

**VILLAGE OF CHIPPEWA LAKE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – MAY 9, 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, Lowell (Bud) Hardesty, Alan Robbins, Tamitha Sorgi, Keith Riedel, Allan Michelson – Solicitor, Jim Brandenburg – Zoning Inspector, Gary Harris – Fiscal Officer; visitors Mark & Lisa Krosse, Mark Reuter, Kelly Schmetzer, Leslie Burns, Ed Nagy, Bill Glasenapp, Pamela & Dennis Mohn, Alison & Andy Weimer, Joseph Leto, Chief Winkler, Sheriff Grice and Deputy Harhay

Mayor Dodaro announced that Ken is out of town. Mayor Dodaro thanked Lisa, Save the Lake and Medina County Soil and Water for the rain barrels and classes – she also thanked Bud and Barb for their assistance on Voting Day as well as all of the Poll Workers.

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

**Alan made the motion to accept the April Minutes, and it was seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays.**

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read the May 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 \$3,105.80 for the April Sheriff Patrol Hours and benefits

**Alan made a motion to approve the revised May Bill's for payment in the amount of \$16,220.76 seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**

Council Reports:

Safety

Alan reporting:

1. read the Sheriff's Monthly Reports, they worked 84.5 hours in April versus 80 hours scheduled, in May they are scheduled to go to 100 hours and for June – September they are scheduled to go to 120 hours per month; reported that one resident contacted him about an underage golf-cart driver which Alan confirmed is subject to a violation – he asked that anyone witnessing such an incident should let him know and he will speak with the parents, which counts as a warning, and the next incident the family will be issued a traffic citation; Deputy Harhay reported that there is one theft/burglary under investigation
2. introduced Sheriff Grice and invited him to address Council and our guests; Sheriff Grice reported that they are down to 13 dispatchers from 14 and announced a new three year contract for dispatching services that will cost the Village, \$1,698 per year with no change in costs during this contract period – Sheriff Grice then distributed and read the reports he presented to Council dealing with a 2012 vs. 2021 Comparison Report on Calls for Service, 911 calls, Warrants, Protection Orders and Administrative Calls all showing growth each year in each category and Dispatching Cost Sharing for all communities served - Mayor Dodaro asked if Sheriff Grice could assist the Village in getting the weather alert siren to work properly, Alan confirmed that the siren works but it is not receiving the signal that was not an issue when the signal originated in Hinkley but is an issue since it is now sending out the signal from the Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Grice stated that he was not aware of this but will look into it for the Village – Sheriff Grice also distributed the Dispatching Agreement for approval

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3. **Alan made a motion to approve the Sheriff Dispatch Agreement, seconded by Bud. Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays**
4. asked Chief Winkler to present his report – confirmed receiving \$57,500 in awarded Grant monies for communication systems, radios and repeaters – hydrant flushing will be taking place over the next few weeks and will alert the Village on all hydrant flushing’s – Mayor Dodaro brought up “brown water” issues after the most recent usage by the Fire Department for trainee testing with the “Pumper” vehicle – Chief Winkler attributed this to low water pressure and stated that his department will stop doing this training in the Village – announced that Fire District Meetings will be taking place the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday’s of each month at 7:00 PM – Bill reported that the locks on the gates at the boat ramp is still an issue, the Chief thought this had been resolved and will look into it once again – Barb asked about the burnt down house on Lake Road – the Chief confirmed that he spoke with the owner in April and they only took down a few trees and he will follow-up with the owner once again – the Chief thanked all of those who came out and supported the Pancake Breakfast and Car Wash activities

Zoning

Bud reporting:

1. Jim read the Zoning Report for May – Allan reported that he will look into the issues at 353 Briarwood – Jim reported that he and Allan will be contacting the owner of 57 Bungalow Bay – Keith asked why the Village doesn’t invoke daily fines on residents who don’t respond to the violations, Allan stated that we do take these cases to court instead of daily fines – Keith voiced concern about how long it takes to clear these matters which are compounded when an owner passes away – Allan introduced Joe Leto the new owner of 523 Lee Lore Drive who reported that he is in the process of evicting the current residents and then he will begin clean-up of the residence and property

Community Relations

Tamitha reporting:

1. reported that the Field Day event has been moved out to July as she is hoping for better weather
2. reported that the Newsletter is at the Printers and thanked everyone for submitting their articles to her and she hopes to distribute the Newsletters this Wednesday
3. reported that she has no update available on the speaker system
4. Mark Krosse reported that he had no news on Save the Lake and Mayor Dodaro stated that they do have a meeting this Wednesday

Buildings & Utilities

Barbara reporting:

1. confirmed that she is still working with a sodium vapor light replacement issue, on the issue related to “too much light” from a LED and what options might be available to better control this issue, First Energy has no solution
2. the Backflow Test has been completed and the contractor had no option to quiet the noise level of the HVAC fan
3. she is working with Mars Electric to check on changing over the Community Center interior lights over to LED’s
4. confirmed that Columbia Gas only offers the replacement thermostats for residents only and she is checking to see if she can purchase them and she will then install – she is waiting to hear back

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5. reported that she replaced the flag at the Tennis Court but is now going to purchase a larger flag
6. confirmed that she is in the process of obtain free prints on installing a Pavilion and that Grant money is available through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources with a Matching Fund requirement – Mark Reuter told her to not copy the prints if they contain an “engineering stamp” – Allan reported that we have Waivers for anyone who wants to volunteer to work on the Pavilion
7. confirmed that the gutters have been cleaned out
8. Mayor Dodaro reported that Barb and Mark Krosse’s picture appear in a recent NOPEC publication based on the Village winning the Grant last year

Parks

Bud reporting:

1. read the two pages of notes from the Park Special Meeting that was held on April 28<sup>th</sup> – a copy of the notes will be made a part of these Minutes
2. Mark Reuter asked once again that the large tree on Briarwood not be cut down as part of the 12 trees being removed on this street where the dog park was going to be located
3. in the notes from Ken, he addressed the need to adjust wages for all Beach Attendants and the Supervisor – **Bud made a motion to adjust the rates of pay for Beach Attendants up to \$10.30 per hour, for Senior Beach Attendants up to \$11.30 per hour and for the Beach Attendant Supervisor up to \$12.30 per hour, seconded by Alan. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
4. in the notes from Ken, he stated that the Village agreed to accept the replacement tiles without the markings pre-painted for tennis and pickleball – Ed asked if this will result in a continuous “re-painting” of the markings and Bud responded no, due to the quality of the paint that they will use
5. no update on the dog-park was available
6. Mayor Dodaro asked Gary if he has the new Agreement for Mosquito spraying for 2022 and he responded that he did not – Allan confirmed that the cost per application is \$375 and Mayor Dodaro stated to start the service before Memorial Day – **Bud made a motion to approve the Agreement with Valley View Spray Service at a cost of \$375 per application, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**

Streets

Keith reporting:

1. **Keith made a motion to appropriate another \$35,000 for use in paving a walkway and paving the ramp leading from Bungalow Bay to the Beach parking lot, seconded by Barb. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
2. thanked Bill for his work on the sheds
3. confirmed that Most Paving is bidding pothole repairs
4. Tamitha asked about the structural integrity of the wall leading from Bungalow Bay to the Beach – Keith reported that about 5 years ago they reinforced the wall and it is in a safe condition

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 – confirmed that in 2013 the Village did a replacement levy and then a renewal levy in 2018 – stated that each mil costs each homeowner

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\$35 per \$100,000 in home value and generates \$17-18,000 in revenue for the Village – Council advised Allan to proceed to generate the legislation for voting at the June Council Meeting

3. Council asked Allan to advise them before voting next month what the potential revenue is if Council votes to pass either a renewal only or a renewal with a 1% increase

Finance

Gary reporting:

1. confirmed that this past Saturday he distributed the April 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 April Bank Reconciliation Report as distributed and authorizing Council to sign the report – Bud made a motion to so move, and it was seconded by Alan. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
2. confirmed that this past Saturday he distributed the April Appropriations Report to Council through the end of April, 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 April signifying Council’s review and agreement with the expenditures, Bud made a motion to so move, and that it was seconded by Keith. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
3. reminded Council that he delivered the 2023 Budget worksheets and the proposed budget at last month’s meeting and that he needs Council’s input insofar as any recommended changes by May 31<sup>st</sup> - he again 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 there was one question raised and he informed them where to locate the information in the files delivered to the Audit Team – Alan asked what was the question and Gary stated that it pertained to a change order for Phase 7 and the support documentation
5. confirmed that he did submit the report required by the U.S. Treasury on our ARPA monies reclassifying them as a “standard allowance” as indicated at last month’s meeting - 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 – Barb is to provide details on new thermostats for NOPEC project approval
7. reported that this month he did transfer \$75,000 from the Primary Checking Account into the Star Ohio account as approved at the March meeting
8. confirmed that the PEP Grant monies have been received and deposited for use in training CPR and First Aid for the Beach Attendants in the amount of \$1,000
9. reported that as of April 30, 2022, the balance in the primary checking account is \$223,290.95, the Money Market has a balance of \$250,091.40 and \$193,250.37 in the Star Ohio account for a total of \$666,632.72 – he asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered

Old Business

1. Bud led a discussion about the work needed on McCabe Creek and the consideration of hiring an engineering firm to evaluate what corrective measures are going to be required – after the discussion it was agreed that Gary will research and pull the old FEMA file for work previously done at this site between 2014 and 2015Mar

Public Participation

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1. Mark Reuter indicated that there is trash at the new building site, next to the Minute Mart, for the doctor moving into the Village – Jim will investigate – suggested that we use some of our funds to properly connect the TV to a power source versus the extension chord
2. Kelly asked why the second gate requires a key to enter – Mayor Dodaro stated that unauthorized cars would come in from a different direction and use our facilities
3. Lisa reported that the rain barrel class for water conservation worked out great with 18 participants, Mayor Dodaro’s barrel is installed, 1 barrel is yet available and she thanked Abby for her great work on this program
4. Dennis voiced concern about the siren not yet working – Mayor Dodaro said it has not worked for the last two years

New Business

1. Alan recommended that Barb include the Quote for the Community Center LED’s along with the thermostats for a possible NOPEC Grant usage of available funds – Gary confirmed that we need to obtain quotes as they need to be submitted with the Application for approval

**There being no further business Keith motioned to adjourn at 9:04 PM, seconded by Alan.**

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Mayor Joanne Dodaro

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Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris