

**VILLAGE OF CHIPPEWA LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 11, 2022**

Mayor Joanne Dodaro called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

A roll call was taken with the following officials present: Barbara Hunter, Tamitha Sorgi, Keith Riedel, Ken Demeter, Allan Michelson – Solicitor, Gary Harris – Fiscal Officer; visitors Mark & Lisa Krosse, Mark Reuter, Kelly Schmetzer, Leslie Burns, Ed Nagy, Greg Stanislawski, Bill Glasenapp – Kristen Hildreth – Medina County Health Department and Deputy Harhay

Mayor Dodaro announced that Bud and Alan are out of town and Jim had recent back-surgery and hopes to return next month

Mayor Dodaro thanked Tamitha, Ken and Eric Snyder for the Easter Egg Party that was very successful

Mayor Dodaro invited Kristen Hildreth to address Council and our visitors about the programs offered by the Medina County Health Department – Kristen reported that the Department has been serving Medina County for over 100 years and they take great pride in their Customer Service and the services that they offer including no-charge consultations, emergency dental visits for residents, just to name a few of the services offered – reported that they need to pass the Issue 3 Health Levy, a Levy Renewal with an increase, the current Levy is .70 and they have a .15 increase on the Ballot and this will cover the next 10 years and without passage, they cannot continue to offer all of their existing services to Medina County residents due to increasing costs for technology, inflation, etc. – the Levy will cost homeowners \$14.70 per \$100,000 of appraised home value and \$5.24 represents the increase and she reported that this is the first increase in 30 years and asked everyone to go out and vote for this Levy – she also confirmed that this year they will once again be doing the mosquito control involving adding tablets into the storm sewers – Mayor Dodaro thanked Kristen for presenting to Council at tonight’s meeting

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

Barb made the motion to accept the March Minutes, and it was seconded by Ken. Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read the April Bill’s for Approval and asked if there were any other changes, questions or comments – Gary stated that there was one change in the amount of \$35.94 for Easter Party Supplies provided by Ken

Keith made a motion to approve the revised April Bill’s for payment in the amount of \$10,106.62 seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays

Council Reports:

Safety

1. Deputy Harhay read the Sheriff’s Monthly Reports, they worked 86 hours in March and had 99 Service Calls, he also confirmed that for April and May they go to 100 hours and then for June through September they go to 120 hours before reducing the hours going into Fall – Deputy Harhay said nothing of importance occurred during the month of March
2. Bill thanked Deputy Harhay, and staff, for watching his home while he was out of State

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Zoning

1. Allan reported another violation notice was sent to the home owner at 9 Parkway Path and he will be filing charges upon confirmation of receipt by the owner

Community Relations

Tamitha reporting:

1. reported that the Easter Party was really nice and everyone had a good time – they used the new TV which worked well, decorated eggs and cookies and even had the Easter Bunny make an appearance
2. reported that she is planning on having a Field Day near the end of May for both children and adults with kick-ball, tug-of-war, etc., probably the weekend before Memorial Day
3. reported that she is waiting on articles for the Newsletter from Bud, Alan, Ken, the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Department
4. reported that she needs a speaker system for the upcoming Movie Nights at Point Park as what they have been using does not do the job, we need to amplify the sound and project the sound out to the audience – Mayor Dodaro suggested using some of the Endowment Funds for this project
5. **Barb made a motion to encumber \$2,000 from the Endowment Fund for sound equipment for use on Movie Night, seconded by Keith. Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays**
6. Mark Krosse reported that he had no news on Save the Lake
7. Lisa reported that she will be conducting the Rain Barrell training on how to install and maintain for capturing rain water for use on gardens, plants, etc. on Saturday, April 30th – confirmed that 12-13 people have signed-up for this and anyone can sign-up through FaceBook and the Village Webpage – they can accommodate up to 20 people and they will receive free rain barrels after the training thanks to the Grant from Save the Lake
8. Barb will work on “where to” hang the pictures taken down from where the TV was mounted

Buildings & Utilities

Barbara reporting:

1. confirmed that she is still working with a sodium vapor light replacement issue and another issue related to “too much light” from a LED and what options might be available to better control this issue
2. reported that the Village has had over 12 LED's replace old sodium vapor lights that burned out since signing the agreement with Ohio Edison at no charge to the Village
3. confirmed that Swingle Mechanical is scheduled to do the Backflow Test on April 18th and she will also have them check on lowering the noise level of the HVAC fan
4. reported that someone is leaving the lights on in the Community Center on a regular basis and reminded all about the need to turn all lights off when departing and she is also going to check on changing over the Community Center interior lights over to LED's
5. confirmed that she is looking into replacing the thermostats in the Community Center with higher tech units for better on/off control from remote sites and asked if these would be covered by the NOPEC Grant – Gary asked her to provide him the details as he does need to go through a formal approval process – **Barb made a motion to encumber up to \$2,000 for new thermostats, seconded by Keith. Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays**
6. confirmed that she will open and close the Community Center on May 3rd, Voting Day

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Parks

Ken reporting:

1. confirmed that he is planning to have “in-person” sales of the keys, stickers and passes on Saturday, May 14th from 1:00 - 4:00 PM at the Community Center
2. confirmed that the Beach will open Memorial Day Weekend and that he is now accepting applications until May 7th for Beach Attendants who must be at least 15 years of age or older and that applications are available on the Village Website and on FaceBook
3. reported that he is looking at a lot of projects this year including boat ramp locks, new benches, more sand for the beach, park improvements, semi-permanent structures on the beach for the Attendants, etc.
4. **Ken made a motion to encumber \$22,500 from the Endowment Fund for Park Projects, Beach Improvements and Shed Painting, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays**
5. reported that the trees in the area of the new proposed Dog Park will be taken down within the next few weeks – Mark Reuter asked about keeping some of the trees, Ken suggested that Mark tie a ribbon to those trees to be removed – Mayor Dodaro raised some concerns about putting the Dog Park on Briarwood Blvd. and suggested considering it for the open area near the Community Center – Barb suggested a possible Shelter in this area and perhaps even dedicating it as a Veterans Memorial
6. Mayor Dodaro stated that the Tennis Court upgrades are on schedule and that John Sandora is handling this and hoping for an Early May start date
7. Confirmed that he has people in mind to paint the sheds but has no other details at this time other than he wants to do this work in the Spring

Streets

Keith reporting:

1. confirmed that the asphalt plants are not yet operational thus we cannot yet begin any pot-hole repairs
2. stated that he would like to encumber another \$35,000 for boat ramp repairs and a pedestrian sidewalk – Gary reminded him that he encumbered \$35,000 last month and although the monies are there, if he proceeds this will lower his reserves in the Road & Bridge Fund – Gary asked about the intended use of these funds – Keith will do some more work on this and get back to Council next month

Legal

Allan reporting:

1. confirmed that he has no new cases
2. confirmed that there is a 6 mil Operating Levy expiring this year and if Council wants to renew or change the Levy to place it on the November Ballot, this will require legislation that we will need to pass in June and July or the Village has two months in 2023 to put it on a special ballot in May and/or November of 2023 – no decision was made on when to proceed with the legislation

Finance

Gary reporting:

1. confirmed that this past Saturday he distributed the March 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 March Bank**

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Reconciliation Report as distributed and authorizing Council to sign the report – Barb made a motion to so move, and it was seconded by Ken. Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays

2. confirmed that this past Saturday he distributed the March Appropriations Report to Council through the end of March, 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 the end of March signifying Council’s review and agreement with the expenditures, Barb made a motion to so move, and that it was seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays**
3. confirmed that tonight he delivered to Council the 2023 Budget worksheets and the proposed budget and that he needs Council’s input insofar as any recommended changes by May 31st - he offered to meet with anyone at any time should assistance be needed – he asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered
4. confirmed that the 2020 – 2021 Audit continues and since last month’s meeting several questions were asked along with requests for data – all questions were answered and all data was submitted - he asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered
5. reminded Council that ARPA monies have become more relaxed for usage by our Village under the heading of “standard allowance uses of funds for General Government Services” – he stated that he is going to classify all ARPA funds as “standard allowance” and there will not be any negative impact to the Village by so doing – he also confirmed that the first report to Treasury is due by April 30th - he asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered
6. reminded Council that we have \$5,111 in NOPEC Grant monies to use for energy conservation or other related projects and that we must return \$2,020 if not used this year – he asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered
7. reported that this month he will make the transfer of funds from the Primary Checking Account into the Star Ohio account as approved at last month’s meeting
8. confirmed to Ken that he owes Amber an updated Spreadsheet to account for monies collected for beach passes and boat stickers
9. confirmed that the PEP Grant that he applied for, for use in training CPR and First Aid for the Beach Attendants has been approved and funds will be arriving shortly
10. reported that as of March 31, 2022, the balance in the primary checking account is \$288,127.98, the Money Market has a balance of \$250,081.47 and \$118,208.65 in the Star Ohio account for a total of \$656,418.10 – he asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered

Old Business

None reported.

Public Participation

1. Greg asked about the old Shuffleboard Court near the Tennis Court and if it could be repaired or a new one installed elsewhere – Ken stated that he will look into this
2. Kelly reported that 3 residents are viewing tonight’s meeting remotely and she also reported that the Lafayette Township Fire Department’s annual pancake breakfast was outstanding and the last one will be on April 24th (not being offered on Easter) from 8:30 to 1:00 PM
3. Bill issued concerns about cars without license plates in his area – Mayor Dodaro stated that she will pass this along to Jim

New Business

1. Barb asked if monies are available to build a Shelter and install benches – Gary confirmed yes including monies from the Endowment Fund

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There being no further business Keith motioned to adjourn at 8:20 PM, seconded by Tamitha.

Mayor Joanne Dodaro

Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris