

VILLAGE OF CHIPPEWA LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 14, 2022

Mayor Joanne Dodaro called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 and James Reuter, Kelly Schmetzer, Colleen Swedyk – Medina County Commissioner, Mark Bresler and Ryan Glenn – Medina Fiber, David Corrado – Medina County Fiber Network, John Sullivan – Lit Communications, Ty Fullerton – Lafayette Township Trustee & Jo Fullerton and Chris O’Neil – Lafayette Township Trustee

Mayor Dodaro asked Tamitha to introduce tonight’s visitors – Tamitha welcomed representatives from Medina County Fiber Network and associates and invited David Corrado to begin the presentation

- David reported that he has been working on this for 10 years with Commissioner Swedyk and how COVID has pushed the need for communication systems especially in those areas that have been passed over due to low populations and rural areas and now there is a partnership between the public and private sectors to promote this technology
- John Sullivan spoke next and stated that they have partnered with David’s organization as the “final connection” element of the partnership that has had success in rural and low population centers around the country and has proven that their model works
- Mark Bresler addressed those present and stated that the first two customers in Medina County were Seville and Westfield Center, his company offers free training and their company charter stipulates to not raise rates for 20 years and they provide dedicated fiber connections to each home for the cost of \$49.99 per month
- Ryan Glenn who is the construction manager addressed how yards through out the Village will be impacted during the installation of the fiber optic lines and he stated how well his company does at returning the properties to their original conditions once construction is completed and discussed in detail the steps they go through to protect the integrity of the property, they hope to begin construction in August or September of this year and start-up in November or December for those who want to tie-in to the system
- Mayor Dodaro asked if they will meet with the Village before construction begins so the Village can alert all residents before breaking ground – she also asked if the construction is optional but was told that this is proceeding per the agreement between Medina Fiber and Medina County Commissioners and they confirmed that they will place notices with contact and other information on home owners doors – Mayor Dodaro reminded them that Permits will be required
- Allan confirmed that no legislation needs to pass for this to proceed
- Commissioner Swedyk stated that residents can still chose who to go with for their service either with Medina Fiber or Spectrum but Spectrum has their own and separate transmission lines, she also stated that the County has committed 1/3 of the Federal ARPA monies they received to this project to show how well they feel this partnership will work for the county
- Keith raised questions about “other utilities” and proper markings to avoid any problems during installation along with public questions and comments on the depth of the fiber optic lines, also confirming tight spaces in the Village between homes and the challenges that this might present during construction, how the fiber optic lines are installed (confirmed that they “shoot the lines”) and that 5G is not part of this plan

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- Mark Krosse stated that Spectrum's technology is 30 years old and above ground which has presented issues due to animals eating through the lines, etc. – it was confirmed that there are no sign-up or installation fees nor any resident contracts involved
- Mayor Dodaro thanked them for making the presentation to Council and informing us about the plan.

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read and agreed with the January Organizational & Regular Meeting Minutes and asked if there were any corrections, questions or comments – Gary confirmed sending all officials two sets of corrections with no other changes

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

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read the February Bill's for Approval and asked if there were any other changes, questions or comments – Gary confirmed that there was one additional payment for \$50 to Barb for the purchase of a projector and screen bringing the total amount to \$20,306.34

Alan made a motion to approve the February Bill's for payment in the amount of \$20,306.34 seconded by Keith. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

Council Reports:

Safety

Alan reporting:

1. read the Sheriff's Monthly Reports, they worked 8 hours more than the 80 hours requested and had a total of 129 activities in the Village – he asked if there were any questions and James Reuter asked why with all the hours worked he never sees them patrolling – Alan stated that they cover the entire Village so it is possible to not see them at all times when looking outside but he would relay this concern to Deputy Harhay who could not be here tonight due to his being called on to be part of a SWAT Team incident – Mayor Dodaro asked about a reported sex offender now living in the Village and asked if they had reported in to the Sheriff's department as required – Alan stated that he will pass this along to Deputy Harhay as well
2. read from Chief Winkler's emailed report showing that total calls, for all of the communities serviced by the Fire Department were 40 in January with 4 of those being for Chippewa Lake, the Pancake Breakfast has been postponed and he will get the word out once it is rescheduled, along with other points of interest from the report

Zoning

Bud reporting:

1. Bud read the Zoning Report and asked Allan to comment on the legal status for any of those listed in the report - 9 Parkway Path Allan confirmed that the owner did not show for the Court Hearing and an Injunction from the Court was issued on January 7th and Allan will continue to pursue the resident and related issues – 523 Lee Lore, Allan confirmed that the sale is still pending and that he did speak with the new owner who wants to get going with the corrections – 184 Brookshore Drive – Allan asked if the owner is here and if any of the neighbors are here to discuss the Application for a Conditional Use Parking Permit where the owner wants to park his 13' camper on his property – neither the owner nor any residents were present – Allan stated

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that if the owner meets the permit requirements, the Application should be approved – Bud reported that Jim stated the Application satisfies the criteria and should be approved – Allan stated that if the house sells or if the owner gets rid of the camper then the Permit is void

2. **Alan made a motion to approve the Application for a Conditional Use Parking Permit at 184 Brookshore Drive, seconded by Barb – Allan asked for a roll-call vote: Bud – aye, Barb – aye, Alan – aye, Tamitha – aye, Keith – aye, Ken – aye. Allan stated that the Application is approved**

Community Relations

Tamitha reporting:

1. asked Council if they want to have Spectrum make a presentation based on what was heard tonight, from Medina County Fiber Network – Council responded “yes”, have them come and present at the March meeting as those present stated they are paying more for Spectrum than the new rate quoted by Medina Fiber
2. confirmed that the vaccination clinic will return to the Community Center on Wednesday, February 16th from 1:00-4:00 PM, Mayor Dodaro suggested that she post this on Facebook which she agreed to do
3. confirmed that she will attend the Medina County Health Department meeting in March
4. Mayor Dodaro announced that there will be traffic interruptions during the Polar Bear event on February 19th especially the time period around noon to 1:00 PM
5. Confirmed that she is working on the Newsletter and plans on releasing it in April or May
6. Mark Krosse had nothing for Save the Lake

Buildings & Utilities

Barbara reporting:

1. confirmed that we had another high electrical usage reported on the January billing for the Community Center – Gary confirmed that it was an “estimated” meter reading – Barb expects the next meter reading, that is visually read, will drop usage back to a normal range
2. stated that Ohio Edison did return to remove the sodium vapor lights that they installed in error and replaced them with LED’s with one exception and that she will contact Ohio Edison to return and correct

Parks

Ken reporting:

1. reported that he has one bid to paint the sheds and benches and he is waiting on a second bid
2. reported Albright can re-key the boat ramp gate at a cost of \$18/key for a total cost of \$2,700 and it will take three weeks once materials become available
3. confirmed that he and the other team members will be meeting with the SnapSports representative tomorrow to review the condition of the court surface and determine any impacts to the warranty – if all goes well he does plan to include purchasing the edging at the additional cost of \$700
4. confirmed that he is continuing to work on what is needed to build a Dog Park in the community that is planned to be located next to James Reuter’s home – James said he is OK with that so long as there is a 3-4’ fence installed
5. confirmed that the committee will meet to discuss beach improvements and that he may plan to have a public meeting to inform residents on any upcoming changes planned for the 2022 season

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Streets

Keith reporting:

1. confirmed that he is looking at doing the lower section of Brookshore and repair work on Park Lake for Phase 9 and once this Phase is completed the Village will have completed 70-75% of the needed infrastructure work for the Village – Gary said he will contact Keith next week to make certain that the amount of monies appropriated thus far for Phase 9 are adequate now that Keith has identified the work to be done
2. Mark Reuter raised concerns about water runoff on Rustic Rook – Keith to get with Mark next week
3. reported that vandals removed a historic plaque off of one of the bridges in the Village and he wants to install a replica plaque on that bridge now that they have recovered the missing plaque and he also wants to install a plaque on the Community Center
4. **Keith made a motion to appropriate \$1,000 for these new plaques, seconded by Ken. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
5. confirmed that he drove around other local communities to see how well their snow plowing activities moved the snow – he reported that our streets were just as well done as those in other communities and it was just that we had so much snow that the high piles at intersections were present – Mark and James Reuter felt they could have done better moving these “piles of snow” and that it took too long for the plowing to get started – Bud stated that between the high amounts of snow and short staffing, he felt that a good job was done by the contractor

Legal

Allan reporting:

1. confirmed that he has no new cases
2. did the first reading of Ordinance 871-22, “an Ordinance authorizing all actions to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant(s) and declaring the same an emergency”
3. **Bud made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 871-22, seconded by Ken. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
4. **Bud made a motion to approve Ordinance 871-22 as an emergency, seconded by Alan. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
5. Gary stated that this grant is worth \$1,542 and that we still have \$3,432 in approved NOPEC Grant monies to spend and that he did forward to Council the list of typical project types that these monies can be used for

Finance

Gary reporting:

1. confirmed that this past Saturday he distributed the January Bank Reconciliation Report to Council reflecting that all accounts are in balance – he asked if there are any questions or comments – none were offered; he requested **a motion approving the January Bank Reconciliation Report as distributed and authorizing Council to sign the report – Alan made a motion to so move, and it was seconded by Bud. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
2. confirmed that this past Saturday he distributed the January Appropriations Report to Council through January 31st; 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 January 31st signifying**

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Council's review and agreement with the expenditures, Keith made a motion to so move, and that it was seconded by Alan. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

3. confirmed that we are also at the point in time when we can apply for the PEP Safety Grant that is worth \$1,000 – stated that he needs Council to offer a project and to obtain a bid price so he can file the Application – Tamitha asked if it could be used for CPR Training and Gary thought that it would be allowed
4. reported that as of January 31, 2022, the balance in the primary checking account is \$232,034.57, the Money Market has a balance of \$250,061.26 and \$118,166.58 in the Star Ohio account for a total of \$600,262.41 – he asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered
5. confirmed that our Audit begins on February 22nd for the years 2020 and 2021 - he asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered
6. reported that Alan asked him to investigate investing some of our cash reserves (from the Primary Checking account) – since we have a Star Ohio account, he reported that he can transfer monies from the checking account into the Star Ohio account at any time and that he would do this when/if we hit the \$250,000 amount in that account so as to not exceed the FDIC insurance limit for that account – Alan asked what if we hit the FDIC max in that Star Ohio account, Gary stated that he would then open another Star Ohio account
7. confirmed that he does need Council Chairpersons to review the January Appropriations reports and the amount of monies appropriated for their departments in 2022 to see if they need additional funding for the projects that they anticipate doing in 2022 - he needs their input no later than March 7th otherwise, the appropriations we have now will become the permanent appropriations for 2022 – he stated that as always, he is willing to meet one-on-one or as a group if anyone needs to review appropriations for 2022 – we can meet in person, via zoom or on the phone – any questions or comments – none were offered
8. reported that it is time once again to begin thinking about and preparing the 2023 budget – he plans on distributing the 2023 budget worksheets and proposed budget at the April meeting and he will need Council's worksheets returned by May 31st with any changes – just as for appropriations, he offered to meet with any one individually or as a group – any questions or comments – none were offered
9. reported that ARPA monies may soon become more relaxed for usage by our Village – the most recent webinar that he attended on January 24th offered **some indication of the relaxed standards**, he did exchange emails with OBM and received some further clarification and he has asked Allan for a legal review of his understandings – after he receives Allan's input within a few weeks he will release the new guidelines that may assist us in the use of these funds – stand by for more information – Bud asked that Gary send out a copy of the email sent to Allan and Gary confirmed that he will do so

Old Business

1. Alan confirmed that the Livestream Owl Labs equipment has been received and they are getting closer to securing the rest of the equipment needed with the goal of being operational at the March 14th Council Meeting – Barb asked about training and Alan confirmed that both Barb and Jim will be trained on the new system and that Ed Nagy is creating a procedure manual

Public Participation

1. Mark Reuter stated that there are a lot of complaints about Rumpke – Mayor Dodaro stated that these complaints are from people outside of the Village and that issues within the Village have been corrected – Keith stated that since these trucks drive in low gear it may sound like

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they are speeding when they are not, he also stated that the trucks are electronically monitored by the office and speeding is handled with disciplinary action that can lead to termination of employment

2. Kelly reported that one of our residents suffered a stroke but fortunately had a neighbor watching out for him and that neighbor contacted 911 – the resident did survive but may not be able to return home – Mayor Dodaro asked that Alan alert the Sheriff to do a Victor Watch on that property while long term arrangements are made

New Business

1. Bud announced that the Medina County Soil and Water department is scheduling a class on “how to use” rain barrels for water conservation and is brining 20 barrels to the Village for use in training and to distribute – Mayor Dodaro suggested storing them at Village Hall for a week or so until the class is held
2. Barb reported that she purchased a projector and screen for use on Movie nights and that the screen can be hung in the Community Center for such events

There being no further business Keith motioned to adjourn at 9:15 PM, seconded by Ken.

Mayor Joanne Dodaro

Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris