

**VILLAGE OF CHIPPEWA LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – July 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, Lowell (Bud) Hardesty, Keith Riedel, Tamitha Sorgi, Ken Demeter, Allan Michelson - Solicitor, Jim Brandenburg – Zoning Inspector, Matt Sorgi – Assistant Zoning Inspector, Gary Harris – Fiscal Officer; visitors Bill Glasenapp, Leslie Burns, Kelly Schmetzer, Lisa Krosse, Alison & Andy Weimer, Ed Nagy, Pam & Bob Williams, Mark Reuter, Howard Wolff, Deputy Harhay and Assistant Fire Chief Holzman

Mayor Dodaro asked those in attendance that tonight and going forward she requests that visitors in attending Council Meetings hold their comments until the end of the Regular Meeting when we go to the Audience for comment and if comments need to be made during the reading of Legislation, to raise their hand and be recognized – Mayor Dodaro stated that last meeting was not as smooth as usual and lasted longer than normal due to comments throughout the meeting

Mayor Dodaro thanked everyone for a great July 4th and the work done by the Lions Club, the Ski Team and Ski Show, the Boat Race and we even had the Mario Brothers and Sinking Eagles – great fun was had by all

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 Tamitha. 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 – Gary stated that there are no changes and the amount remains at \$17,843.46

Bud made a motion to approve the July Bill's for payment in the amount of \$17,843.46 seconded by Barb. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays

Council Reports:

Safety

1. Mayor Dodaro asked Deputy Harhay to read the Sheriff's Monthly Reports as Alan is out of town – Deputy Harhay reported that they worked 84 hours in May down from the 120 hours requested - Mayor Dodaro asked how the staffing is going, Deputy Harhay stated that they are trying to hire two Deputies but all surrounding communities are having issues trying to hire new Deputies and Deputies willing to work overtime - the status of Deputy Cornelius, he is on extended sick leave and his status is on a month by month basis – Barb raised a concern about groups of young people being loud, some possible fighting taking place and “mouthing off” to people entering the Community Center and her not getting a call back from the Deputy on duty who was called away to another call while reporting this incident – Deputy Harhay asked her to show him the camera views that we have
2. Assistant Fire Chief Holzman read the Fire Department reports to Council and reported that June had five calls for the Village out of 71 total calls in the month – reported that the Turnout Time

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for the month was at 2 minute and 6 seconds on average for the year to date – reported that they enjoyed participating in the July 4th Parade – asked residents to trim around fire hydrants if possible otherwise they will apply weed killer so the Fire Department has clear access in the event of a fire – confirmed that they are still working on obtaining Grant monies – Mayor Dodaro thanked Assistant Chief Holzman for the work that they are doing

Zoning

1. Jim read the Zoning Report for July along with input from Allan who reviewed the history of this Case for 9 Parkway Path and that he needs to know all that needs to be corrected at this property so he can continue to file charges – a discussion took place about all of the violations and other related issues - Bud asked Jim to obtain a quote to clean up the yard and remove the fallen tree and Jim stated that he will have the quote to Bud and Allan sometime next week – 227 Rustic Rook, Jim stated that he is adding more violations against this property – Allan stated that the owner has failed to appear in court twice, the court has ordered that the owner cannot renew his license nor plates and the owner has declared bankruptcy which prevents the property from going up for public auction – Mayor Dodaro asked Allan to contact the appointed Trustee to obtain further updates and report back to Council - Mayor Dodaro stated that the Village has a list of Zoning complaints that need to be addressed – Jim stated that he and Matt will investigate this over the next week or so and they will confirm if any tree issues are inside or out of the right-of-way (ROW) – Ken reported a tree problem near 111 and 113 Clovercliff that needs clean-up and/or removal that may be in the ROW – **Bud made a motion to incur costs to survey a single line at the location of the tree and confirm its position relative to the ROW, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays** – Jim reported that he has already spoken with the property owner and they have no interest in sharing any of the costs to remove the tree and they want the Village to pay for all of it

Community Relations

Tamitha reporting:

1. confirmed that the Fire Department can assist with the next event on August 5th, for the Water Party activity
2. confirmed that August 12th will be a “Customer Appreciation Party” at Point Park for all the assistance offered by Village residents to Connie and her business
3. confirmed that she has booked the band and the hot air balloon for the September 30th Fall Festival event and she is accepting donations for door prizes – Barb stated that the functioning TV in the Fiscal Officer’s office can also be offered if interested – Tamitha stated yes, they will take it
4. reported that LIT Communities has always been a part of “Medina Fiber” and they are one in the same – also reported that the County Commissioners gave the “OK” to any fiberoptic company to install lines throughout the County with no County oversight – a discussion took place about current pricing versus quote pricing during the Medina Fiber presentation to Council last year - Mayor Dodaro asked Allan to look into the various Fiberoptic companies so the Village can find out in advance when one of the companies is coming through the Village, what color flags they will have, etc. – Allan confirmed speaking with the Medina County Law Director who said they met with all of the companies and they all did a good job in the beginning but not so much now although they will clean-up their work areas if the County gets after them – Keith asked who to call if they create problems in the ROW like at Clovercliff and Rockridge where they have caused a sink-hole with another one now starting to appear at Brookshore and Rockridge – Keith stated

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that they will continue to reappear until proper repairs are completed by digging them out, repairing the underground leaks that they caused and he has not heard back from them after making several calls to them - Barb stated the parking lot is still a mess with hydraulic fluid stains in the Community Center parking lot and also at Clovercliff and Briarwood – Allan was asked to call and research these problems

Buildings and Utilities

Barbara reporting:

1. **made a motion to enter into a contract for Wi-Fi and video with Medina Fiber and drop Spectrum, seconded by Ken. Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays** – Gary stated that he needs a phone number and he was told to go with the 500-bandwidth service – Mayor Dodaro reminded everyone to not cancel Spectrum until the new service has been installed and operational
2. Alan Horning is going to provide a quote to remove equipment off of the First Energy pole and to install a new pole and mount the equipment onto it at Point Park
3. reported receiving another email from First Energy on a new mast arm and light for the pole at the corner of the Beach parking lot and that they are still working on getting the Village a price – Keith asked if a light is replaced is it no charge to the Village and Barb said yes if it is an existing street light and it will also be replaced with an LED
4. confirmed that the new storage barn is up and will be finished tomorrow and advised Bob that the wheels of the Gator need to be over the floor joists to avoid damage to the floor – Gary stated that he was told to have a check available tomorrow to pay the contractor and he asked who is going to inspect it to make sure everything is done and acceptable – Bud offered to do so and Gary will deliver him the check
5. Mayor Dodaro asked about the status of cleaning out the Mayor’s Office – Keith thought adding shelves would be a good idea – Barb stated that this clean-out should be done late Summer or early Fall

Parks

Ken Reporting:

1. confirmed that the Beach Attendants will be offered other tasks on rain and/or cold days if they still want to work to earn money – stated that pop-up rain showers should not shut down the Beach Attendants from working and that the Beach Attendant Supervisor should make this decision and Mayor Dodaro stated OK but with Village input
2. reported problems with residents dumping drift wood on Village property behind the shed and plans to have it removed this weekend – Ken stated that it is also happening at times other than during the Spring and Fall clean-up that the Village does and that this is an ongoing problem – Mayor Dodaro asked Ken if he knows who is doing this and Ken stated “yes” - Bud said the Village should just haul it away and Keith estimated a cost of \$150 to do so – Bob stated that they are also dumping along Oaks Drive, outside of Village limits, as well as at Reece’s Pond – Allan confirmed that we have a no dumping ordinance and Mayor Dodaro told Ken to order No Dumping signs
3. reported that he needs to order a new special ladder for the swimming platform in the lake
4. reported that much of the playground equipment in the Park is in bad condition and needs repair – Allan stated that Burbank has a Certified Playground Inspector who he will send an email to so she can get in contact with Ken – Gary confirmed that he sent Ken information on the Certified Playground Inspector program and classes

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5. presented a quote to Council issued by Tod Harris to do some Playground Equipment repairs at a cost of \$1,575 and he wants to hire him as an employee – Gary said we can do this and he will be covered by our Liability Insurance and Workers Comp Insurance but he needs to know will it be an hourly rate or one flat fee (less all taxes and OPERS retirement withholding) – Ken stated one flat fee at this time
6. **Ken made a motion to hire Tod Harris as an employee, seconded by Barb. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
7. confirmed that Valley View is spraying twice per week for mosquito control and that all “dog poop bags” have been restocked throughout the Village
8. confirmed that the “swing bar” for the Kayak Launch as well as the deck lights and wheels for the Kayak Launch will be purchased with the \$1,200 rebate coming from the Kayak Launch manufacturer

Streets

Keith reporting:

1. reported that he can only find one contractor willing to bid street repairs and Dirt Dawg will be here tomorrow to begin to put a quote together

Legal

Allan reporting:

1. confirmed that he has the two other cases in addition to those in Zoning – one is a violation of a Protective Order that is now waiting on a sentencing date and the second case is a Domestic Violence case with no Trial date yet set
2. reported that he has one Ordinance and one Resolution ready for reading
3. did the second reading of Ordinance 884-23, “an Ordinance approving the second amended Agreement to establish the Medina County Office of Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security” – Allan said it appears that the only change is to add more people to the Executive Board
4. **Barb made a motion to waive the 3rd reading of Ordinance 884-23, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
5. **Bud made a motion to adopt Ordinance 884-23 as an emergency, seconded by Barb. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
6. did the first reading of Resolution 505-23, “a Resolution declaring it necessary to levy a renewal of a tax in excess of the ten-mil limitation (ORC Section 5705.19(G) the General Construction, Reconstruction, Resurfacing, and Repair of Street, Roads and Bridges of the subdivision)” – Allan stated that if passed this will put this issue on the November Ballot for the Road and Bridge Levy that will increase revenues by an estimated \$26,000 per year
7. **Keith made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Resolution 505-23, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
8. **Keith made a motion to adopt Resolution 505-23, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
9. confirmed that he has the McCabe Creek Contract available for Bud to present to CW Landscaping for this project

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Finance

Gary reporting:

1. confirmed that 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**
2. confirmed that he distributed the June Appropriations Report to Council through the end of June, 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 June signifying Council’s review and agreement with the expenditures, Bud made a motion to so move, and that it was seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
3. reported that last month he forgot to obtain approval on the Special Meeting Minutes that was held on May 24th and that he distributed those Meeting Minutes to Council on May 27th – he asked if there were any comments or questions – none were offered; he asked for **“a motion to approve the May Special Meeting Minutes as submitted, Bud made a motion to so move, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
4. 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 and he reminded Council that NOPEC did authorize up to \$1,200 towards purchasing an AED – he was asked if it could be used for the electrical work at Point Park and Gary said he will confirm and send an email to Council
5. reminded Barb and Bud about their duties related to the Special Election on August 7th, 8th and 9th
6. asked if there is anyone here interested in attending the July 12th presentation on the Budget Process for Public Monies at 7:00 PM at the Community Center as suggested by Mark Reuter – Mark, Andy and Kelly stated yes and Gary asked them to come up after the meeting to sign-up and pick-up their copies of the Hand-Out which will be reviewed at this Wednesday’s meeting
7. asked Allan if there are any updates to the request to lower the property taxes on the Village owned properties – Allan stated that they are “in process”
8. reported that as of the end of June, the balance in the primary checking account was \$212,756.14 in the Money Market account \$251,049.94 and \$102,961.10 in the Star Ohio account for a total of \$566,767.18 - he asked if there were any questions – none were offered

Old Business

Nothing offered.

New Business

Nothing offered.

Public Participation

1. Mark asked if the Village could enact Eminent Domain on the 9 Parkway Path property – Allan stated yes but that it is expensive and would need to have a valid public reason to do so
2. Ed stated that after the Labor Day Ski Show on September 2nd he wants to use the swimming platform for a Lions Club sponsored “hole-in-one” contest – he confirmed that he did receive the OK from the Medina County Park District provided they use “whiffle” golf balls and retrieve them all which Ed stated they will do

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- 3. Ken made a motion to permit the Lions club to use the swimming platform after the ski show for the “hole-in-one” contest, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
4. Leslie reported seeing campers on Village owned lots and with a fire – Jim stated that the party in question is on their property and confirmed that the owner is not living in the campers
5. Bob said that there are trees on the circle that he would like to trim with his volunteers – Council gave him the OK
6. Pam stated that an Awards Party will be held on August 20th and this Thursday there will be a Porch Party Band at 1 Willowick
7. Alison asked about bike skid marks on the Tennis Court - Barb reported that there are also shoe marks and that she looked at the cameras but the people involved were out of range of the cameras – Alison asked if the marks can be removed
8. Allan stated that the Sheriff contract expires on December 31, 2023 as someone had asked that question at the last meeting
- 9. Tamitha made a motion to approve a property line change between two homeowners in the Village, seconded by Ken. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**

There being no further business Tamitha motioned to adjourn at 8:59 PM, seconded by Ken.

Mayor Joanne Dodaro

Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris