

**VILLAGE OF CHIPPEWA LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 13, 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, Gary Harris – Fiscal Officer; visitors Mark & Lisa Krosse, Mark Reuter, Howard Wolff, Bill Glasenapp, Ed Nagy, John Sandora, Andy Weimer, Leslie Burns, Bob Williams, Deputy Harhay, Chief Winkler and Assistant Chief Tim Holzman.

Mayor Dodaro thanked Tamitha and Ken for the wonderful and well attended Christmas Party – Ken thanked the local McDonalds for donating food and drink and the local New York Bagel for their food donation as well – Mayor Dodaro asked that a thank you note should be sent to McDonalds by Gary

Mayor Dodaro gave a special recognition to Linda Reuter, the mother of Mark Reuter, for her years of service to Briarwood Beach and expressed Council's sympathy to Mark and his family.

Mayor Dodaro announced that on December 20th at 7:00 PM the new Lafayette Township Trustees will be sworn in at a public ceremony with a reception following the official function and all are invited to attend.

Mayor Dodaro also thanked Engineering Associates for their gift of mixed nuts that were also shared with those in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read and agreed with the November Regular Meeting Minutes and asked if there were any corrections, questions or comments – Bud stated that one correction was needed on page 1, first item under Safety change to read "Bungalow Bay Blvd" vs Bass Bay

**Alan made the motion to accept the revised November 8th Minutes, and it was seconded by Bud.
Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays.**

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read the revised December Bill's for Approval and asked if there were any other changes, questions or comments – Gary confirmed that there are none and that the revised total is \$109,924.25 – Mayor Dodaro stated that the reason for the high costs in the December report were due to the "pass through" payments on the Phase 8 project

Alan made a motion to approve the revised December Bill's for payment in the amount of \$109,924.25 seconded by Barb. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

Council Reports:

Safety

Alan reporting:

1. read the Sheriff's Monthly Reports, they worked 92.5 out of 100 requested hours and had a total of 153 activities in the Village – he thanked Deputy Harhay for coming in on his night off and asked if there were any major issues the Village needs to be made aware of and Deputy Harhay noted "none" – Deputy Harhay asked when the annual Polar Bear event was scheduled and Alan reported February 19, 2022 – Alan reviewed the meeting held with the Sheriff's

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Department pertaining to the 2022 contract where discussions took place on current and potential issues as well as compensation for the Deputies who patrol our Village – recommendations were made by both parties and agreed to split the difference and pay \$30.50 per hour which Alan noted as being higher than what some other communities are currently paying

2. **Alan made a motion to increase the rate of pay for the 2022 Sheriff Contract to \$30.50 per hour, seconded by Barb. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
3. **Allan did the first reading of Ordinance 869-21, “an Ordinance approving an agreement for Law Enforcement services for the Village with the Medina County Sheriff from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and declaring the same an emergency”**
4. **Barb made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 869-21, seconded by Ken. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
5. **Barb made a motion to adopt Ordinance 869-21 as an emergency, seconded by Alan. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
6. Assistant Fire Chief Holzman read the report – he confirmed that the Fire Department will participate in the Visit from Santa scheduled to take place on December 18th – Bill Glasenapp expressed this gratitude and thanks for the quick response of the EMS to his home the night he had a stroke and he stated that they saved his life that night and he asked that his gratitude be passed along to those EMS personnel who participated – Chief Winkler stated that he would do so and also confirmed that by them now staffing 24 hours the responses are much better than when they had to wait for volunteers to arrive on site – Council asked about the annual Pancake Breakfast and Chief Winkler could not yet commit due to all that is going on with COVID and related concerns – Mayor Dodaro asked about the burned down house on Lake Road, in the Township and when it will be demolished – Chief Winkler confirmed that they are still working on this and that it is not off their radar

Zoning

Bud reporting:

1. announced that Jim was unable to attend tonight and he proceeded to read the Zoning Report and asked Allan to comment on the legal status as it applies as he read each Zoning violation and its current status – on 9 Parkway Path Allan confirmed that the owner did not show for the Court Hearing, the next step is to get an Injunction from the Court to correct and if the owner fails to do so, the owner will be cited for contempt and either be jailed or pay a fine which is to be determined by the Court – 523 Lee Lore, Allan stated that he will be filing charges once again and that there is a warrant for arrest already issued against the property owner – Lisa Krosse stated that the property was up for auction and a minimum bid was offered, Allan stated that he will monitor this to see who the new owner is should the sale proceed
2. Mayor Dodaro asked about the status of the unlicensed abandoned car parked near the Tennis Court – Bud confirmed that the vehicle has moved from the Tennis Court to the driveway and that it is still unlicensed – Allan stated that no VIN number was provided to him so he was unable to look further into this issue – Bud stated that the Sheriff has spoken with the owner

Community Relations

Tamitha reporting:

1. thanked Santa, the elves and all helpers who made Breakfast with Santa a success
2. reported that she will be contacting Spectrum, with a contact name provided to her by Mark Krosse, about fiber optic service
3. Mark Krosse had nothing for Save the Lake

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Buildings & Utilities

Barbara reporting:

1. asked that anyone wanting to use the Community Center contact her to reserve a time as the usage of the Community Center has increased
2. announced a change in the person cleaning the Community Center that will soon be undertaken by Peggy Reuter as Barb has been doing this work since our last person employed is no longer able to do this work
3. confirmed that the fire extinguishers have been inspected and re-certified
4. asked Ken about the climbing wall repair, Ken confirmed looking at it but not taking action on the repairs until Spring next year
5. reported that the trash container by the beach has one side smashed-in either by wind damage or a Rumpke vehicle – Mayor Dodaro to call and report this to Rumpke
6. stated that Ohio Edison has recently been changing out the burned-out street lights with sodium vapor lights and that she left a message with Ohio Edison that per contract, they are to be replaced with LED's – she is waiting on a call back from Ohio Edison

Parks

Ken reporting:

1. confirmed that he is ready to make a recommendation to Council on the Tennis Court materials for repair and invited John Sandora, who he reported has done the bulk of work on this effort, to present to Council – John reviewed the different surfaces offered by Epic Courts who came to Chippewa Lake, with samples, and residents were asked to view the samples and test the materials for bounce, playability, etc. – John reported that he had both positive and negative feedback with most of it on the positive side – reported that there is a price increase in January and that he was able to negotiate a \$1,000 deduct bringing the total cost down to \$47,000 that includes shipping, free storage until we are ready to receive the materials next Spring which requires a \$28,200 deposit – John also confirmed the selected color of green tiles with a blue border with white line markings for Tennis and yellow line markings for Pickleball with the need to pre-surface the existing Tennis Court surface with crack sealer before installation by Village personnel – Ken and Keith commented about the product selection with good comments and a reminder that this comes with a 16 year warranty on the tiles
2. **Ken made a motion to appropriate \$47,000 for SnapSports Revolution tiles + \$3,000 for pre-surfacing + \$3,200 for fence painting + \$2,000 for contingencies for a total of \$55,200 for the tennis court renovations, seconded by Barb. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
3. confirmed that he is ordering 150 boat ramp keys and that he is planning a public sale and campaign on the keys on May 7th where they order on-line and he delivers the keys - he also plans on ordering 46 tons of sand for the beach this Spring and that other beach restoration projects are under review
4. confirmed ordering a new basketball pole safety padding

Streets

Keith reporting:

1. confirmed that Clovercliff is done with the exception of some finish-grading that will be done in the Spring – he stated that the contractor was very professional and how well the coordination with the Medina County Sanitary Engineers went on this project

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2. reported that he is looking at the next project which could be Garmin, Park Lake, Briarwood or Brookshore with ranges of \$300,000-\$500,000 and asked that residents contact him with their preferences
3. Mark Reuter asked about the water run-off problem on Rustic Rook, Keith said he will investigate this
4. confirmed that plowing and salting contract for this winter is in place

Legal

Allan reporting:

1. confirmed that he is working on the 2 cases discussed under/during Zoning's presentation, those being 9 Park Way Path and 523 Lee Lore
2. confirmed that he has the legislation with him if Council wants to retain his services beyond the end of this year – Mayor Dodaro and all Council members stated “yes, please proceed as we want to keep you on board”
3. **Allan did the first reading of Ordinance 870-21, “an Ordinance approving a contract to retain the services of Allan M. Michelson as Law Director of the Village for a period of two (2) years from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 and declaring the same an emergency**
4. **Bud made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 870-21, seconded by Alan. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
5. **Bud made a motion to adopt Ordinance 870-21 as an emergency, seconded by Keith. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**

Finance

Gary reporting:

1. confirmed that this past Saturday he distributed the November Bank Reconciliation Report to Council reflecting a \$0.58 adjustment due to a bank clearing error which will balance on the December report – he asked if there are any questions or comments – none were offered; he requested **a motion approving the November 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**
2. confirmed that this past Saturday he distributed the November Appropriations Report to Council through November 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 November 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 we have Resolutions to vote on tonight – 496-21 as relates to the Opioid Settlement and 499-21 as relates to the advance payment on taxes - he asked Allan to proceed to do the first readings on each of these Resolutions
4. Allan did the first reading of Resolution 496-21, “a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Ohio Opioid Settlement and to enter into the participation agreement with Opioid distributors AmerisourceBergen, McKesson and Cardinal Health and declaring the same an emergency”
5. **Ken made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Resolution 496-21, seconded by Alan. Vote 6 ayes, 0 nays**
6. **Alan made a motion to approve Resolution 496-21 as an emergency, seconded by Barb. Vote 6 ayes, 0 nays**

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7. Allan did the first reading of Resolution 499-21, “a Resolution requesting that the Medina County Auditor pay the Village Fiscal Officer advance payment of taxes for the year 2022 and declaring the same an emergency”
8. **Keith made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Resolution 499-21, seconded by Ken. Vote 6 ayes, 0 nays**
9. **Bud made a motion to approve Resolution 499-21 as an emergency, seconded by Barb. Vote 6 ayes, 0 nays**
10. confirmed that we have an Ordinance to vote on tonight – 868-21 as relates to the purchase of road salt and other items - he asked Allan to proceed to do the first reading on this Ordinance
11. Allan did the first reading of Ordinance 868-21, “an Ordinance approving an agreement with Medina County Commissioners for purchase of road and building materials in 2022 and declaring the same an emergency”
12. **Keith made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 868-21, seconded by Alan. Vote 6 ayes, 0 nays**
13. **Keith made a motion to approve Ordinance 868-21 as an emergency, seconded by Alan. Vote 6 ayes, 0 nays**
14. asked Alan to discuss the Livestreaming equipment as this relates to another Ordinance needed to be voted on tonight – Alan first thanked those who were involved in researching this project for the equipment and then researching for the use of ARPA monies, thanking Ed Nagy, Bud and Mark Krosse, he then reviewed the equipment that we want to purchase and the hope that we can purchase it yet this year – Gary reported that he is reviewing the Code of Federal Regulations that will apply to this and any other ARPA funded purchase as we must implement the Federal procurement procedures in our purchasing procedures or be required to refund the monies to the government even if we have an otherwise approved project – Gary stated that he is not certain he can complete all of his review in time to purchase the equipment by the end of this year as we must have this in place especially since we will be audited in 2022 – Alan asked what years will be audited and Gary responded 2020 and 2021 – Alan stated that we will need to determine who will be responsible for the set-up of the system for each Council Meeting - Gary asked Allan to do the first reading of Resolution 497-21
15. Allan did the first reading of Resolution 497-21, “a Resolution authorizing the allocation of ARPA Funding for the purchase of conferencing equipment and declaring the same an emergency
16. **Ken made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Resolution 497-21, seconded by Alan. Vote 6 ayes, 0 nays**
17. **Alan made a motion to approve Resolution 497-21 as an emergency, seconded by Tamitha. Vote 6 ayes, 0 nays**
18. reported that he did not receive any calls to meet or discuss the Temporary Appropriations for 2022 and he also confirmed sending the Mayor and Council his tabulations for these appropriations – he also stated that he included Phase 9 in case the Mayor and Council want to proceed with an OPWC project in 2022 and by having it listed on the Appropriations does not force us to do so – he asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered – he asked Allan to do the first reading of Ordinance 867-21
19. Allan did the first reading of Ordinance 867-21, “an Ordinance to set Temporary Appropriations for the current expenses of the Village of Chippewa Lake, State of Ohio, during the year ending December 31, 2022 and declared to be an emergency for the public peace, health, safety and welfare
20. **Keith made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 867-21, seconded by Alan. Vote 6 ayes, 0 nays**

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- 21. Barb made a motion to approve Ordinance 867-21 as an emergency, seconded by Bud. Vote 6 ayes, 0 nays**
22. Confirmed that we did receive the endowment monies on December 3rd in the amount of \$113,144.66 which were immediately deposited into our checking account for eventual transfer into the Star Ohio account
23. reported that it is once again time to apply for the NOPEC Sponsorship Fund that he intends to apply for yet this month which entitles the Village a chance in doubling the amount of Fund monies made available from \$500 up to \$1,000 – he did ask if there was to be any change in who we identify to be sponsored and there was no change offered – he did ask for **“a motion to proceed to apply for the Sponsorship Fund and to apply on the behalf of The Lions Club of Chippewa Lake, Alan said so moved, seconded by Barb. Vote 6 ayes, 0 nays”**
24. reported that we still have \$3,432 NOPEC Grant monies available to spend on approved electrical related projects – he noted that \$2020 must be used in 2022 to avoid forfeiting these monies back to NOPEC – he stated that with the year wrapping up, he does not see us ordering any equipment against this Grant in 2021 so he would expect this to be done in 2022 – Barb asked if cameras would qualify and he responded probably not – Alan asked Gary to re-send the list of project types that these monies could be used for
25. Mayor Dodaro asked why we are being charged for the lights on the flagpoles since they are now lit by solar power – Gary stated that it is not the flagpole lights we are being charged for, it is the parking light poles – Mayor Dodaro asked Gary to identify all electric charges that we receive each month
26. reported on the balance of monies in our accounts – as of November 30th the Checking Account has \$198,666.81 the Money Market account has \$250,040.02, the Star Ohio account has \$39,023.25 for a total amount of \$487,730.08 – he asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered
27. announced that beginning in January of 2022, pay increases go into effect for the Mayor and Council members

Old Business

Nothing offered.

Public Participation

1. Mark Reutter asked about using ARPA monies for a Dog Park and naming such a park in honor of past residents – Ken offered to get a quote on this
2. Bill reminded Council to name the tennis court acknowledging the gift from Sidney and Doris Auble
3. Leslie asked about maintenance on the path used to access the beach – Bud stated that this is now maintained by the mowing contractor who is doing a great job
4. Lisa thought that any water flow maintenance along the path may or may not qualify for ARPA funding
5. Bob stated that the street project this year for Phase 8 was great

New Business

1. Alan confirmed that he attended the NOPEC Meeting and they discussed the higher trending cost of electricity as the younger generation is looking at climate issues versus electrical generation – stated that Chippewa Lake was recognized during the meeting for our efforts on

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converting over to LED street lighting and once again thanked Mark Krosse and Barb for their work on this project

2. **Alan made a motion to allow Village access for the Lions Club Polar Bear, Charity Raffle and 5K Run to be held on February 19, 2022, seconded by Bud. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
3. Mayor Dodaro announced that the Lions Club will be passing out \$100 food gift cards for up to 80 families in need and to please let her know of anyone needing such assistance
4. a discussion took place on the boat ramp gate and locks and ideas on how to allow all entities needing their own access keys i.e. EMS, Fire and Ohio Edison to be linked in such a way that each individual lock functions without the need to have keys for all of the other locks installed on the same “chain” – Mayor Dodaro stated that locking this access was necessary due to non-residents making use of the Village boat ramp

There being no further business Keith motioned to adjourn at 9:18 PM, seconded by Alan.

Mayor Joanne Dodaro

Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris