayor Dodaro asked Alan if he wanted to review the nice event that took place at the Community Center regarding the Lucas Chest Compression System – Alan stated that Township Fire Department personnel along with Chief Winkler, EMS personnel, local officials and the media, about 40 people attended in total, met last week to thank the Village of Chippewa Lake for the COVID procurement of the Lucas system and to celebrate the first life saved within the first week of arrival of the equipment. Alan asked Chief Winkler to review the details who commented that the Lucas Chest Compression System worked flawlessly and was a welcomed relief from the fatigue caused when chest compressions are done physically. The patient, Mr. Ken Roby, expressed his gratitude to the Village for procuring the equipment and EMS personnel for their work especially because Mr. Roby was clinically dead when EMS arrived and they were able to successfully resuscitate Mr. Roby thus resulting in a “life saved”. Chief Winkler reported that a second life was saved about three weeks ago using this same system and he thanked the Village of Chippewa Lake once again for their work in helping to make “lives saved” possible.

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read and agreed with the revised February 8th Regular Meeting Minutes delivered to Council this past Saturday and if there were any corrections, questions or comments – none were offered

Gary confirmed that Alan made the motion to accept the February 8th Minutes, and that it was seconded by Ken. Roll-call vote; Bud –aye, Alan – aye, Tamitha – aye, Keith – aye, Ken - aye.

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read the March Bill’s for Approval that were sent out this past Saturday and asked if there were any changes, questions or comments – Gary confirmed that no changes were made and the total payments amount to \$22,613.58

Gary confirmed that Keith made a motion to approve the March Bill’s for payment in the amount of \$22,613.58 and that it was seconded by Alan. Roll-call vote; Bud –aye, Alan – aye, Tamitha – aye, Keith – aye, Ken - aye.

Council Reports:

Safety

Alan reporting:

1. read the Sheriff’s Monthly Hours Report with 80.5 out of 80 hours requested having been worked in February and reported that he did not have a copy of the Deputy Activities Report with him tonight and, when asked, Deputy Harhay reported “nothing noteworthy” to note tonight – Mayor Dodaro reported seeing comments on Facebook about semi’s being on Lake Road and her understanding, based on posted notices, is that no semi’s are to be on Lake Road

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between the Truck Stop and Route 162 and she asked Deputy Harhay to notify the Sheriff's staff and Medina Police about this restriction – Deputy Harhay stated that he was going to double check to see if those "No Thru Trucks" or "Weight Limit" signs are posted on both ends of Lake Road

2. welcomed Chief Winkler who read his reports – updated everyone on the new pick-up truck purchased which just had a utility body installed on it and he believes it will be in service within the next few weeks – reported that the annual breakfast will be a drive through and is tentatively scheduled for April 18th and 25th – confirmed that Ice Training Rescue has been completed and that three (3) additional Paramedics, Zack Smith, Jessica White and Rob Stewart have been hired which brings that staffing up to 89% of target – Alan reported that the siren failed to work this past Saturday and that he will contact the MCEMA Director for an update and report on the status at next month's meeting

Zoning

Bud reporting:

1. Jim read the Zoning Report and reported that the homeowner at 81 Long Acre has been contacted, Mayor Dodaro reported that the home owner has COVID and recommended that no action be taken at this time and proceed no further until Allan speaks with the owner

Community Relations

Tamitha reporting:

1. reported that she and Ken are working on an Easter Egg Hunt for March 28th
2. confirmed that she did attend the meeting held by the Medina County Department of Health and that 90% of that meeting centered on COVID – reported that the Johnson and Johnson vaccine is available in our area and the Health Department is receiving 50 to 100 doses per week and that Medina County residents can sign up and request which vaccine they want to have – the county reported that 71% of residents over 80 years old have been vaccinated as have 60% between the ages of 75 to 80 and 40% of those 70-75 years of age – the County addressed the concern about COVID deaths and confirmed that the county did not have more deaths due to COVID as compared to other causes of death – reported that financial reports were released and the Health Department will be opening a new facility in Wadsworth which is currently on hold due to COVID – Mayor Dodaro asked if there was any discussion about mosquito control this year and Tamitha reported no such discussion took place, Tamitha offered to check with the Health Department on this over the next 1-2 weeks and will report on her findings
3. Mayor Dodaro asked if Tamitha has received newsletter input from Ken and she confirmed that yes, she has
4. Mayor Dodaro confirmed that Rumpke has purchased C. Martin Trucking, the Village's trash hauling contractor, and per her discussions with Rumpke all is expected to continue as normal as they work on making a smooth transition for the Village to this new company she also reported how on one missed pick-up last week, Rumpke returned the next day and took care of that matter – Mayor Dodaro reported that Curtis Martin lost his son recently in an accident and since he had been considering retiring, the moment seemed right to do just that – Mayor Dodaro publically thanked Curtis for his 40 years of contracted service to the Village and for the new five year contract that he put in place prior to his retirement
5. Mayor Dodaro apologized for not remembering to acknowledge past Mayor Leonard English and his making St. Patrick's Day a legal holiday for the Village of Chippewa Lake, the only entity in the entire United States to ever do so and she asked all in attendance to remember the English family with the passing of his daughter this year

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6. Allan stated that per a call he received from Sarah Matthews, with Rumpke, he needs to provide her a house count within the Village and asked if anyone has that information and that he also needs addresses for all pick-up points where dumpsters are located, those being – Beachside, he was advised to use that address of 256 Beachside, at Bungalow Bay to use 253, at Lake access to use 101 Beachside and for Point Park to use 248 Beachside and 226 Willow Wood, for the Community Center use 24 Circle Crest Drive – Allan thanked everyone for these addresses and he will pass them along to Sarah

Buildings & Utilities

Barbara reporting:

1. confirmed that the pole and light have been repaired at Rustic Rook and that she has contacted Frontier and Spectrum to elevate their wires on the new pole and to remove the old pole – she will stay in contact with the contractors to get this done
2. confirmed that the work at Beachside Blvd. is now completed and that a new photocell has been installed by the contractor and she plans to inspect the work and if OK, she will remove the “hold” on the payment – Gary informed her that no invoice has yet been received from this contractor
3. confirmed that the energy audit at the Community Center now revealed that the baseboard heaters, in the lobby area, were turned on and they have now been turned off – Gary reported that he has already seen a drop in the kwh usage at the Community Center
4. expressed concerns about the water heater and its age – Ken recommended a tank less system but Howard suggested not doing this due to the calcium in our water supply
5. reported that the lights, photocell and breaker box for the flag pole at the Beach Parking Lot needs replacement and she received a quote of \$650 – Gary reported that at this time the budget can support doing both this repair and the new water heater if she wants to proceed – Keith suggested checking with Wolf Brothers Supply on the pricing for all of these items and Mayor Dodaro suggested she speak with Scott Walkly about this work as well
6. confirmed that she had the Community Center cleaned just before the recent Fire Department function and it still looks good

Parks

Ken reporting:

1. confirmed being informed that the lawn mowing contract has been signed by both parties
2. announced that Kris Thompson will be returning this year as the Beach Superintendent and that we will soon be posting a job notice for Beach Attendants – reported that no Boat or Ramp Stickers will be offered this year as the current stickers are good through 2021 and about mid-April he will issue a notice for Beach Passes all to be renewed/offered by mail only – Keith suggested we offer residents a Park Meeting to let them know what is going on – Mayor Dodaro told Keith to let Gary know the details so he can put the notice in the newspaper offering the public to attend via a Zoom Meeting

Streets

Keith reporting:

1. confirmed that for Phase 8 he is in negotiations with the Medina County Sanitation Department to have them install their new main sewer lines before our road work begins and reported that negotiations are going very well and that he will go out for bids on Phase 8 as soon as the bid packages have been generated by Engineering Associates

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2. asked Gary how much additional funding he has in 2021 for other road work that he may need to do and Gary advised him that he has about \$35,000

Legal

Allan reporting:

1. confirmed that he is working on 7 cases – 9 Park Way Path Civil Suit with progress starting to be made with the removal of the Seadoos, 523 Lee Lore on property violation codes have a March 17th Court date scheduled, second is a defendant who was found guilty with persistent domestic violence and now has a date for sentencing set for March 9th, a resisting arrest case the defendant pleaded guilty and now has a sentencing date of March 16th, another defendant charged with domestic violence pleaded guilty and has a sentencing date of March 26th, a new domestic violence case now has a pre-trial hearing set for March 25th and a new disorderly conduct case has a pretrial hearing set for March 29th
2. reported that he received a request from Jeff Schmitt who recently paid to have a survey done and this has been verified by Jim as correct, when he asserted that there are 33 trees planted in the right-of-way between his residence and the Lake and is asking if the Village will remove the trees or is he to remove the trees and he asked Council to think about this and respond
3. reported that he is applying to have the property valuations reduced on eight properties and will meet the deadline of March 31st
4. confirmed that he will have the rewriting of the language on the Lake Front Properties ready by the April Council Meeting
5. confirmed that he will soon be scheduling a meeting with County officials regarding the Lake break wall

Finance

Gary reporting:

1. confirmed that this past Saturday he distributed the February Bank Reconciliation Report to Council reporting that all accounts are “in balance” – he asked if there are any questions or comments – none were offered; he requested **a motion approving the February Bank Reconciliation Report as distributed and authorizing Council to sign the report – he confirmed that Alan made a motion to so move, and that it was seconded by Keith. Bud –aye, Barb –aye, Alan – aye, Tamitha – aye, Keith – aye, Ken – aye.**
2. confirmed that this past Saturday he distributed the February Appropriations Report to Council through February 28th; he asked if there were any questions –none were offered– Gary asked for **a motion approving Council to sign-off on the Appropriations Report through February 28th signifying Council’s review and agreement with the expenditures, he confirmed that Keith made a motion to so move, and that it was seconded by Alan. Bud –aye, Barb –aye, Alan – aye, Tamitha – aye, Keith – aye, Ken – aye.**
3. confirmed that on February 17th he sent all government officials a NOPEC email alerting everyone to our filing a grant application this year and he has the Ordinance allowing Chippewa Lake to proceed to begin the process unless there are any questions or comments – none were offered
4. Allan did the first reading of Ordinance 858-21, “an Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2021 Energized Community Grant(s) Funds, and declaring the same an emergency”

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5. **Gary confirmed that Alan made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 858-21 and that it was seconded by Bud. Bud –aye, Barb –aye, Alan – aye, Tamitha – aye, Keith – aye, Ken – aye.**
6. **Gary confirmed that Bud made a motion to adopt Ordinance 858-21 as an emergency and that it was seconded by Barb. Bud –aye, Barb –aye, Alan – aye, Gary Tamitha – aye, Keith – aye, Ken – aye.**
7. confirmed that on Saturday he distributed to all government officials the 2021 Permanent Appropriations with revisions – he asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered and he asked Allan to do the first reading of Ordinance 859-21
8. Allan did the first reading of Ordinance 859-21, “an Ordinance to set Permanent Appropriations for the current expenses of the Village of Chippewa Lake, State of Ohio, during the year ending December 31, 2021 and declared to be an emergency for the public peace, health, safety and welfare”
9. **Gary confirmed that Alan made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 859-21 and that it was seconded by Barb. Bud –aye, Barb –aye, Alan – aye, Tamitha – aye, Keith – aye, Ken – aye.**
10. **Gary confirmed that Alan made a motion to adopt Ordinance 859-21 as an emergency and that it was seconded by Barb. Bud –aye, Barb –aye, Alan – aye, Gary Tamitha – aye, Keith – aye, Ken – aye.**
11. confirmed that the draft copy of the Record Retention RC-2 will be delivered to the Records Committee on or before the end of the First Quarter, 2021

Old Business

Nothing reported.

Public Participation

1. Bill thanked Jim Brandenburg for his efforts that resulted in the clean-up at 271 Rustic Rook
2. Howard thanked Council for the good job that they are doing
3. Vince raised a concern about Bill slandering his name in the January Minutes – Allan advised Vince to talk with an attorney if he believes that he was slandered – Vince stated the issue is the reported “unsightly” boat in his yard and who determines what “unsightly” is – Allan responded that it is a code violation if the boat is falling apart it is then considered “refuse”, Vince countered with “the boat would not sink” – Mayor Dodaro stated that he was not cited by the Village – Allan stated that free speech also applies here and stated that no official action was taken by the Village – Vince asked why his property tax bill is higher than Bill’s – Mayor Dodaro stated that this is a matter between you and Bill, not with Council – Vince stated that he will move the boat – Mayor Dodaro thanked Vince for offering to do so – Vince stated that Jim reached out to help Vince’s neighbor, who is disabled and that if more people would reach out to others, more could get done
4. Kelly responded to Allan’s question about how many homes are in the Village and she stated that based on the number of Pride Flyers that they distribute the number is 311 although some are vacant but she believes this number to be close – Bud offered to do a street by street survey and report back to Allan
5. Ed asked about the break wall status and Allan stated that he and the County keep missing one another and he will continue to reach out and make contact

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6. Mark Reuter raised a concern to Keith about rain water running into a manhole versus a storm sewer drain near Circle Crest and Briarwood and also raised a concern about a “cut-across” on Park Lake where the “bump” is getting bad

New Business

Mayor Dodaro asked that Council review the list of authorized uses of NOPEC funds to see where we can use our nearly \$3,000 in NOPEC Grant monies that are available – Barb suggested using LED flood lights by the beach park as well as lights near the bocce ball court – Alan stated that the problem is where the lights are directed/focused - Mayor Dodaro suggested lighting up the whole park – Mark Reuter suggested programming the lights to dim on a timer – Mark Krosse suggested using motion detectors – Dennis stated that he has a company name, if anyone wants it, for installing optic controls – Ken stated that we would need a way to turn the lights off on “movie night” - Tamitha stated that Water Heaters are not included in the NOPEC list of approved projects

There being no further business, Gary confirmed that Alan motioned to adjourn at 8:38 PM, and that it was seconded by Keith.

Mayor Joanne Dodaro

Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris