

**VILLAGE OF CHIPPEWA LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

Mayor Joanne Dodaro called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

A roll call was taken with the following officials present: Alan Robbins, Barbara Hunter, Lowell (Bud) Hardesty, Tamitha Sorgi, Keith Riedel, Ken Demeter, Allan Michelson – Solicitor, Jim Brandenburg – Zoning Inspector, Matt Sorgi – Assistant Zoning Inspector, Gary Harris – Fiscal Officer; visitors Mark Reuter, Lisa Krosse, Howard Wolff, Eric Neiger, Pam and Bob Williams and Chief Winkler

Mayor Dodaro thanked the voters for passing the Tax Levy and felt that this was also an indication that our residents feel that their local government is doing the job that needs to be done she also thanked the Sheriff and Fire Departments for being present on Halloween and offering their support

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

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

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read the November Bill's for Approval and asked if there were any other changes, questions or comments – Gary stated that at 4:45 this afternoon he sent Council an updated listing of Bill's for Approval totaling \$14,733.84

Ken made a motion to approve the updated November Bill's for payment in the amount of \$14,733.84 seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

Council Reports:

Safety

Alan Reporting:

1. read the Sheriff's Monthly Reports, they worked 91.5 hours in October versus 100 hours scheduled – reported that Deputy Harhay has been dispatched and will not be here tonight – on the Activity Report he reported an increase in activity by the Sheriff Department, Mayor Dodaro stated that it may be due to increased vacation watches
2. Chief Winkler read his report that included 60 total calls in October, 7 of which were for the Village – reported that for the year the total calls is at 599 and they are on pace with last year's high number of calls – confirmed that the Santa Visit will take place on December 17th and they are planning the details now with a link on Facebook containing details – Tamitha confirmed that this is the same day the Village will have its Village wide Christmas Party and Mayor Dodaro stated that this is also the same day that the Lions Club will be distributing food baskets
3. Mayor Dodaro reported on a leaf burning incident that got out of control during recent high winds and neighbors reacted immediately by putting the fire out using garden hoses and averted a disaster – Chief Winkler stated that if we have it in our Zoning Rules, it is indeed illegal to burn from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM in November and the Fire Department rarely issues a citation, unless it is a repeat offender, and they usually have a discussion with the homeowner first, the Chief also stated that on that particular day they were on a service call for grass fires which

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delayed their ability to respond more quickly – Alan stated that he and his committee will do a better job informing our residents on the burn restrictions within the Village

4. Alan introduced Christopher Livingston who made a power point presentation on siren options stating that going forward there will probably be reoccurring charges related to a functioning siren as well as the need for cooperation by the Sheriff's Department related to activation signals from the main transmission tower – a discussion took place reviewing the various units being considered, the costs for each as well as area coverage and the technical aspects of all units – Alan indicated that he has reached out to other communities that would benefit from a unit installed within the range of a new siren to issue warnings to their residents and he asked them about the idea of possible cost sharing options which, as he reported, was not as encouraging of a response as hoped for – Mayor Dodaro asked about the abandoned siren at Lions Park, Chris' concerns are that the unit has not run since 2013 as well as damage that may have been caused by a direct lightning strike and he recommended serious consideration of the FS-508 unit going forward – Alan asked Chris to research available Grants while thanking him for his efforts and progress and confirmed that as we draw nearer to a decision, involving the Sheriff's Office will no doubt be necessary

Zoning

Bud reporting:

1. Jim read the Zoning Report for November – 9 Parkway Path - Allan confirmed recent contact with the owner who, after discussion with Allan, appeared in Court and plead guilty and paid the Bond, fines and court costs – Allan asked Jim to obtain the report from Brad Winter, who is with Medina County, on what was viewed during his inspection/visits to the premises, Jim said the interior of the home is bad, there is a collapsed ceiling and black mold is present which Allan stated makes it a condemned property but an official inspection by the County is needed before any action can be taken – Allan said he will check the status the end of this week with the Owner and asked that Jim report any activity at the residence to him when noticed – Allan stated that he does not see a need to cite the Owner at this point in time
2. Allan confirmed that charges have been filed for 227 Rustic Rook and 484 Shorefield
3. Bud reported on an issue that has developed adjacent to the Boat Ramp – a resident took it upon himself to build a memorial for the young man who lost his life this summer in the lake and proceeded to build a stone wall and patio and also installed surf boards and a bench – per the deed restrictions this work is not allowed and the family of the young man prefers that this memorial be removed – Bud stated that the resident who built the memorial had the best of intentions but deed restrictions are either enforced or not – a discussion took place and Council confirmed that we do have benches at other areas around the lake and it was reported that the family would be OK with the bench and patio – **Bud made a motion to have the wall, surfboards and flagpole removed, seconded by Keith. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
4. Mayor Dodaro raised an issue about a floating dock still in the water near the lake front – Bud will call the party involved to get the dock removed

Community Relations

Tamitha reporting:

1. reported that the 2nd CPR training is scheduled to take place on Saturday, December 10th starting at 10:00 AM for anyone interested in attending and the notice is on Claire's List – Tamitha asked Gary that if enough people do not sign up for this session, can we have the Fire Department

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- issue an invoice for a future class in the new year and prepay any remaining funds to meet the 2022 spending requirement – Gary stated that he will have to get back to Tamitha on this
2. some of those who took the CPR training reported not yet receiving their Certificates, Tamitha will look into this
 3. confirmed Breakfast with Santa taking place on December 17th sometime between 10-10:30 and this also will appear on Clair's List
 4. confirmed contacting Medina Fiber for an update on the installation that was targeted to have taken place in November but they appear to be behind schedule – a resident asked if this will compete with Spectrum and the answer was "yes"

Buildings & Utilities

Barbara reporting:

1. thanked Bud, Kelly, Linda Ryder and all of the Poll Workers for the smooth process of getting set-up and functioning on November 8th, Election Day
2. thanked Mark Krosse for resolving Tariff issues and getting agreement from Ohio Edison to replace the street lights at Point Park with two each 50W LED's near the Boceball Court and two each 30W on the road and one in mid-field near Cottage Cove and a sixth 30W LED at Beachside and Cottage Cove – the Village will have to pay for new mast arms – Tamitha asked if an on/off switch can be installed for movie nights and Barb was not very optimistic about this being able to happen but offered to check into it and if this cannot be done, Barb will ask that the existing light be removed
3. confirmed that Ohio Edison will replace two recently installed LED's that are not working and reported that she has a key to allow Ohio Edison access to the boat ramp area when they need to service that area
4. Ohio Edison reported that there is an unmetered power outlet on a pole near the beach, Barb will ask Ohio Edison to install a meter on that pole which, Ohio Edison says is not their pole – Howard offered to furnish the Village a pole if needed
5. confirmed installing a lock on the "Breaker Box" at the Beach as vandals had been causing some issues there
6. thanked Bill for reporting some siding coming off at the Community Center which has now been repaired
7. confirmed that she has purchased three ARLO Tennis Court cameras with solar panels that will be tied into Tom Melter's WIFI for a wireless connection – it will not require a DVR but may have a monthly fee up to \$10 involved
8. confirmed that she purchased an iPad for use in monitoring the Community Center, the cameras, the thermostats and the newly purchased smoke detectors – Bud asked for the App that allows officials to monitor these same systems
9. reported that the fire extinguishers at the Community Center need to be recharged and she will be taking care of that as well
10. Keith asked about getting signs at the Tennis Court announcing monitoring of the court, Barb asked Keith to provide the language for the signs to her

Parks

Ken reporting:

1. the repair work on the train at Bungalow Bay Park is completed and the train at Point Park still needs some work
2. thanked Jarrod Kompier, Matt Sorgi as well as Brent Thomas and Al Safko for removing the Village dock from the lake

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3. Allan confirmed that he has updated the rules for the signs to be located at the Tennis Court that will include “rules” and recognition of the Auble’s in the Tennis Court improvements and that he has an Ordinance to revise our Zoning Book accordingly
4. Allan did the first reading of Ordinance 877-22, “an Ordinance revising and updating rules for use of the Village Tennis Courts, Basketball Courts, Walkway Ramp from Bungalow Bay Boulevard to the Lake access adjacent to Beachside Boulevard in the Village, and declaring the same an emergency”
5. **Bud made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 877-22, seconded by Keith. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
6. **Bud made a motion to adopt Ordinance 877-22 as an emergency, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
7. reported that he has a quote for a split rail fence at Briarwood Park for \$5,460 – Mayor Dodaro asked that this amount be set-aside from the Endowment fund for this use

Streets

Keith reporting:

1. reported that the Phase 9 Engineering Design work is done and he thanked all of the residents for passing the Levy which can also be used for roads and other needs of the Village
2. reported that road work for the year is finished and commented on the good work done on Briarwood – he also thanked Matt for his work and assistance with getting the posts installed on the walkway ramp
3. Bud reported that the survey and engineering analysis work on McCabe Creek is completed and that he and Keith will be meeting with Cunningham & Associates this Wednesday to obtain the recommendations from the engineering firm – reported that this work may qualify for a Nationwide Permit that our limited scope of work for this project appears to meet the criteria and Bud will be sending details on this Permit to those on Council – Mark Reuter requested a copy and Mayor Dodaro confirmed that Mark will receive a copy at the appropriate time

Legal

Allan reporting:

1. confirmed that he has two cases, one is the 9 Parkway Path discussed earlier tonight and the second is the Disorderly Conduct reported at last month’s meeting where the accused pleaded guilty and was fined \$395
2. asked Council their position on managing tree plantings, etc. within the Village requiring permits – Council asked Allan to send out details on such programs from the other Villages that he represents and Allan agreed to do so
3. Bud suggested to Council that we begin to plan for next year to put a program together to maintain the properties owned by the Village – Council voiced agreement

Finance

Gary reporting:

1. confirmed that he distributed the October 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 October Bank 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: 6 ayes, 0 nays**

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2. confirmed that he distributed the October Appropriations Report to Council through the end of September, he asked if there were any questions –none were offered– he asked for **a motion approving Council to sign-off on the Appropriations Report through the end of October signifying Council’s review and agreement with the expenditures, Alan made a motion to so move, and that it was seconded by Barb. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
3. confirmed that tonight he did distribute the end of October uncommitted fund balance for the Endowment Fund as well as the uncommitted fund balance for the Park portion of the Endowment Fund which remained unchanged from last month’s report – he asked if there are any questions or comments – none were offered
4. confirmed that he did contact NOPEC asking for clarification on “remaining in good standing” and the response was so long as the Village remains in at least one of the two Aggregate programs we will meet the criteria - he asked if there were any questions –none were offered
5. reported that this past Saturday he provided Council with 2023 Budget documents for them to review the Appropriations and determine if they need any additional monies for any planned programs or activities and that he needs their input at the December Council meeting – he offered to meet individually or with a group for anyone wanting to review the current budget and discuss possible increases in spending for 2023 - he asked if there are any questions or comments – none were offered
6. asked Allan to do the first reading on Ordinance 876-22 that allows us to purchase road salt from Medina County
7. Allan did the first reading of Ordinance 876-22, “an Ordinance approving an agreement with the Medina County Commissioners for purchase of road and building materials in 2023 and declaring this an emergency”
8. **Keith made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 876-22, seconded by Barb. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
9. **Bud made a motion to approve Ordinance 876-22 as an emergency, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
10. asked Council if they have decided to offer a donation to the Medina County SPCA per the October 22nd email sent to everyone wherein SPCA reported estimated costs of \$3,000 for the 11 animals they took in from our jurisdiction – **Barb made a motion to donate \$250 to the SPCA, seconded by Ken. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
11. reported that as of the end of October, the balance in the primary checking account was \$164,920.63, in the Money Market account \$250,385.13 and \$99,809.06 in the Star Ohio account for a total of \$515,114.82 - he asked if there were any questions –none were offered

Old Business

None reported.

Public Participation

1. Bob asked if the water to the fountain and the spicket have been turned off for the season – Bud responded that “yes they are off”
2. Lisa asked if there are any updates for the website and thanked Barb for coming in early and late on Voting day to open and close the Community Center

New Business

1. Alan announced that he will be attending the NOPEC Meeting on November 15th

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2. Mayor Dodaro asked Gary to clarify the reported closing of NOPEC between December and mid-January and the inability to draw grant monies, asking if all of NOPEC is closing down or just the Grant side of NOPEC
3. Alan reported that the Lions Club has requested beach and road access on February 4, 2023 for the Annual Polar Bear event – he also reported that now they have setup two backup dates in the event that the weather is not good on February 4th, those other dates in February are the 18th and 25th and he also confirmed that the Fire Department will be there for emergency response if needed
4. **Alan made a motion to authorize the use of Village roadways and beach area for the Annual Polar Bear event, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
5. Alan reported a missing “Scarecrow” and provided a photo and asked everyone to be on the lookout for this one and all other missing “Scarecrow’s”
6. Mayor Dodaro reported that Rumpke is offering invitations to attend a luncheon at Cloverleaf High School on December 4th from noon until 6:00 PM and to let her know if anyone would like an invitation
7. Barb asked Jim if he cleaned the gutters at the Community Center and he responded “no”, Barb said that she would do so

There being no further business Barb motioned to adjourn at 9:31 PM, seconded by Ken.

Mayor Joanne Dodaro

Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris