

**VILLAGE OF CHIPPEWA LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 10, 2023**

Mayor Joanne Dodaro called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

A roll call was taken with the following officials present: Barbara Hunter, Alan Robbins, Keith Riedel, Tamitha Sorgi, Allan Michelson, Jim Brandenburg – Zoning Inspector, Matt Sorgi – Assistant Zoning Inspector, Gary Harris – Fiscal Officer; visitors Mark Reuter, Bill Glasenapp, Leslie Burns, Kelly Schmetzer, Beth Whynott, Donna Spitzer, Pamela & Dennis Mohn, Kathryn & Rick Elias, Lisa & Mark Krosse and Acting Fire Chief Holzman

Mayor Dodaro announced that Bud Hardesty will not be at tonight’s meeting nor will Ken Demeter whose Mom just recently passed away.

Mayor Dodaro thanked Barb for coming in tonight even though she is feeling ill in order that we can at least approve the Bills for Payment tonight.

Mayor Dodaro thanked Tamitha, Matt and Ken for the great Easter Party and Tamitha thanked Easter Bunny Sue for her great assistance.

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

Keith made the motion to accept the March Minutes, and it was seconded by Tamitha. 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 – none were offered

Alan made a motion to approve the April Bill’s for payment in the amount of \$12,177.06 seconded by Barb. Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays

Council Reports:

Safety

Alan Reporting:

1. read the Sheriff’s Monthly Reports, they worked 71.5 hours in March versus 80 hours scheduled – read the Activity Report and reported that Deputy Harhay had a Vacation day today and it wouldn’t have been right to ask him to attend tonight – Alan reported speaking with Deputy Harhay who stated that all is going well – Alan reported that for April the Deputies are scheduled 80 hours, 100 hours in May and from June – September they are scheduled 120 hours per month dropping back to 100 hours per month to finish the year –Bill reported that when he contacted the Sheriff’s Office about issues being caused by unicycles in the Village he was told that the Sheriff’s Office must catch them in the act, Alan stated that if caught, the Sheriff can take the unicycle and he also reported that if a bike has a motor it has to have a license but moped’s do not need a license and it is a “gray” area
2. Alan asked Acting Fire Chief Holzman to present his report to Council – Acting Chief Holzman reported that March had 6 calls for the Village and for a fire in Chatham the Lafayette Fire

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Department arrived first due to their having a staffed station, reported that the Turnout Time for the month was at 2 minute and 16 seconds – reported that the Pancake Breakfast is still scheduled for every Sunday in April with two more weekends yet to go and that the first Sunday had 430 people attend and he thanked those who attended – reported that they are now considering moving their boat to the Martell’s boat dock who offered this to the department, Alan thanked the Martell’s for this offer – Mayor Dodaro asked about where responders will park if they need to respond to a call and a brief discussion took place – the Chief reported that there is no burning in the Village from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM and residents can call the Fire Department for any unauthorized burn that they see in the Village, Mayor Dodaro asked Mark and Lisa to get this notice posted on the social websites – Alan reported that he has been asked to participate in the selection process for a new Fire Chief

3. Alan reported that Christopher had a schedule conflict and could not attend tonight’s meeting – reported that so far they have received one bid for the siren work at a cost of \$34,000 and that the radio frequency continues to be an issue as Christopher also researches available Grants while Alan continues to intend to meet with the other communities and ask for financial participation commitments for this effort – Mayor Dodaro reported that she is frustrated knowing that other counties have staffs to resolve siren issues and they take the responsibility to adjoin local communities but Medina does not do any of this – one of the residents reported that years ago the Police would drive through the Villages when bad weather was approaching and Alan stated that he is not aware of this now being an option and it would not alert boaters on the lake which a siren would do

Zoning

1. Jim read the Zoning Report for April along with input from Allan who confirmed that for 9 Parkway Path and 227 Rustic Rook that charges have been filed

Community Relations

Tamitha reporting:

1. reported that they had 20-25 children attend the Easter Party, they had a great time and found all 700 eggs and once again thanked Easter Bunny Sue
2. announced that on Monday, April 24th at 7:00 PM a “meet and greet” meeting will be held with Medina Fiber at the Community Center to inform everyone on costs, services offered and installation as well as answering any questions – announced that the notice will be posted on Claire’s List and other sites as we get closer to the 24th – a discussion took place about all of the different colored flags in the Village and Mayor Dodaro asked Keith to check with the Gas Company and why they are planting flags
3. reminded everyone that she still needs input so she can release the Spring Newsletter

Buildings and Utilities

Barbara reporting:

1. reported that she has installed the Briarwood Beach sign in the Community Center on the east wall as well as the trophies
2. she has found a place to donate the large TV that is currently located in the Fiscal Officer’s office – Mayor Dodaro asked that the Mayor’s office also be cleaned out and asked that Keith and Bud put a plan together, Keith stated that they may need a woman’s touch to assist and suggested contacting Mayor Dodaro
3. asked about donating the old Emergency Lights to a non-profit and was advised to so proceed

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4. reported that the Ohio Edison information on the \$11,077.56 cost estimate for the Point Park work is very vague on the requested break-out of costs – reports that Ohio Edison wants our “stuff” off of their pole and encumbered \$1,000 to do this work, Mayor Dodaro asked Barb to contact Ohio Edison to have them give us a list of the “stuff” to be removed – Mark Krosse stated that Ohio Edison is upset with the Village, thus, the “stuff” issue that we now have

Parks

1. Mayor Dodaro asked about the AED at the Beach as proposed last month – Alan reported that an “outdoor” unit will cost about \$3,000, that it is sensitive to low and high temperatures and wondered how to secure and yet have access, Gary confirmed that NOPEC will allow up to \$1200 in Grant monies to be used for such a purpose
2. Mayor Dodaro asked Bill to elevate the Message Board at the Beach, to lift it higher
3. Mayor Dodaro stated that she is waiting for the Ski Team to provide her the list of activities that she usually has by now
4. Bill reported that the train engine at Point Park is broken due to vandalism
5. a resident asked if there will be Life Guards at the beach and they were advised “no” due to insurance liabilities – Mayor Dodaro reminded everyone that children 12 years and younger are to have an adult with them at the beach and that is why we post a notice to “swim at your own risk”

Streets

Keith reporting:

1. confirmed that he believes the chances of being awarded the Small Government Grant sometime in May of this year does not look promising and if we don’t get the grant we will be doing more extensive repairs on Village streets this year and not just patching but milling out the pot holes, fill the holes with a base material and apply asphalt and seal the edges

Legal

Allan reporting:

1. confirmed that he has the two cases discussed under Zoning
2. reminded everyone that the Road and Bridge Levy will expire at the end of this year and we can put it on the November ballot and then again twice next year if it does not pass this year – confirmed that at its current 3 mil, it generates approximately \$50,200 in annual revenue and that if we do a renewal the earnings remain the same and if we do a replacement at the 3 mil rate it will generate approximately \$78,000 in revenue – we will need to pass an Ordinance if we want to move forward once we have the County Auditor determine estimated revenues and this would all need to take place in the June – July 2023 time period
3. reported that Gary had him generate a Resolution to join Ohio Buys – Gary stated that he started looking into this based on John Sandora’s suggestion that we join a Wisconsin based purchasing group named Sourcewell, for a discount on the Kayak launches that he is looking into for Ken – Gary stated that it is free for us to join Ohio Buys, that they may offer discounts for Kayak launches and many other commodities as well as contractor’s where lower pricing for work and materials may be possible
4. Allan did the first reading of Ordinance 504-23, “a Resolution authorizing the Village of Chippewa Lake to participate in the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program” – with too few members tonight we are unable to vote on this legislation and will do the 2nd reading at the May Council Meeting as well as deciding to either vote or do a third reading

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Finance

Gary reporting:

1. confirmed that 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 Reconciliation Report as distributed and authorizing Council to sign the report – Alan made a motion to so move, and it was seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays**
2. confirmed that he distributed the March Appropriations Report to Council through the end of February, 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 March signifying Council’s review and agreement with the expenditures, Keith made a motion to so move, and that it was seconded by Barb. Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays**
3. reported that he did distribute the end of March uncommitted fund balance for the Endowment Fund as well as for the Park portion of the Endowment Fund and the ARPA Fund as there were changes – he asked if there are any questions or comments – none were offered
4. reported that the NOPEC Grant for the Sponsorship Award to the Chippewa Lake Lions Club has been delayed as he missed one number in the account number which has now been corrected and the deposit is imminent – reminded Council of the need to identify a project for the NOPEC Grant and use \$1,318.57 by November 30th or return the unused portion
5. reported that tonight he delivered the 2024 Budget Worksheets to the Mayor and Council for their review and advised them that any proposed changes to the Budget must be in his possession no later than June 2nd and, as always, he offered to meet with any one or any group needing assistance or information - he asked if there are any questions or comments – none were offered
6. tonight, we were to finalize the issue on lost checks, so long as we don’t meet with the Beach Attendant new hires before our May 8th Council meeting, we still have time to finalize this matter – his recommendation remains the same, to incorporate a \$25 fee, deducted from the Beach Attendant employee payroll check, each time that a check is lost and needs to be reissued effective for 2023 and every year going forward and he stated that he hopes to not collect any such fees and that no checks are lost going forward
7. he asked Allan if there is any update on the requests to lower property taxes on the 14 Notices of Increase – Allan indicated that he is in the process of filing the necessary paperwork
8. reported that he is currently training the new Fiscal Officer in West Salem, along with assistance from Martha Evans, so in case anyone has difficulty getting in touch with him or sees delays in responding to emails – feel free to call him if you need a quick answer, he believes that everyone has his cell and text number – he apologized for any delays that may be experienced and confirmed that he will get back to anyone who contacts him as soon as possible on any call, text or email that he receives
9. reported that as of the end of March, the balance in the primary checking account was \$244,704.13 in the Money Market account \$250,799.74 and \$101,645.83 in the Star Ohio account for a total of \$597,149.70 - he asked if there were any questions – none were offered

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Old Business

Nothing to report.

Public Participation

1. Pam asked about cleaning out all of the storm drains to avoid overflow – Keith reported that he is in the process of obtaining pricing
2. Bill reported that Bob Williams is under a physician care for an enlarged heart and he is doing well
3. Kathryn reported that the storm drains are blocked from Rockside to Beachside and needs to be cleaned out
4. **Keith made a motion to appropriate \$10,000 for storm sewer clean-outs, seconded by Barb.
Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays**

New Business

1. Barb reported that the annual Back-Flow test will be taking place this Friday
2. Barb asked about ankle bracelets to help find and locate missing persons – Alan stated that he will check with the Ashland and/or Wayne County Sheriff Departments about this option
3. Alan reviewed the NOPEC status and how NOPEC could not compete last year due to the utility markets being in an upset condition but how this year NOPEC is coming back especially with Ohio Edison reporting a doubling of costs for consumers and residents may now want to rejoin NOPEC
4. Mayor Dodaro announced that virtual meetings will be taking place on April 18th from 10-11:00 am, April 22nd from 2-3:00 pm and on April 27th from 7-8:00 PM and she reminded residents that you only need to return the NOPEC letters that you receive if you do not want to participate in NOPEC

There being no further business Keith motioned to adjourn at 8:24 PM, seconded by Barb.

Mayor Joanne Dodaro

Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris