

**VILLAGE OF CHIPPEWA LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 10, 2022**

Mayor Joanne Dodaro called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, Kelly Schmetzer, Leslie Burns, Ed Nagy, Bill Glasenapp, Alison & Andy Weimer, Gary Groetz, Jose Delgado (NOPEC), Jon Williman, Nardee Passonante, Margaret Glenn, Lisa and Mark Krosse, Howard Wolff and Vincent Pribish

Mayor Dodaro thanked Tamitha, Matt and Ken for the Fall Party and they raised \$2,025.50 and donated it to the Parks.

Alan introduced Jose Delgado from NOPEC who would like to address Council and the residents – Jose reviewed the history of NOPEC and its goal to lower electric costs for its customers, he reviewed the volatility of 2022 for the electric market and how, as a result, NOPEC’s prices are higher than Ohio Edison and NOPEC has advised PUCO that they are migrating their customers over to Ohio Edison with NOPEC’s intent to return in 2023 provided the costs for electricity become more stable – he confirmed that a letter will be issued by NOPEC to re-join NOPEC and customers can elect to join at any time, not just when they receive the letter – several questions were raised by those in attendance and Mayor Dodaro confirmed with Jose that this does not impact those signed up for natural gas with NOPEC - Jose agreed to return in May or June of 2023 to update Village Officials and residents – Mayor Dodaro and Alan thanked Jose for attending tonight’s meeting

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read and agreed with the September Regular Meeting Minutes and asked if there were any corrections, questions or comments –none were offered – Mayor Dodaro noted two changes to the last names of two who attended last month’s meeting – Gary stated that he will make the corrections

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

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

Alan made a motion to approve the October Bill’s for payment in the amount of \$144,863.72 seconded by Bud. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

Council Reports:

Safety

Alan Reporting:

1. read the Sheriff’s Monthly Reports, they worked 101 hours in September versus 120 hours scheduled due to one of the Deputies taking bereavement time off – reported that hours will drop back to 100 per month for the balance of this year

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2. read Chief Winkler's report with 44 total calls in September, 7 of which were for the Village – reported that they participated in the CPR Training offered by the Village for those who signed up for the class – reported that the Fire Department had a nice Night-at-the-Races – Mayor Dodaro asked him to notify the Fire Department that Chippewa Lake will be celebrating Halloween on October 31st from 6-7:30 PM – Alan said he would alert both the Fire Department and Sheriff's Department – Mayor Dodaro asked Mark Reuter to also post the notice on Facebook
3. Alan introduced Christopher Livingston who is a sophomore at the University of Akron who in two weeks has made more progress than four years working with certain officials – Christopher presented a document listing his findings and options ranging from use of the old siren with a range of 2,200' to new units with ranges anywhere from 6,500' to 7,300' and turnkey costs for the new units ranging from \$33,300 up to \$35,300 – in all cases the Village would need to provide the pole for mounting the unit as well as electrical power – one of the facts that is impacting the effectiveness of any of the units is Chippewa Lake being in a valley thus impacting signal reception - a discussion took place on each option offered and how out of 48 sirens in the County, Chippewa Lake has the only non-functioning unit – Mayor Dodaro thanked Christopher for his work thus far and the progress that he has made

Zoning

Bud reporting:

1. Jim read the Zoning Report for September – 9 Parkway Path and suggested that the property be condemned - Allan confirmed no recent contact with the owner, that there is a warrant out for his arrest along with a \$5,000 bond and in order to get the property condemned, we will need an inspection by the County paid for by the Village – a discussion took place on the overall condition and issues with the residence and property and how best to proceed – **Bud made a motion to proceed with condemning the residence, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays** – Alan stated that he will contact Captain Ross in the Sheriff's Department to set—up a meeting to go onto the property and through the house
2. Jim continued to report on 227 Rustic Rook and 484 Shorefield - Allan reported that charges are ready to be filed and that he will do so
3. Jim reported that we have a Variance Hearing for 242Clover Cliff Drive for a continuation of a non-compliant property now asking for a 1 foot set-back variance on one side of the property – Allan called the meeting to order and swore in the contractor, Gary Groetz, representing the owner who could not attend tonight's meeting – Jim confirmed that he sent notices to the neighbors about this hearing and Jim reported that he had spoken with Pam and Bob Williams who are neighbors and they had no objections, neighbor Margaret Glenn also had no objection as all they are doing is changing the "look" of the property - Allan read the seven factors required to be met for a Variance and he asked for a Roll-Call vote: Bud – aye, Alan – aye, Barb – aye, Tamitha – aye, Keith – aye, Ken – aye; Allan announced that the Variance has passed and that Jim will issue the appropriate letter to the homeowner and announced that the hearing is adjourned
4. Bill asked about the Pribish house and its Zoning violations – Vincent Pribish was present and challenged Bill and Council on the claims made against his property - a discussion took place reviewing the Code and the violations – Allan stated that the Pribish property will be charged if Zoning violations exist and stated that if Jim and Vincent worked together to resolve any Zoning violations there will be no issues

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Community Relations

Tamitha reporting:

1. Reported that she sent out emails to all of those who helped with Fall Fest and thanked all of those who attended
2. reported that the CPR training did take place on Friday with eight attendees out of the eleven who signed up to attend – the invoice will be sent to Gary once she receives it – Alan reported that the Fire Department Paramedics conducted the class and they included infant and child CPR – Tamitha plans on scheduling another CPR class in December and stated that she can afford to have up to six people attend and be within the budget allowance of \$1,000 – Mayor Dodaro advised her to proceed to set this up
3. Mayor Dodaro asked Mark Krosse if he had anything to report on Save-the-Lake and he said “no” – Mayor Dodaro announced that they do have a meeting scheduled for this coming Wednesday

Buildings & Utilities

Barbara reporting:

1. confirmed that she is setting up Joanne, Bud and Alan for being able to adjust the new thermostats and she can set-up others if they have a g-mail address
2. reported that she has spoken with Astro Computer and will be meeting with Vector Security about additional surveillance cameras in the Village and she also reported that both companies told her to avoid a Wi-Fi connection – she stated that there will be monthly charges involved no matter where we locate the cameras and if we install anything at Point Park the Village will also need to install a new pole – more information to follow
3. **Barb made a motion to encumber \$1,500 to do the work with either security camera company, seconded by Ken. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
4. Bud suggested smoke and CO2 detectors be installed at the Community Center – Alan offered to contact Chief Winkler for input
5. **Barb made a motion to encumber \$500 for the purchase of an I-Pad, seconded by Bud. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays** – Alan recommended contacting him since he is set-up at Best Buy to purchase items for the Village with tax exemption status
6. reported one light out front of the Community Center is flickering and may need a new photocell

Parks

Ken reporting:

1. the train at Bungalow Bay Park is half painted and the swing will be replaced/repared and the train at Point Park needs repair as well
2. confirmed that the signs have been ordered for the Tennis Court that will include “rules” and recognition of the Auble’s in the Tennis Court improvements – Allan asked if the “rules” signs agree with what is in the Zoning Book – Ken will check on this
3. confirmed that Valley View finished spraying for mosquitos in September
4. reported that he is still working on improvements for Briarwood Park
5. asked about a tree on Clovercliff located near 111 and 113, Jim stated that it may on both private property as well as in the right-of-way and that AJ Tree Service will be looking at it tomorrow, Barb brought up a tree concern on Garmin as well as on Beachside

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6. Gary asked Ken for a budget amount for this work as we are approaching the end of the year and we need to make certain that enough monies have been appropriated – Ken confirmed the need to do this – Bud asked about trees that have been taken down and yet need to come down – Gary said as of today, no invoices have been received for any of the tree work completed this year and the contractor needs to get this work invoiced – Bud said he will go to work on this

Streets

Keith reporting:

1. reported that the Phase 9 Engineering Design work is done and Phase 10 is next – Gary reported that we should be notified if Chippewa Lake is selected by the County and then by District before the end of this year
2. reported that he is getting quotes on a rotating storm sewer cleaning service program
3. recommended that we install a “surveillance” sign at the Tennis Court

Legal

Allan reporting:

1. confirmed that he has two cases, one is for 9 Parkway Path where an arrest warrant has been issued and the second is a Disorderly Conduct sentencing that has an October 11th court date
2. confirmed that the building considerations at Point Park, discussed at the September Council meeting, are not permitted due to deed restrictions – a discussion took place on the reasons why not and what might be able to be considered for this location
3. reported that Golf Carts are OK to drive on Lake and Chippewa Lake roads if they remain in the Chippewa right-of-way – Allan suggested going to Lafayette Township to see if they would allow golf carts on their right-of-way streets/roads

Finance

Gary reporting:

1. confirmed that he distributed the September 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 September 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 he distributed the September 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 September signifying Council’s review and agreement with the expenditures, Alan made a motion to so move, and that it was seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
3. confirmed that on Saturday he did distribute a revision to the end of September 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
4. confirmed that he did contact NOPEC about our previously awarded Grant monies and their availability in lieu of the changes that NOPEC is now undergoing, on October 3rd he was advised that the funds will remain available for use so long as the Village remains in good standing – Gary is now asking for clarification on “remaining in good standing” - he asked if there were any questions –none were offered

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5. asked Allan to do the first reading on Resolution 502-22 that allows us to collect all property and tax levy monies
6. Allan did the first reading of Resolution 502-22, “a Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor and declaring this an emergency”
7. **Bud made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Resolution 502-22, seconded by Alan. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
8. **Bud made a motion to approve Resolution 502-22 as an emergency, seconded by Barb. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
9. reported that as of the end of September, the balance in the primary checking account was \$75,345.41, in the Money Market account \$250,304.55 and \$194,613.59 in the Star Ohio account for a total of \$520,263.55 - he asked if there were any questions –none were offered
10. he asked Council for **a motion allowing the Fiscal Officer to transfer \$95,000 from the Star Ohio account into our Primary Checking Account needed to replenish the \$84,000 paid out on the Endowment Fund projects from the General Fund monies, Bud made a motion to so move, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
11. Alan asked why Gary asks for approval to transfer funds, Gary stated that he was advised to do so by Council – Alan asked to get a copy of that requirement issued by Council

Old Business

None reported.

Public Participation

1. Kelly asked if driving her golf cart from her home to the Post Office is legal – Allan reported that it is not legal since she drives on Township right-of-way
2. Leslie reported that a post on the southeast side of the Tennis Court parking lot is down on the ground
3. Mark Reuter asked about progress on the engineering for McCabe Creek – Bud reported that he has not heard from them yet
4. Lisa asked why bikes are not permitted on the walkway that was just paved – Mayor Dodaro reported that kids were doing that and came down at high speeds with the possibility of injury
5. Mark Krosse asked Gary if he is investing in higher yielding CD’s now that interest rates are increasing – Gary asked Mark if he received the limitations on investing public monies that he sent to him a few months ago – Mark reported that his sister who is a Fiscal Officer in another community is doing so – Gary asked that Mark send him the contact information
6. Andy asked why Gary moved monies out of the Star Ohio account with its higher interest rate rather than from the CD, Gary reported that he had moved the Endowment monies into the Star Ohio account months ago and now that money was mostly spent and needed to replenish the General Fund

New Business

1. Mayor Dodaro asked about signing a new letter that she received from NOPEC asking that she sign a letter stating that the Village is pleased with NOPEC and supports NOPEC so they can use this in their negotiations with the PUCO – **Alan made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign, seconded by Keith. Vote: 2 yea, 4 nays**
2. Alan commented about the trees and bench placed near his trees – Allan stated that any plantings on Village properties requires Council approval and mentioned the Tree Manual that

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was issued by West Salem - Alan, Bud and Mark Reuter asked that Allan send them copies of this manual for review

3. Bud asked about the financial transfers and doing so in smaller amounts – Gary stated that this could be done but he prefers to not have to do this on a monthly basis – Alan stated that putting monies into CD’s becomes cumbersome due to dates of maturity and potential penalties – Gary asked if he is getting new instructions from Council and the response was “no”

There being no further business Barb motioned to adjourn at 9:47 PM, seconded by Alan.

Mayor Joanne Dodaro

Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris