

**VILLAGE OF CHIPPEWA LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 20, 2021**

Mayor Joanne Dodaro called the meeting to order at 7:06 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, Howard Wolff, Pam & Bob Williams, Bill Glasenapp, Alison Weimer, Ed Nagy, Leslie Burns, Kelsey Burns, Riley Braun, Joel Berry, Caitlin Albright, Jose Delgado, David Jankowski and Deputy Harhay.

Mayor Dodaro announced that NOPEC representatives are here with us tonight and invited them to speak to those present. Jose Delgado, our NOPEC representative introduced those accompanying him, Caitlin Albright and David Jankowski and thanked the Village for allowing NOPEC to visit tonight and reconfirmed his desire that all residents who have signed up with NOPEC have the best possible experience with NOPEC as their source for electrical power – he then invited Catlin to speak and she announced that she is here tonight to award the Village of Chippewa Lake for it's use of NOPEC Grants for projects to benefit its residents with sustainable projects – she invited Barb Hunter, Mark Krosse and Bill Glasenapp to come forward to accept the plaque and check in the amount of \$2,500.00 awarded as Winners of the Green Ribbon Award for the Village's efforts to "Go Green" in our energy efficiency efforts through our street light conversion project – Caitlin then invited David to speak who spoke about communities signing up as a Green Community by requiring all residents to join NOPEC and the amount of money being saved by those communities doing so; he also stated that an alternate program allows residents to make their own decisions, which is how Chippewa Lake is now operating, which saves individual homeowners on their electrical costs and he hopes that Chippewa Lake will elect to sign-up for 100% Green – Mayor Dodaro thanked the NOPEC representatives for coming tonight and presenting to the Village and for the award plaque and monies

Mayor Dodaro announced that Riley Braun is here tonight to offer services from the company she works for, Shambaugh Cleaning and Restoration – Riley introduced her company as being a resource for any resident in need of restorative services for water, mold, fire and smoke – she also left business cards for our residents along with brochures explaining the services offered

Mayor Dodaro announced that we have Joel Berry with us here tonight from Twinsberry Tree Farm to answer our questions about his quotation to replace the tree on the beach – Joel confirmed that the \$600 estimate to remove a tree from his farm, transport it to Chippewa Lake and plant the tree is possible due to the trees being from his own tree farm – he described how the tree needs to be at least 15-20 feet from the Cottonwood tree that was on the beach to have a better chance of survival by being separated from the root system of the Cottonwood – when asked which of the two types of trees he is offering would be the best for the environment it would be exposed to, he felt that the Oak tree would have a better chance of survival as opposed to the Tulip tree – he confirmed that the best time to plant a tree is when they go dormant which is the season we are now entering – when asked if the tree he is considering is disease resistant, Joel stated that "no tree is disease resistant unless you do a continuous chemical treatment" - other planting options were mentioned and Joel was open to such consideration – Mayor Dodaro thanked Joel for driving to our Village and answering our questions.

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

Bud made the motion to accept the September 20th Minutes, and it was seconded by Ken. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read the revised October Bill's for Approval and asked if there were any changes, questions or comments – Gary confirmed that there were two additions bringing the revised total to \$26,299.56

Alan made a motion to approve the revised October Bill's for payment in the amount of \$26,299.56 seconded by Keith. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

Council Reports:

Safety

Alan reporting:

1. read the Sheriff's Monthly Reports, they worked 118 out of 120 requested hours and had a total of 93 activities in the Village – Deputy Harhay asked about Halloween and Mayor Dodaro stated that it would take place on October 31st from 6:00-7:30 PM and she asked Alan to alert the Fire Department
2. noted that Chief Winkler is not at tonight's meeting but he has furnished his report, Alan read the details of the report for all present – Alan decided to carryover the issue about locks on our gate access until our next meeting

Zoning

Bud reporting:

1. Jim read the Zoning Report and when finished Bud asked Jim to report on the Rustic Rook Pribish property – Jim confirmed speaking with the owner about trimming trees, the "boat" issue and a vehicle with expired plates – the owner confirmed that he will either renew the plates or remove the vehicle from the property, he asked when did the Village put tree trimming in the Zoning Rules and asked what is wrong with the boat and Jim responded it is unsightly – Allan stated that we do not regulate boats until they turn into "rubbish" – Bud stated that he wants to expand Village language on such matters – Bud asked Jim about the dead tree on Bungalow Bay and Shorefield – Jim reported that he spoke with the owner who said their neighbor wants to take the tree down and use it for firewood and they are to advise Jim when the tree is coming down – Bud asked Jim about 57 Bungalow Bay and stored items outside – Mayor Dodaro reported that she has received complaints and Jim reported that progress is being made albeit at a slow pace and Keith reported that we have had issues with this property for years, it's a mess and most recently they have dumped paint cans down the down the storm sewer – Allan will look into the estate details as he was advised just tonight that the owner has passed away – Bud stated that our regulations are too relaxed and also stated that we can regulate "unsightly" – Allan stated that we can prohibit having trash and rubbish on the property – Bud stated that he will get with Allan on this issue for more discussions
2. Bill asked about the car parked at the tennis court with expired plates – Bud responded that the car comes and goes and that when he has spoken to the Sheriff about this, they want to wait until they see a driver in the vehicle on the road – Allan stated that we can tow a vehicle if it is

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on Village property and we need to put a notice on the vehicle of our intentions – Allan asked for the temporary tag number and he will contact the Sheriff to find out who the owner is

3. a question was asked about the dead tree on Garmin that has not been taken down yet and Ken stated that AJ Tree Service is scheduled to do that on October 22nd along with removing the stump at the beach along with the dead tree at Point Park

Community Relations

Tamitha reporting:

1. Mayor Dodaro thanked Tamitha for the Fall Festival and all her work and the donation of \$1,322.39 that was raised for the Village to be used for beach improvements and Mayor Dodaro also stated that the band was very good and how she would like this to become an annual event – Tamitha thanked Pam, Howard, Leslie and all the others who helped to make this community event a success
2. announced a delay by the Medina County Health Department in using the Community Center as a local vaccination location for COVID booster, 1st time and 2nd time shots, and moving this out into November and they will be advertising and posting notices – Tamitha will find out if registration will be necessary
3. Mark Krosse had nothing for Save the Lake

Buildings & Utilities

Barbara reporting:

1. confirmed that Ohio Edison does not have any LED flood lights for Point Park, Ohio Edison told her we could replace the lights ourselves but if there are any problems it will be on the Village – Barb indicated that we will wait for pricing from Ohio Edison
2. confirmed that voting will be taking place on November 2nd and asked Gary to send her details on what he transmitted to the Board of Elections
3. reported that the three street lights needing replacement on Heather Hedge, Briarwood and Lee Lore will be replaced with LED's
4. reported that there is a tree on the north side of the Community Center (playground side) where the branches are too close to the building and asked Ken if AJ could trim this – Ken will mention this to AJ
5. confirmed replacing the water faucet in the Janitor's Closet and that she will be taking the fire extinguishers for annual inspection
6. Keith reported that due to the high replacement costs of the solar Stop signs at the beach (\$1,500 ea.) he recommends replacing with traditional Stop signs
7. Mayor Dodaro reported receiving calls about low water pressure during the time of a fire and Barb confirmed that this was due to some connection issues between the hydrant and the fire engine which were resolved and there is no permanent drop in pressure for the Village
8. Barb asked that anyone or any organization wanting to use the Community Center to let her know in advance
9. Mayor Dodaro asked who shuts off the water at the fountain and watering spicket used by Pride to water Village plants and Bud stated that he will contact the Water Department to find out what we need to do

Parks

Ken reporting:

1. confirmed that Mosquito Spraying has stopped for the season about one week ago
2. AJ Tree Service is returning to remove the stump at the beach plus remove other reported trees

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3. reported that he is in the planning stages on the beach Pavilions and that he will be presenting ideas to Council at some point in the future
4. thanked Bill for his work at Point Park on replacing the split rail fencing
5. Bud recommended ordering #57 gravel for the Point Park and not waiting until Spring to add the gravel as suggested by Barb
6. **Bud made a motion to encumber \$2,000 for gravel for Point Park, seconded by Ken. Vote 6 ayes, 0 nays**
7. Keith reported that they are now preparing to look at interlocking tiles for the Tennis Court and he and others will be traveling to Lorain to look at a Tennis Court with these installed – Mayor Dodaro asked if samples could be obtained – Keith will look into this

Streets

Keith reporting:

1. reported that G.E. Baker started working on the lines for the Water Department who we partnered with on the Phase 8 project and that work should complete late tomorrow and they will then start on our storm sewers next week and target completion by November 25th

Legal

Allan reporting:

1. confirmed that he is working on 7 cases – #1 for 9 Park Way Path trial date set for November 10th, #2 523 Lee Lore the owner plead guilty and was fined \$527.00, Jim reported the issues still exist and Allan confirmed that he will re-charge the owner, #3 for 87 Longacre matter has been resolved and he has dismissed the charges, #4 161 Rockridge owner corrected the violations the charges will be dropped, #5 484 Shorefield the owner did not appear in Court and a Warrant has been issued, #6 the defendant plead guilty to disorderly conduct and will pay a \$297 fine, #7 another defendant has been charged with persistent disorderly conduct and Allan is now checking on sentencing
2. confirmed that he has an Ordinance and proceeded to do the first reading of Ordinance 866-21 – “an Ordinance increasing the compensation of the Mayor of the Village and declaring the same an emergency”
3. **Bud made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 866-21, seconded by Keith. Vote 6 ayes, 0 nays**
4. **Bud made a motion to pass Ordinance 866-21 as an emergency, seconded by Keith. Vote 6 ayes, 0 nays**

Finance

Gary reporting:

1. confirmed that this past Saturday he distributed the September Bank Reconciliation Report to Council reporting a \$0.25 bank payment and processing error that has been corrected and will appear in the October report – he asked if there are 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 – Bud made a motion to so move, and it was seconded by Barb. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
2. confirmed that this past Saturday he distributed the September Appropriations Report to Council through September 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**

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September 30th signifying Council’s review and agreement with the expenditures, Bud made a motion to so move, and that it was seconded by Alan. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

3. confirmed that we did receive our first deposit of ARPA monies in the amount of \$39,019.77 on October 5th, the next and final deposit is due 12 months from the date of this first deposit – a discussion took place about Committee and the use of these funds and the process to determine a fully qualified project that the Fiscal Officer stated as being absolutely necessary before he can sign-off on any project using ARPA monies – additional comments appear under Old Business
4. reported that per the motion passed at September’s Council meeting he did proceed to re-establish the Star Ohio account and he is now awaiting Westfield Bank to establish ACH authorizations to transfer funds between Star Ohio and our primary checking account – once established he will transfer ARPA monies and the endowment monies into the Star Ohio accounts – he asked if there were any other questions or comments – none were offered
5. confirmed that we have two Ordinances to vote on tonight as relates to the ARPA monies and he asked Allan to proceed to do the first readings of each
6. Allan did the first reading of Ordinance 864-21, “an Ordinance approving amending the Certificate of Estimated Resources, for 2021, adding Coronavirus Relief Funding (ARPA) and declaring the same an emergency
7. **Bud made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 864-21, seconded by Barb. Vote 6 ayes, 0 nays**
8. **Bud made a motion to approve Ordinance 864-21 as an emergency, seconded by Barb, Vote 6 ayes, 0 nays**
9. Allan did the first reading of Ordinance 865-21, “an Ordinance approving amending the Appropriations for the Coronavirus Relief Funding (ARPA) and declaring the same an emergency
10. **Bud made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 865-21, seconded by Barb. Vote 6 ayes, 0 nays**
11. **Bud made a motion to approve Ordinance 865-21 as an emergency, seconded by Ken, Vote 6 ayes, 0 nays**
12. reported on the balance of monies in our accounts – as of September 30th the Checking Account has \$217,540.84 the Money Market account has \$250,019.13 for a total amount of \$467,559.97 – he asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered
13. Mayor Dodaro asked Gary to comment on the insurance monies that we have received – Gary stated that due to Mayor Dodaro’s reminder that we should file a claim with our insurance carrier for the damage done to the fence and gate as well as the tree and stump removal and by doing so the Village was reimbursed \$5,284.72 with no deductible

Old Business

1. Alan commented that monies for Livestreaming, in the amount of approximately \$5,000, were to originally come out of Zoning but this has now changed and at some point in time he will present details on how the proposed funding of this project will be presented to Council for review and voting – Mark Reutter asked how do we reimburse our budget with ARPA monies for a project like this – Gary stated that he will forward the “how to” method to the ARPA committee – Bud reviewed the background on Livestreaming and the field trip to Ashland’s Council Meeting and the results of their Livestreaming and its community outreach results and the idea of also purchasing a white board, a projector and camera to aid in this project – Alan reviewed the Opportunity List generated by Ed Nagy as well as the cost comparison sheet and our current focus on Option A and his desire to wrap this up and have it in place by the end of the year – Gary stated that the best way to assure completion by that date is to use General

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Fund monies and then process a refund with the use of ARPA monies provided this project is a fully qualified project – Bud prefers the use of ARPA monies from the get go and not local funds

Public Participation

1. Mark Reutter stated that he intends to be an ally versus an adversary when it comes to discussions on Zoning rulings such as those that apply to boats and cars that he and Bud will be having at some point in time
2. Bill thanked his helpers on replacing the split rail fencing at Point Park that included Tom Baltic, Howard Wolff, John Sandora, Keith Riedel and Bud Hardesty
3. Mark Krosse recommended that the Livestreaming Committee look into testing an “owl” type unit mentioned by Leslie Burns – Ed Nagy said he will check into this
4. Lisa reported that the Village website is back up and functional and that Katrina is doing better
5. Leslie voiced concerns about the number of cars going the wrong way on Bungalow Bay – Mayor Dodaro asked Bill to paint the arrows – Bud will issue letters to the homeowners about wrong way traffic in this area and Keith reported that he will visit the sign shop to see what type of signs might be available to assist in this matter – concerns were also raised about dirt bikes including under age kids driving them – Alan asked that for anyone who knows the kids doing this to give him the names and he will visit with the home owners involved – a concern was raised about bon fires by the water and a review of the Village Ordinances took place about containment and clean-up – Leslie’s concern is about the debris washing up back on shore during the Spring high waters – Alan stated that open burns need to be contained per Zoning requirements and if there is any open burn on any Village property, we will look into this

New Business

1. Mayor Dodaro stated that she is not in favor of Going Green that would force all residents to adhere to the policy and asked if we take no action on this does it remain the same as it is now, that being up to the individual homeowner – it was confirmed that if we take no action to Go Green, it will remain as it is – Mayor Dodaro asked if anyone on Council wanted to pursue Going Green – there was no response from Council so no action will be taken

There being no further business Keith motioned to adjourn at 9:33 PM, seconded by Ken.

Mayor Joanne Dodaro

Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris