

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

Mayor Joanne Dodaro called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

A roll call was taken with the following officials present: Barbara Hunter, Lowell (Bud) Hardesty, Tamitha Sorgi, Keith Riedel, Ken Demeter, 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, Pam & Bob Williams, Howard Wolff, Pam & Dennis Mohn, Jan Harmon, Daniel Gaudt, Paula Midlik and Deputy Harhay

Mayor Dodaro thanked the Ski Team and all of the other's who set-up and assisted with the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, Ski Show, Tamitha for the Fishing Derby, those who were involved in the Boat Race and Porch Concerts.

Mayor Dodaro asked the Ski Team if they wanted to address Council, Mr. Gaudt introduced himself as the new President of the Ski Team, and stated that this year they are looking to open more public communications with the Village and continue to improve rapport with all in the Village – he stated that attendance at this years Ski Show was very good and that they have received a lot of interest in their skiing and boat classes – Mayor Dodaro thanked Mr. Gaudt and Ms. Midlik for attending tonight's meeting, for the ski show and doing such a good job with the kids.

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

**Bud made the motion to accept the June Minutes, and it was seconded by Keith. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays.**

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read the July Bill's for Approval and asked if there were any other changes, questions or comments – none were offered

**Bud made a motion to approve the July Bill's for payment in the amount of \$32,242.76 seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**

Council Reports:

Safety

1. Deputy Harhay read the Sheriff's Monthly Reports, they worked 109.5 hours in June versus 120 hours scheduled, reported an incident at the Lake with two arrests for resisting arrest – reported that the hours in July may be short due to their SWAT Team being deployed to Akron – Barb asked about a biker hit by a car that ran the stop sign – Deputy Harhay confirmed that it was an accident with injuries – Mayor Dodaro stated that a lot of cars and bikes, as well, do not stop at the stop signs
2. Gary confirmed no report was received from Chief Winkler for the June Fire Department update
3. Mayor Dodaro reported train activity on the tracks north of town which may have been caused by the Street Car Museum event or reflects more train activity – concerns about response times due to possible train activity

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Zoning

Bud reporting:

1. introduced Matt Sorgi who is going to start to work with Jim as an Assistant Zoning Inspector – Mayor Dodaro asked if he has been given a copy of the Zoning Code Book – response, not yet
2. thanked Keith and Bill for helping Bud map out all of the catch basins in the Village
3. Jim read the Zoning Report for July – 9 Parkway Path, Allan confirmed that charges are filed and waiting on a court date – 353 Briarwood, Jim met with the realtor and lawn maintenance is underway, structural issues will be the responsibility of the new owner – 57 Bungalow Bay, Jim stated progress is being made, the rear deck has been removed – reported on the code infractions at 227 Rustic and 218 Shadow Shore
4. Bob reported on issues that exist at two homes at the intersection of Longacre and Lazywood, one has had only primer on the home since last year and the other has high bushes – Jim stated that the homeowner now has the paint but no firm completion date and the second residence has done some trimming – Jim will monitor these two residences

Community Relations

Tamitha reporting:

1. confirmed receipt of the sound system for Movie Nights and will post the next presentation moving them to Friday nights with Saturday nights as rain dates and starting a bit later to better view the movie with less sunlight
2. the Fishing Derby went well, there were 12 kids and many fish were caught
3. a Water Party will be scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup> with the Fire Department providing the water for the slip-and-slide, etc.
4. confirmed that the CPR training is not yet set and only 3 or 4 Beach Attendants want to participate which will open up 7-8 slots for any resident who would like to be trained for free
5. no progress to report on the lack of house numbers on homes in the Village – Mayor Dodaro reported seeing a notice about the Fire Department selling house numbers for \$15.00 ea. and how important they are since many of the volunteers are not Village residents and don't know the location of homes strictly by the owner's name
6. Pam reported that there will be a Pride Party on August 14<sup>th</sup> and they will have door prizes as well with notices going out announcing the event
7. the Ski-Team announced a corn-hole and bocce ball tournament fund raiser event to take place on July 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> a dinner and a show is also scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup> – they asked the community to reach out to them about other community activities and that they may do another learn-to-ski program
8. Mayor Dodaro asked about problems with the ropes bordering the swim areas in the Lake – it was reported that vandalism has been occurring with the ropes – Mayor Dodaro stated that the Village can supply new ropes as needed – Ken confirmed that Bill installed 5 new buoys today
9. Mayor Dodaro asked Mark if there is anything to report on Save-the-Lake – Mark stated that they have invested in some pilot equipment to reduce the sediment and that John will report on this when he next attends a Council Meeting – Mayor Dodaro asked if it could be used on Reese's Pond and was told the unit needs to be at least 1' above the muck-line

Buildings & Utilities

Barbara reporting:

1. reported that she replaced the worn flag at the Tennis Court with a new 6'x10' flag purchased from the American Legion

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2. confirmed ordering the interior LED lights for the Community Center as well as new Smart Thermostats and several of the LED's are on back-order – announced that Mr. Horning may help to install the lights
3. confirmed that she has cleaned out the gutters at the Community Center
4. thanked Keith and Bill for trimming the tree near the Community Center that now allows better camera coverage but now she cannot access the playback feature with the cameras
5. **Barb made a motion to appropriate up to \$2,000 to have a security company inspect the cameras and system, seconded by Keith. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
6. reported that the electrical outlets on the southwest pole at the Beach parking lot are not fully functional and made a **“motion to appropriate up to \$5,000 to fix the outlets, seconded by Keith. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays”** – Mayor Dodaro suggested she contact Mr. Horning to check this out for her

Parks

Ken reporting:

1. confirmed that Austin Fence has removed the new Tennis Court fence from the Workman's and transported the fence for installation to the Village – the Tennis Court will be closed while the new fencing and tiles, now being held by the supplier, are installed
2. **Ken made a motion to appropriate another \$840 from the endowment fund to cover the additional costs for installing the Tennis Court fencing, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
3. reported that the new Beach Supervisor, Kelsey Burns, is doing a great job, the beach area is very clean and she is working on the draft copy to revamp the Beach Rules and that she is also updating the Code of Conduct to try to eliminate Beach Attendants not showing up on time as reported at tonight's meeting
4. reported vandalism at the Beach port-a-jon which was taken care of by the Ski Team
5. reported that they may pressure spray the Jungle Jim, Barb suggested a new unit and Ken will investigate, Jim stated that perhaps Cross Pointe Church might volunteer to assist and to contact Annie Dean

Streets

Keith reporting:

1. **Keith made a motion to appropriate another \$15,318 for use in Street repairs to cover the additional costs quoted by Most Paving, seconded by Ken. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
2. reported that Most Paving will start the work in mid-August
3. reported that he is working with Columbia Gas to see if they will do the repair work in the tunnel that their gas line is installed where there is a sink-hole – Mayor Dodaro suggested that he contact Ben Cutler at Columbia Gas
4. confirmed that they are working on the MOU with Medina County for Phase 9 for the work to be done by the Sanitary Engineering Department in conjunction with the Village work – Gary reported that he submitted his comments pertaining to the Draft copy issued by Engineering Associates – Mayor Dodaro asked Keith if he will have the OPWC Application done in time to meet the September 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline and Keith confirmed “yes”

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Allan reporting:

1. confirmed that he has two cases on a Violation of a Protective Order with a court date to be set on August 8<sup>th</sup>
2. reported that at 9 Parkway Path a warrant will be issued if the owner fails to surrender himself at the court house

Finance

Gary reporting:

1. Allan asked Council which option do they want for the Current Expenses Levy discussed last month – several on Council voiced support for the additional 1 Mill due to rising costs – Ken indicated that the biggest complaint in the Village is about drainage – Allan stated that the additional 1 Mill will cost homeowners in the Village \$35/\$100,000 in home value per year, that it would start to be collected in 2023 and the Village would begin collecting the additional tax monies in 2024 and would be in effect for five years – a resident asked what about when the upcoming property reappraisals kick in – Allan said if the appraisals increase after the Levy has been passed, the tax is calculated on the old valuations of properties – Bud supported going with the increase to 7 Mills for projects like the “blocked” drainage lines along the wall and what work may have to be done to correct this issue - a resident asked Gary his opinion from the financial side – Gary responded that the Village has a very solid financial footing, that part of that reason is due to the endowment fund of over \$100,000 that is not a normal source of revenue and that with the continuation of filing Grants for infrastructure and the matching 11% which typically runs \$50,000+ per year coupled with the significant increase in construction costs that yes, he recommends proceeding with the 1 Mill increase – Allan stated that if it does not pass this November the Village has two more attempts next year and can lower the millage if it would help to get it passed
2. Allan confirmed that he has the Resolution for the 6 mil Operating Levy expiring this year – with a 1 mil increase if this is how Council wants to proceed
3. **Barb made a motion to proceed to read Resolution 500-22 with the 1 Mill increase, seconded by Ken. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
4. Allan did the first reading of Resolution 500-22, “a Resolution declaring it necessary to Levy a renewal of a tax with an increase in excess of the ten-mill limitation – ORC Section 5705.19(A) Current Expenses of the subdivision as an emergency”
5. **Bud made a motion to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of Resolution 500-22, seconded by Keith. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
6. **Bud made a motion to approve Resolution 500-22 as an emergency, seconded by Keith. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
7. confirmed that this past Saturday he distributed the June 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 June Bank Reconciliation Report as distributed and authorizing Council to sign the report – Bud made a motion to so move, and it was seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
8. confirmed that this past Saturday he distributed the June Appropriations Report to Council through the end of June, 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**

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**June signifying Council's review and agreement with the expenditures, Bud made a motion to so move, and that it was seconded by Barb. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**

9. confirmed that on Saturday he did distribute the end of June uncommitted fund balance for the Endowment Fund as well as the uncommitted fund balance for the Park portion of the Endowment Fund – he asked if there are any questions or comments – none were offered
10. reported that the Audit by the Bureau of Workers Compensation has been completed with one issue noted – for the first time in 10 years of reporting to the BWC, he was advised that elected officials are classified as “employees” and must be reported on the annual Tune-Up report – this results in elected officials being eligible for Workers Comp in the event of an injury while on official business – he reported that the Auditor felt that the impact of not including the elected officials is such a small impact to our premium payments that no action is intended and to properly report this on the next report cycle- – he asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered
11. confirmed that the second installment of ARPA funds are scheduled to be deposited by July 15<sup>th</sup>
12. reported that NOPEC has just recently revised the deadlines for spending grant monies – the Village now has until 11/30/2023 to spend \$3,569 and 11/30/2024 to spend the remaining \$1,542 – confirmed that today he did submit to NOPEC, for review and approval, the receipts totaling \$2,058.93 for the LED's and thermostats purchased by Barb, once approved monies will be released at some point in time in the future
13. confirmed that the 2020/2021 Audit Corrections have been addressed and should not resurface on any future Audits – the Record Request procedure was revised on June 16<sup>th</sup> and Record Retention Training will now become part of the annual Organizational Meeting
14. reported that as of the end of June, the balance in the primary checking account is \$182,052.44, the Money Market has a balance of \$250,112.64 and \$193,561.42 in the Star Ohio account for a total of \$625,726.50 – he asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered
15. Barb asked about adding motion sensors at the Community Center as well as more cameras and to see if NOPEC will approve these – Gary stated that he does not feel the cameras will be approved but that she should proceed to purchase the motion sensors based on the low price quoted for these units and that he will get back to her on the cameras

Old Business

None reported.

Public Participation

1. Howard reported that the Sailing Club Spirit of America program for kids 12-14 years old has 35 kids enrolled where they learned how to safely operate small power boats, paddle craft and sail boats with the goal of instilling the importance of respect for the water and safety measures
2. Leslie reported that the next Porch Concert would be held on August 18<sup>th</sup> at Ed Nagy's home and on the 27<sup>th</sup> at the Armbruster residence
3. Mark Krosse thanked Keith and Bill on repairs made to the catch basin
4. Pam announced a Quilt Raffle at \$10/ticket with only 150 tickets available and Jan is making the tickets for this event – Mayor Dodaro thanked Jan for her great work in video recording the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

New Business

1. Mayor Dodaro reported on the vandalism in the Village at the beach, Point Park, tennis court and the park next to the Community Center – Barb reported that she is meeting with Vector

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Security this Thursday to find out our options on additional cameras, locations, etc. – Ed suggested that she speak with Medina Fiber about a “hot spot” for these remote devices – Jan asked if all of these areas are monitored and Barb stated only the Community Center

2. Dennis asked about the siren and its continued failure to operate especially with some of the severe storms we now get – Mayor Dodaro asked Allan to write a letter to EMA about this situation as all other attempts, thus far, have not gone anywhere

**There being no further business Keith motioned to adjourn at 9:55 PM, seconded by Alan.**

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Mayor Joanne Dodaro

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Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris