

**VILLAGE OF CHIPPEWA LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

Mayor Joanne Dodaro called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 Kelly Schmetzer, Pam & Bob Williams, Mark Reuter, Howard Wolff, Pamela & Dennis Mohn, Greg Stanislawski, and Lafayette Township Assistant Fire Chief Holzman

Mayor Dodaro reminded everyone that just like last month 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 thanked the Pride Committee for the Lakefront Party as well as all who worked on the Labor Day Celebration and Tamitha for the successful movie night

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

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

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

Bud made the motion to accept the August Special Minutes, and it was seconded by Ken. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read the September Bill's for Approval and asked if there were any other changes, questions or comments – Gary stated that there was one late addition of \$818.30 bringing the revised amount to \$21,981.23

Bud made a motion to approve the revised September Bill's for payment in the amount of \$21,981.23 seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays

Council Reports:

Safety

Mayor Dodaro reporting:

1. announced that Alan is on vacation and will not be here tonight – asked Assistant Chief Holzman to read the Fire Department reports - Asst. Chief Holzman reported that of the 56 calls in August, 2 were for Chippewa Lake and for all of the calls 71% were EMS and YTD turn-out time is 2 minutes and 9 seconds, reported CPR training for Cloverleaf School bus drivers, monies from last year's Night at the Races was used to purchase battery operated jaws and other hand tools, reminded everyone about this year's Night at the Races scheduled for September 30th with tickets still available and covered other items of interest and acknowledged the tragic event 22

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years ago today, 911, and let us never forget the sacrifice of so many that day as well as over 7,000 service members

2. announced that Deputy Harhay is on a service call and cannot attend tonight's meeting, read the Deputy reports and confirmed continued concern about staffing and how they worked 85 hours out of the 120 requested in August and are scheduled for 120 hours this month as well – until Deputy Cornelius returns from extended sick-leave this looks to be the norm going forward into the foreseeable future
3. opened it up for public input – Mark stated that the Village has Ordinance 373.10 that, he believes, restricts the motorized bikes and other related powered units – Dennis said there are three categories of these vehicles and Category 3 means that they can travel 22 mph, and is throttle controlled, or less down to 15 mph for category 2 and under 15 mph is category 1 where the rider has to pedal to a certain speed before the motor takes over and then Dennis asked about unicycles – Allan to investigate and report back

Zoning

Bud reporting:

1. Jim read the Zoning Report for August along with input from Allan for **9 Parkway Path** and Allan reported that the property owner arrived at the court 1 day before it went to the next level and he paid \$900+ in fines and court costs – Allan will send a Notice to Correct the Zoning violations giving the owner until 9/13/2023 to correct or the Village will correct and charge the owner for the work – Jim gave Allan a cost estimate of \$2,000 to make the corrections at this location – **Bud made a Motion to encumber \$2,500 for the corrections at 9 Parkway Path, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nay** – Bud asked that Jim send updates to Council and the Fiscal Officer as each correction is made and Jim said he will do so – Allan confirmed that the more documentation that we have on this, the better it will be - **227 Rustic Rook**, Jim said that he saw this address with two different parcel numbers and one had a BC code – Allan stated that this means that it is in Bankruptcy Court and the Sheriff sale is now going on at an asking price of \$99,000 and any bids must start at 2/3 of this or \$66,000 and bidding is open until 1:00 PM on 9/13/2023 at "ohiosheriffssale.com"
2. Jim said we have a Hearing on a Conditional Use Parking Permit for 256 Rustic Rook Road tonight – Allan called the Hearing to Order and swore in the property owners, Pam and Richard Mohn – Allan asked Jim to read and report the status of each of the six (6) criteria needed to obtain the Permit, as Jim read each item he reported that each requirement had been met – Allan asked if there was any neighbor present who wanted to comment and no one opted to comment – Allan asked for a roll-call vote – Barb – aye, Bud – aye, Tamitha – aye, Keith – aye and Ken – aye – Allan said the Permit is allowed, Jim said he will get the owners a written approval and Allan announced that the Hearing is concluded

Community Relations

Tamitha reporting:

1. confirmed that Movie Night went well even after having to move due to flooding and relocating to the Park next to the Tennis Court – she thanked the Benninger family for allowing the Village to tap into their home electrical outlet and she thanked Barb for all of her ongoing efforts to get permanent electrical power at Point Park
2. reminded all that the Fall Festival is scheduled for September 30th starting at 3:00 PM and she is still accepting volunteers and helpers along with donations for door prizes and items to raffle – asked if anyone knows where she can obtain about 50 pumpkins and she is also thinking about

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having a Bake Sale as a contest and as a part of this festival and to please let her know if there is any interest

3. Jim reported that Cross Point Church is having an outing this coming Saturday at 4:00 PM with free food catered by the Village Inn, music, Corn Hole Tossing and all of it is free
4. Mayor Dodaro asked Allan about his findings as to the various Fiber Optic companies working in the Village – Allan reported that due to Federal laws that have been passed to make it easier for all people to have access to the internet, these companies can place cables in any easement or right-of-way and the Village has no authority to limit or restrict this – Allan stated that the Village can require such contractors to provide a notice about entering the Village also to register with the Village and ask them to provide copies of the easements that they will be using although none of this has yet been tested in the courts and this action may not hold once the courts do rule on this matter – Keith asked about the street repairs that were done incorrectly by these contractors and Allan asked Keith for a list with details and he will issue Letters to Correct – Allan offered to generate legislation to regulate this type of work and was asked to proceed to do so by Council

Buildings and Utilities

Barbara reporting:

1. thanked Tamitha for her kind words about the power issue at Point Park that has been impacted by so many dead ends with so many of the contractors involved and contacted
2. reported that the work completed by Thompson Electric is finished and we are waiting on the County inspector to approve the work thus clearing the way for Ohio Edison to do their work at a cost of \$1400+ - thanked Al Horning for recommending Thompson Electric who did a great job - Gary questioned why Ohio Edison wants to charge us \$170+ in a CIAC tax and stated he will work to resolve this tomorrow and he will keep Barb updated – Mayor Dodaro thanked Barb for all of her efforts and sticking with it through all of the challenges
3. reported fixing a soffit on the Community Center and is unsure what caused it, also reported working on the leaking water fountain as reported by Ed – also reported that for the second time someone “cut-off” the lock on the breaker box at the beach, reported installing a heavier duty combination lock and gave the combination to the Ski Team and will also give it to the Pride Committee and to Alan for the Polar Bear Jump

Parks

Ken Reporting:

1. Mayor Dodaro reported that the mosquitoes are terrible this year – Ken confirmed that he put Valley View Spraying back on a twice a week schedule until further notice
2. confirmed that the Beach is closed and that the final clean-up was completed yesterday – thanked Kelsey for doing such a great job this year and reported selling 14 Ramp Keys, 7 Parking Permits, 174 Beach Access passes and 28 Boat Stickers and thanked Amber for all of her work with the collections and mailings
3. confirmed that the Kayak Dock and Launch will be removed from the water the second week in October – Mayor Dodaro asked where he is going to store the unit and Ken stated that he is considering storing it on the beach under a tarp and on blocks – confirmed that he purchased solar lights for the dock, a coupler tool needed to help move the dock for storage and a flag pole base with the \$1,200 rebate from the purchase of the Kayak Dock and Launch unit and with the remaining \$112 he will purchase a flag to attach to the flag pole for next year – Mayor Dodaro thanked Ken and all who assisted him in this effort and for doing such a good job with the Parks this year

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4. confirmed that Tod Harris is finished with the repair work that he was hired to do on the playground equipment and trains and he is working up a price for some additional work for Parks

Streets

Keith reporting:

1. reported that Most Paving will be doing the street repairs yet this year and he is disappointed in it not happening sooner and reported that like everyone else in contracting there are equipment, manpower and material issues

Legal

Allan reporting:

1. confirmed that he has three cases in addition to those in Zoning – one is a conviction of a violation of a Protective Order that has been ruled on and the defendant found guilty and must pay \$345 in fines and court costs - the second case is a Domestic Violence case but the victim cannot be located so the judge has been asked to dismiss the case – the third case is another Domestic Violence case
2. effective October 3rd, we no longer have to publish Meeting dates or passed Legislation in the five outdoor Posting Sites around the Village, they can be posted on the Village Webpage and Facebook – confirmed that he is working on the Affidavit that the folks to post to these sites will have to sign for Audit purposes – Barb suggested posting a notice in each of the five Posting Sites directing residents to go onto the Village website or Facebook to find all postings after October 3rd

Finance

Gary reporting:

1. confirmed that he distributed the August 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 August Bank Reconciliation Report as distributed and authorizing Council to sign the report – Bud made a motion to so move, and it was seconded by Barb. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
2. confirmed that he distributed the August Appropriations Report to Council through the end of August, 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 August 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. confirmed that with the Purchase Order issued to Thompson Electric for the work at Point Park and the Beach, the Village will not have to refund any of the NOPEC Grant monies this year - he asked if there are any questions or comments – none were offered
4. confirmed that the Purchase Order for the McCabe Creek project has been issued and all work is cleared to proceed
5. confirmed that the OPWC Grant Application was delivered to the office of the Medina County Engineer on August 31st – he recommended that representative(s) from the Village attend the District Meeting on October 11th as this may assist in the points – Mayor Dodaro stated that in the past, attending this meeting did not seem to assist the Village – Bud asked Gary for the address

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confirmed sending the Mayor and all of Council an email this morning about a proposed Motion that he will ask for tonight pertaining to Village investments and that he also sent copies given to the Finance Committee to assist the Mayor and Council in understanding some of the terms used in the upcoming motion – he asked if there are any questions or comments – none were offered - Gary asked for **“a Motion authorizing the Fiscal Officer to establish an IntraFi CDARS Money Market Deposit account, hereinafter referred to as the CDARS account, after which the Fiscal Officer is authorized to transfer all monies from the current Preferred Money Market Business account into the CDARS account, after which the Preferred Money Market Business account will be closed, and then authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer monies between the Primary Checking account and the CDARS account as deemed necessary by the Fiscal Officer, while maintaining a 30 to 90 day operating cash availability in the Primary Checking account”**, Bud stated so moved, seconded by Tamitha. **Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**

6. Mayor Dodaro stated that the Village is **reinstating the Finance Committee with Gary as the head of that Committee and appointed Alan and Bud to also serve on that Committee, Barb made a motion to so move, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
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 August, the balance in the primary checking account was \$261,571.62 in the Money Market account \$251,890.64 and \$103,906.15 in the Star Ohio account for a total of \$617,368.41 - he asked if there were any questions – none were offered – Gary reminded everyone that the Star Ohio account is not FDIC insured but it is an approved investment depository by the Treasurer of State which is the same department that manages this program

Old Business

1. Bud reported that Gary challenged paying the mowing service the \$100 per month fuel surcharge that was supposed to end in June of 2023 and Bud said when the contract was first issued gas prices were \$1.70/gallon – Mayor Dodaro asked when was the contract effective date and Gary responded 2021 – **Bud made a motion to continue paying the fuel surcharge for the remainder of this contract period, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**

Public Participation

1. Mark raised concerns about law enforcement in the Village, how the Deputies should be “ours to direct and set hours for – a discussion took place reviewing the relationship, control of the Deputies, staffing impacts, etc., in the end, Allan stated that the Village cannot demand set hours from the Sheriff’s Department – Mark disagreed citing the unicycle issue which Dennis stated that the Deputy response time is horrible and the cyclists have a Police Scanner and know when the Deputies are enroute – Mark stated that the Village is not getting what we need and that the Mayor and Council should control the hours worked
2. Pam Mohn stated that the Village should obtain copies of insurance documents including Workers Comp for those companies coming into the Village to work on fiber lines – Bud stated that the Village cannot afford a Building Department and trying to register and control those contactors is too involved
3. Pam Williams reminded everyone about the September 22nd Square Dance at the Yacht Club that will also have Line Dancing – Pam also announced that on October 7th there will be the annual Golf Cart parade for the Poker Run and the games that follow

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4. Kelly thanked Zoning for getting the dumpster removed, thanked Barb for all of her efforts on Point Park and Ken for installing the Kayak Launch and grab bar
5. Howard thanked Ken for the Kayak launch and grab bar

There being no further business Ken motioned to adjourn at 8:45 PM, seconded by Barb.

Mayor Joanne Dodaro

Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris