

**VILLAGE OF CHIPPEWA LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – JULY 12, 2021**

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, 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, Ed Nagy, Alison & Andy Weimer, Gregory Stanislawski, Pam & Dennis Mohn, Howard Wolff, Bob Williams, Bill Glasenapp, Nick Schmitz, Laura Gushue, Jeff Smolko, Amber Dalakas, Jeanette Noble, Andy Vidra, Leslie Burns, Chief Winkler, Deputy Harhay and Susan Avceneaux.

Mayor Dodaro thanked Tamitha, Ken, Matt and the Pride Committee as well as the others who were involved for their work on the July 4th celebrations.

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read and agreed with the June Regular Meeting Minutes and asked if there were any corrections, questions or comments – none were offered

Alan made the motion to accept the June 14th Minutes, and it was seconded by Barb. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read the July Bill's for Approval and asked if there were any changes, questions or comments – Gary confirmed that there was one late change for Beach Supplies in the amount of \$135.48 for a revised total amounting to \$17,436.57

Ken made a motion to approve the revised July Bill's for payment in the amount of \$17,436.57, seconded by Barb. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

Council Reports:

Safety

Alan reporting:

1. read the Sheriff's Monthly Hours Report with 123 of the 120 hours requested having been worked in June and he also read the Activity Report – upon completion he asked Deputy Harhay if there is anything else that needs to be addressed and no additions were offered; Barb asked a question about UTV's and Deputy Harhay stated they are the same as a golf cart, they need to be inspected and licensed
2. Chief Winkler read his report and confirmed that total responses this year are at 354 versus 316 in 2020 – reported on the promotion of two new Lieutenants and thanked everyone for the July 4th Parade and the great reviews that he received from his department – confirmed that they have been awarded a Grant from the Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$2,000 to use towards additional training – reported that hydrant testing and clearing the area around hydrants is being reinitiated - reported on the recent drowning of Tyler Saffle in Chippewa Lake that had the involvement of 15 agencies from two counties working together resulting in the quick recovery of his remains to this tragic event – Alan commented that MCEMA does have a Water Rescue Unit but no Dive Team Unit and for this emergency they were supported by the Wayne County Dive Unit - Mayor Dodaro confirmed that the response was quick although the outcome was not the desired outcome and the recovery within 24 hours was good news – Chief Winkler said it was great to see the interagency cooperation and just how well they all worked together – Alan asked Chief Winkler to talk about the Lucas Chest Compression System

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purchased by the Village for the Fire Department with CARES Act monies – Chief Winkler reported that within about one week of receiving the devices they were dispatched to the scene where a victim was receiving CPR from those present, the equipment was put into immediate use and the victim was transported to the hospital where he made a full recovery and was released to go home and then about two weeks after this incident a second similar call was received, the equipment was put into use and a second life was saved – Alan then asked Mayor Dodaro to come forward to receive a Certificate and Medallion issued by the Medina County Emergency Management Agency in recognition of the Village and the life-saving equipment they provided to the community at large

3. reported that EMA Director Fazio updated him on the status of Station #2 – three quotations have been received to upgrade the facility – they are reviewing the recent loss of life in the Lake to see what improvements can be made to improve response efforts which is part of the normal practice after such emergency incidents – they have completed repairs on their boat and are in the process of certifying the unit for use – reported that they are working on the Renewal Cycle for Rating Systems (CRS) pertaining to Flood Plain Mitigation Programs, and that Medina is the only county in Ohio doing so, with the goal of reducing insurance premiums by up to 5% - Mayor Dodaro asked about the siren and Alan confirmed that they are still working to secure a grant to replace the old unit
4. Barb reported hearing from residents who are upset about cars parking on Bungalow Bay and driving the wrong-way as well as insufficient signage in this area – Deputy Harhay stated residents need to call dispatch about the parking and Keith stated that the signs meet State requirements and that he will look into this further – Andy reminded those present that juveniles driving golf carts without a license can be ticketed as well as their parents and Alan said that if they are involved in an accident while driving the situation gets much more serious – Ken stated that this warning appears in the Newsletter as well

Zoning

Bud reporting:

1. Jim read the Zoning Report and reported that the last item in his report is a Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit Application as pertains to 597 Lake Road, he confirmed that the Applicant, Dr. Susan Avceneaux will try to get here as she is still at work in Cleveland – Allan confirmed that this is in a Commercial District and thus the Applicant is required to ask Council for approval and he confirmed that a medical office is allowed in such a district – visitor Smolko asked what is being planned and Jim offered him the “plan” drawings to review which Mr. Smolko did do and then stated that he has no problem with this so long as it meets Village Codes and he realizes that the property in question lies both in Chippewa Lake and Lafayette Township under the respective Zoning Authorities – residents asked what type of doctor is the Applicant and Jim responded that she attends to patients for Sports Medicine, Physicals, Workers Comp, Addiction/Rehab, etc. and that she wants to move her practice from Cleveland to Chippewa Lake – other questions asked were about length of time to complete all work, parking, etc. – Allan suggested that we “suspend the hearing” until the Applicant arrives to address any questions - **9:20 PM Hearing Resumes** - Dr. Avceneaux reported that her normal hours of operation as sole proprietor, at this time, will be Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM – she confirmed treating patients with drug addictions that comprise about 1/3 of her patients and she feels that the planned parking in the rear of the buildings will be adequate – she confirmed that, at this time, she will store non-narcotic drugs as well as other medications – there are two properties involved, one property is .2 acres in the Township while

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the second is .9 acres in the Village – she is looking to build a larger facility and will use the current smaller building as her office – Allan asked if there were any other questions or comments – none were offered – Allan asked for a roll-call vote on whether Council should approve this Conditional Use Permit where yea will approve the permit and nay will disapprove the permit – **Roll-call vote; Bud –aye, Barb – aye, Alan – aye, Tamitha – aye, Keith – aye, Ken - aye.** Allan stated that the Conditional Use Permit is approved.

Community Relations

Tamitha reporting:

1. confirmed that the weather turned bad on the 4th of July and the large tree at the beach was destroyed and now there is an effort to raise monies to purchase a new tree but one large enough to provide shade which she is working on – confirmed that thus far we have received \$231.95 and announced that we have had an anonymous donor willing to match what is raised up to \$2,000 – Gary confirmed that Fund 2904 has been established as the Tree Fund to collect and deposit monies received
2. announced that a Movie Night is being planned for either on July 23rd or 30th and that a Water Party is also in the planning stages along with Chief Winkler’s assistance
3. Mayor Dodaro announced that the Park District is planning a Public Meeting on July 21st at 6:00 PM at The Oaks to have an open discussion on land use of the recently purchased Chippewa Lake Amusement Park property along with other Park owned properties – Alan also announced that NOPEC donated a \$1,000 Grant for the July 4th Parade to The Lions Club
4. Mark Krosse stated nothing new for Save The Lake at this time except that they have applied for a NOPEC Grant

Buildings & Utilities

Barbara reporting:

1. confirmed that the wires are still low and she sent an email today to Rob Stewart at Frontier on this matter that has been an issue since October of last year, also reported that First Energy was out today trying to install new anchors on the leaning pole
2. confirmed that the key pad at the Community Center is not working again and it is the original unit – Keith thought it best to purchase a new unit – stated that she has a bid for a new unit at a cost of \$1,600 and Mayor Dodaro confirmed that Gary advised her that the monies are available
3. **Barb made a motion to encumber \$1,600 for a new door lock and installation, seconded by Alan. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
4. confirmed that the Historical Society is now using the Community Center and she is uncertain when Save-The-Lake will return to using the site
5. confirmed that the corner siding has been repaired on the Community Center
6. thanked Lisa and Katrina for changing the address and contacts on the website and consideration is still underway about the phone listing for the site and the number of miscellaneous calls that would be triggered if a new number were offered – she asked Gary if he would be willing to post his number for such calls and he preferred not to do so but stated that if necessary we can find a solution
7. announced that the software that permitted her to view the cameras at the Community Center from home is now outdated and she is looking for new software
8. confirmed that she has yet to get with Mark about the flood lights at Point Park
9. confirmed that the circuit breaker for the baseboard heaters is off and said with the lower thermostat setting in the winter it would be best if the baseboard heaters were removed – resident Wolff offered to take care of this for her

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Parks

Ken reporting:

1. confirmed that the Beach is active and that they have thus far sold 12 Keys, 165 Lake Access Passes and 29 Boat Stickers and thanked Amber for her continuing work and support
2. the tree at the beach when it went down damaged the fencing and gate – the new fence was installed and the gate is to be installed this week – thanked Bill for repairing the benches that were also damaged by the fallen tree – confirmed that he is looking into options for shade at the beach with the tree now gone
3. confirmed that the Bochy Ball playing field has been resurfaced and should be available next week
4. confirmed that the swings have been corrected that were identified during the Insurance Inspection
5. confirmed that Mosquito Spraying will be increased to twice weekly beginning this week

Streets

Keith reporting:

1. reported that G.E. Baker will not be starting Phase 8 until September or October due to the delay in receiving catch basins and sewer grate covers
2. stated that we have drainage issues on Shorefield and reported problems on Bungalow Bay and Shady Wood – he will look into these and report back
3. confirmed that there is an issue where Garmin Road intersects Chippewa Road caused by the culvert replacement on Chippewa Road – Dennis expressed his frustration with this situation and Keith stated that he has spoken with Lafayette Township who stated that this is a County problem and when he spoke with the County they informed him that this is a Township issue – Dennis stated that this must be corrected before any improvements are made are Garmin Road – Keith is to contact Allan to discuss how to proceed with possible legal action

Legal

Allan reporting:

1. confirmed that he is working on 4 cases – #1 for 9 Park Way Path the trial date is set for July 15th, #2 523 Lee Lore the owner did correct the property issues and the case was dismissed, #3 a domestic violence case has a pre-trial hearing on July 15th, #4 87 Longacre charges to be filed
2. announced that Sid and Doris Auble set-up a Trust and the Village of Chippewa Lake, who is one of twelve beneficiaries, has been awarded \$117,000 and asked Mayor Dodaro to sign the documents to release the monies for deposit to our bank account
3. Mayor Dodaro asked about the break-wall – Allan confirmed that he spoke with the Medina County Attorney last week who indicated that the Medina Attorney has to speak with the Medina County Park District

Finance

Gary reporting:

1. confirmed that this past Saturday he distributed the June 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 June Bank Reconciliation Report as distributed and authorizing Council to sign the report – Alan made a motion to so move, and it was seconded by Ken. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**

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2. confirmed that this past Saturday he distributed the June Appropriations Report to Council through June 30th; 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 June 30th signifying Council’s review and agreement with the expenditures, Alan made a motion to so move, and that it was seconded by Keith. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
3. confirmed that he did listen to the webinar pertaining to the American Rescue Plan Act conducted by the Ohio Officer of Budget and Management – reported that one big change was the inclusion of Townships into the distribution of available funds nationwide which has had the effect of reducing the potential monies available to Chippewa Lake from \$146,000 down to \$78,000 and Lafayette Township will now be awarded \$600,000 – reported that the Final Rules are quite extensive and he will investigate to see what changes have been made and if Broadband expansion is still possible – there is a deadline sometime in August to submit Applications and he will have another update before the August Council meeting and, if appropriate or necessary, he will ask Mayor Dodaro to call for a Special Meeting – confirmed that he did reach out to Medina Fiber on June 17th but never received a return call so he will contact them again after he reviews the Final Rules and any associated impacts – he asked if there were any questions or comments and Mark Reuter asked to be informed about the Special Meeting date if one is to be held
4. reminded Council that we need to approve the preliminary 2022 Budget at tonight’s meeting – he reminded Council that he did send the budget to them on May 29th offering to meet as a group or one-on-one to address any issues, questions or changes to the budget and that no such requests were offered – confirmed that he completed the mid-year review of expenditures and as a result he did make changes to the General Fund budget only and increased Appropriations by \$14,150 for the year with all other budgets remaining unchanged – he asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered – he asked for a **motion authorizing the Fiscal Officer to submit the revised 2022 Budget to the Medina County Auditor’s Office, Allan made a motion to so move, seconded by Barb. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
5. Mayor Dodaro asked Gary to comment about a possible Special Meeting regarding emails – Gary reported that during the set-up of the Records Commission Program there was information about which documents must be retained for public records and it stated that not every document issued falls into the retention requirement – further, in his opinion, so long as we meet State requirements for record retention this is all that is needed even though there may be those who feel every document ever issued must be retained as part of the public record – he will complete his review and report back to Council and Mayor Dodaro confirmed that a Special Meeting may be called on this subject to avoid a lengthy discussion at the Regular Council Meeting
6. Mark Krosse asked if we are regulated as to how much of a cash balance we can carry at any given time and Gary responded that there is no such regulation although when it comes to Tax Levy monies, i.e. Road and Bridge, we are expected to spend and not hoard monies received

Old Business

1. Alan stated that we had a question about Zoom in conjunction with our Regular Meetings – Allan stated that Council can have Zoom available for those unable to attend but that he recommends that all Officials appear in person

Public Participation

1. Mark Reuter thanked Barb for the clean-up work with the brush-hog

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2. Bill stated that the repainting of the street sign project is complete and it ended up at ½ the cost of the other estimate received
3. Dennis thanked Barb and the “others” for the clean-up on Garmin Road and the creek
4. Greg said thank you for the quick response to the tree removal on the beach and asked what will happen with the stump – Ken responded it’s not yet decided but stump removal by grinding is being considered
5. Laura stated that the seaweed in the Lake is an issue and asked if there is a plan to handle this by the Park District – Mayor Dodaro stated with all of the rain this may not have helped and that she can contact the Park District to answer her question
6. Lisa asked if there was a goal for the tree fund, Tamitha said “no” and that she is looking into the type of tree to plant and the costs
7. Ed asked if Zoom will be available during in-person Council Meetings – Barb responded that we would need some additional equipment to accomplish this – Ed offered to assist in the effort – Alan stated that we depend on the Ohio Municipal League to offer the legal insights into such matters
8. Bob announced that the Pride Committee is offering a Christmas Quilt on a raffle, 75 out of the 150 tickets are yet available at \$10/ticket
9. Leslie thanked Ken for the quick fence repair at the Beach and stated that the “Resident Parking Only” sign at the tennis court is hidden by the bush in front of it – voiced her concern about wrong-way traffic on Bungalow Bay – Alan suggested that she determine who the person or company vehicle belongs to and he will caution them about this – Keith reported that he had to reduce the number of signs we once had to be in “legal” compliance – Barb stated that if it is a company vehicle doing this the resident can contact the company and they usually correct this issue rather quickly

New Business

1. Mayor Dodaro said that she has received some complaints about Rumpke not picking-up until Wednesday and other concerns and asked residents to let us know these concerns so we, or the resident, can contact Rumpke directly– Mark Reuter stated that they “missed” sections of the Village during pick-ups – Bill said that they picked-up all that was left by the Beach after the storm and that they did a good job – Alan stated that another issue is the change in route-times that he will remind them about
2. Allan reminded everyone that 4 Council Seats and the Mayor’s position is up for election this year and all documentation has to be turned in by 4:00 PM on August 4th to get onto the November ballot

At 8:50 PM Bud made a motion to go into Executive Session on a Personal Matter, seconded by Ken. Roll-call Vote: Bud –aye, Barb –aye, Alan – aye, Tamitha – aye, Keith – aye, Ken – aye.

At 9:19 PM Bud made a motion to return to the Regular Meeting Session, seconded by Ken. Roll-call Vote: Bud –aye, Barb –aye, Alan – aye, Tamitha – aye, Keith – aye, Ken – aye.

Bud made a motion to have Allan proceed to generate correspondence for residents on Shorefield Drive to acknowledge a storm water problem and the Village will work on a solution, seconded by Barb. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

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There being no further business Bud motioned to adjourn at 9:37 PM, seconded by Ken.

Mayor Joanne Dodaro

Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris