

**VILLAGE OF CHIPPEWA LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 12, 2024**

Mayor Joanne Dodaro called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

A roll call was taken with the following officials present: Alan Robbins, Barb Hunter, Tamitha Sorgi, Leslie Burns, Bud Hardesty, Allan Michelson – Solicitor (7:06), Jim Brandenburg – Zoning Inspector, Matt Sorgi – Assistant Zoning Inspector, Gary Harris – Fiscal Officer; visitors Bill Glasenapp, Alison & Andy Weimer, Howard Wolff, Pam and Bob Williams, Darla & Chuck Walter, Ellen & Richard Pignatiello, Robert Maral, Randy Miller, John Sandora, Susan & Jim Dedrick, Greg Stanislav, Deborah Scolaro, Jill Heck, Deb & Al Horning, Christopher Livingston, Kim & Jeff Siwik, Barb & Jeff Komjati, Scott Schilero, Mark Reuter, Deputy Harhay and Fire Chief Cavanaugh

Mayor Dodaro stated that we have a lot of business to cover tonight and asked that the audience hold making comments until the Public Participation near the end of the meeting and if we are covering a subject and you have data to present, please raise your hand

Mayor Dodaro thanked Tamatha for her work on the Water Party and the Lafayette Fire Department for their participation and assistance

Mayor Dodaro commented that the Chippewa Lake Ski Team is the only competitive ski team in Ohio and every time they perform they represent our Village and we should all be proud of the ski team and how well they represent our Village and it is a great family organization

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

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

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read the August Bill's for Approval and asked if there were any other changes, questions or comments – Gary reported that there were \$4,873.70 in late additions bringing the total to \$29,355.90

Alan made a motion to approve the revised August Bill's for payment in the amount of \$29,355.90 seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays

Council Reports:

Safety

Alan Reporting:

1. read the Sheriff Department reports, they worked 104 out of the 100 hours requested in July, there were 69 activities of which 48 were extra patrols for July – reported that there was a break-in at Cycles-R-U's and because of on-site cameras the thieves are being indicted per Deputy Harhay – Mayor Dodaro thanked Deputy Harhay and the Sheriff Department for their work on this incident – Alan reported cases of individuals knocking on resident doors as well as some commotion at the local beverage store and reminded residents to contact Dispatch if it is a non-emergency issue – Alan announced that a flyer will soon be coming out _____

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2. Chief Cavanaugh read the report and there were 64 calls in July, 6 of the calls were for Chippewa Lake and 80% of all calls were for EMS – confirmed that the average Turn-out time in July was 1 minute and 48 seconds and Year-to-Date is 2 minutes and 5 seconds – confirmed 4 Mutual Aid Calls were given to other local fire districts and 4 such support actions were received
3. Alan asked Chief Cavanaugh to discuss the Levy that will be on the ballot this Fall – Chief Cavanaugh stated that the last time it was on the ballot was in 2006, that this will be a 2 Mil, 5-Year Levy – Chief Cavanaugh had handouts for the audience and Council that provided details as to the cost impact for home owners, the need and what the tax dollars would be spent on and a five year plan detailing the use for these monies – Chief Cavanaugh also had a handout summarizing past Staffing and the outlook for Staffing with the passage of this Levy
4. reported that the Medina County Park District July’s report listed 1 citation – ORC 1547.15 Observer Required when towing a skier along with 14 Verbal Warnings
5. confirmed that the Village has been awarded a Grant towards the purchase and installation of a new Siren in the amount of \$35,000 and that he is now working through the process with the assistance of Christopher Livingston who started to assist us in 2022 and confirmed that he has received an updated quote from the supplier of the equipment at a cost of \$31,903.43 – Mayor Dodaro thanked Alan and Christopher for doing such a good job on this matter

Zoning

Leslie reporting:

1. Jim read the Zoning Report for August – 9 Parkway Path – Posted Condemned and he read the other properties with issues – 77 Longacre – Allan asked Jim to send him the details and he will file charges
2. Jim announced that we have a Variance Hearing for 118 Clover Cliff Drive – Allan swore in the owner Dedrick and contractor Miller and asked Jim if the neighbors were sent notices about the Hearing for tonight and Jim confirmed “yes” – Jim said he spoke with adjacent property owner Hannahs and she is OK with it – the Variance is to add a roof over an existing driveway and the roof overhang will be 10” from the property line thus requiring a 50” Variance – Council asked where the water will drain off the roof and Mr. Dedrick said “onto his property only” – Allan read the 7 Factors to be considered in issuing a Variance, he asked if there were any other questions or comments – none were offered and Allan asked for a Roll Call Vote; Bud - nay, Barb – ye, Tamitha- ye, Leslie – ye, Alan - ye – Allan stated that the Variance has passed and Jim to issue the confirming letter
3. Jim announced that the next Variance Hearing is for 430 Northvale Drive – Allan swore in the Pignatiello’s and contractor Maral and asked Jim if the neighbors were sent notices about the Hearing for tonight and Jim confirmed “yes” – the Variance covers a 1’ overhang and a 3’ front door stoop and asking for a 3’ Variance – the owner’s confirmed resizing the home to meet Zoning requirements but need the front stoop – Leslie said she spoke with one of the neighbors and she is OK with it - Allan read the 7 Factors to be considered in issuing a Variance, he asked if there were any other questions or comments – none were offered and Allan asked for a Roll Call Vote; Bud - ye, Barb – ye, Tamitha- ye, Leslie – ye, Alan - ye – Allan stated that the Variance has passed and Jim to issue the confirming letter
4. Jim said he was approached by the owner of 67 Bungalow Bay wanting to build a two-car garage and is asking the Village to Vacate the Village alleyway in front of where the garage would be built – a discussion took place about the lack of Site Plan drawings and the need to obtain these for review by Council and Zoning – Leslie to notify the property owner

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5. Bill asked why a For Sale sign was removed for 66 Rustic Rook and Jim said because it was on public property and is not allowed per our Zoning Code – Allan read the applicable section from the Zoning Code to confirm this fact
6. Chuck voiced a complaint about restrictions he is being held to on his driveway while others are not being held to the same standard – a discussion took place on this matter and Allan stated that he will review this matter and he will issue an opinion letter to Council and make it available to the public for further discussion – Allan also offered that Chuck can send him additional information if he wishes to do so

Community Relations

Tamitha reporting:

1. the Water Party was a huge success with 30-40 children attending from the ages of 2 to 12 – thanked Debbie Rustic, Jan Doraty, Matt, and all others who helped to make this such a success as well as the Lafayette Township Fire Department – thanked Catherine Doraty for the \$7.00 donation to Children Activities fund
2. confirmed that the Fall Festival is scheduled for September 28th, it is a fund-raising event and she is looking for donations for door prizes and confirmed that the Balloon Rides will be back as well for a fee
3. confirmed that the Pride Party will be this Sunday from 5 - 8:30 PM, also announced that the Golf Cart Party will be on September 21st and the Porch Rockers are scheduled for August 16th, 30th and September 21st and thanked Allan for his band playing this past weekend
4. a discussion about the Garden Club and the need to replace the fence surrounding the public Garden took place based on a bid received amounting to \$15,000 – Tamitha stated that the Village cannot afford to pay for this and perhaps a Fund Raising event should be considered – the discussion continued talking about what needs to be replaced, a suggestion was offered to reach out to the Medina Garden Club for possible leads and ideas, etc., a question was asked about liability if someone were to be injured in the Garden which is on property owned by the Village – Allan stated that folks working in the Garden do so at their own risk
5. announced that the Garden Club will have a program on August 19th at 6:00 PM with representatives from the Medina Raptor Center at Point Park
6. Mayor Dodaro asked if there will be a Field Day this year and Tamitha stated “not this year”

Buildings and Utilities

Barb reporting:

1. confirmed that her research on obtaining cameras for the Shuffleboard area is behind schedule and she hopes to have information for next month's meeting
2. asked about the old sound system and stated that Cross Point Church could use this for more events than the Village does and asked if Cross Point could have this system – Tamitha stated that she would need to keep at least two microphones with cords but may need more at times – Tamitha is OK in giving these other parts of the sound system to be stored and used by Cross Point provided the Village has access to all of the components for use as needed and that the equipment remain the property of the Village – Allan suggested that Jim obtain a letter from Cross point agreeing with these conditions and deliver it to the Village
3. a discussion took place about rate increases being proposed by Ohio Edison, LED replacement lights and costs and options – Alan stated that NOPEC has a new Customer Service Representative who he will put in touch with Barb to see if any rate assistance is possible through NOPEC

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Parks

Tamitha reporting for Ken:

1. confirmed that the Swimming Platform as been repaired and thanked Keith and Bill, a new sandbox has been installed and thanked Alan for making this happen
2. confirmed that a Deep Dig at the Beach has been done to better control the sand wasps – confirmed that the Boat Ramp Gate lock has been replaced and the old keys will still open the new lock
3. thanked Bill for providing the new Shuffleboard Storage Box located at Auble Park and that the sign-up sheet and key will be kept at the Beach – Andy helped Ken to install the Box and both were thanked – a discussion took place about access to the box after the Beach shuts down for the season – Mayor Dodaro recommended the use of a combination lock
4. total revenues collected for Beach Stickers & Access total \$6,315.50 and the sale of Boat Dock Fees has collected \$13,860.00 for a total of \$20,175.50
5. Mayor Dodaro asked John Sandora, the “unpaid Mayor’s Assistant” about his research to clean-up the Reese’s Pond – John reviewed his findings by working with the Pond Guy company and the challenges presented by this Pond being so shallow, the use of chemicals and costs and surface agitators and the need to reestablish power at the Pond – a discussion took place about costs, effectiveness of this proposed system, starting such a program this late in the season, etc.
6. **Barb made a Motion to table this subject for now, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
7. Allan did the second reading of Ordinance 898-24, “an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 548-02 with respect to dumping of household trash and waste materials in public properties in the Village and declaring the same an emergency”
8. **Bud made a Motion to waive the third reading of Ordinance 898-24, seconded by Barb. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
9. **Bud made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 898-24 as an emergency, seconded by Barb. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
10. Bud reminded everyone to call the Sheriff Department if they see someone dumping trash, Alan recommended taking a photo of the license plate and person involved and Allan said that he can prosecute those who do this illegal dumping

Streets

Bud reporting:

1. confirmed that the Loan repayment for the Brookshore Street Improvement Project will be \$5,187 for 30 years
2. confirmed that to do Phase 10, the balance of Brookshore Drive from Rockridge to Rustic Rook will cost \$843,500 and with the amount of Matching Funds and Loan Payment costs he has decided to not file an application this year – Alan asked about options to consider and still moving forward with an OPWC Application this year – Gary stated that he sent a list of 6+ options for consideration to Bud
3. discussed the possible changes that might take place next year involving OPWC and the segment of these grants funded through State Capital Improvements Program which could have a serious impact for funding any future infrastructure work

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Legal

Allan reporting:

1. confirmed that he currently has three cases – one is a charge of disorderly conduct and the defendant was found guilty and is required to pay \$352 in court costs and fines and the second is an assault charge that is scheduled to go to trial on August 28th – the third case pertains to 9 Parkway Path and his proceeding to file charges

Finance

Gary reporting:

1. confirmed that he distributed the July 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 July 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 July Appropriations Report to Council through the end of July, 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 July signifying Council's review and agreement with the expenditures, Tamitha made a motion to so move, and that it was seconded by Bud. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
3. tonight he is pleased to announce that all Village elected officials and all Village employee officials have completed the mandatory Fraud Prevention Training and all was completed before the deadline of September 29, 2024 – Gary thanked all Village officials for completing this training – he also reported that several seasonal employees and a part-time employee have not yet completed this training and he is continuing to expedite this through their supervisors - he asked if there are any questions or comments – none were offered
4. reminded Council that we do have the NOPEC Grant valued at \$1,643 Grant this year and he must still submit a project for review and approval before monies can be accessed – once Council decides on a project he will submit the documentation for review by NOPEC – confirmed that today he contacted NOPEC about using \$300 for another camera with a solar panel and he will update everyone once he hears back - he asked if there are any questions or comments – none were offered
5. reminded Council that we also have the opportunity to apply for the PEP Grant valued at \$1,000 for use on safety related expenses for the playground, streets, sirens, etc. – he asked if Council wants to use this money split between the Siren and tree removal recently completed by AJ Tree Service – Alan stated that the Grant we just won for the Siren should cover all expenses
6. **Bud made a Motion to apply the PEP Grant against the AJ Tree Service invoice, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
7. as of the end of July, the balance in the Primary Checking Account was \$369,884.28 and \$200,384.46 in the Money Market Account and \$109,270.52 in the Star Ohio Account for a total of \$679,539.26 – he asked if there are any questions or comments – none were offered – he reminded everyone that when you hear that this amount of money is in our accounts everyone needs to remember that almost 50% of these monies are restricted and can only be used mostly for Streets and Road & Bridge projects and all Funds have appropriated much of the available monies for use in 2024, so the total amount of monies reported at the end of each month are not free or uncommitted for use anywhere and everywhere, as much of the monies have been appropriated/budgeted for use in 2024

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8. Alan asked about the Loan payments and how this has been factored into the budget – Gary responded that he set-up a line item in the Road & Bridge budget for these payments as approved by Bud and this way they do not impact the General Fund that funds all of the other departments and for Phase 10 he gave Bud a chart with 6+ scenarios on loan and matching fund amounts, percentages and impact to those categories where our amounts of contributions in loans and/or matching funds can help us in scoring out of the 20+ categories that we are scored on by our District most of which the Village has no way to impact the scoring on the remaining categories – Gary continued by saying that the OPWC Grant has three main components those being the Matching Fund, the Loan monies and the Grant monies, the more Village monies that are put towards the Grant via Matching Fund and Loans, the higher our scoring of points which is what allowed us to get the Grant for Phase 9 as we are contributing 21% as Matching Funds and taking a \$100,000 Loan – Barb stated that she has the understanding that we can be awarded points by only doing a partial street instead of the entire street and Gary said no points are awarded based on this criteria – Bud said that OPWC may be revising available funding going forward but it is in the early stages of consideration and we won't know the impact until next year if there is any impact at all

Old Business

Nothing reported.

Public Participation

1. Pam reminded everyone about the Pride Party on Sunday – she asked why does our Village seem to be the only one who measures property lines from the edge of the overhangs – Bud responded that it relates back to the time when Chippewa Lake was a cottage community
2. Bob asked if pot-hole repairs are being looked at and Bud confirmed “yes”
3. Mark recommended that the Village review and update the Zoning Code Book Ordinance, to fix those areas with conflicting information, etc. – he also wants to move a lilac bush from his house to the Park next to his house and asked if there is any objection – no objections were raised
4. Greg stated that the \$15,000 for the new Garden fence included the removal of the large underground concrete bases under the existing posts and that this Garden, due to the condition of the fence does not reflect the pride of our community
5. Deb reminded everyone about the ski-team Labor Day weekend show starting at 10:00 AM and thanked the Village for supporting the Ski-Team
6. Al asked about the missed trash pick-up – Mayor Dodaro said that she called today and has not yet received a return call
7. several residents voiced concerns and frustrations about unicycles using the walkway to the Beach and causing erosion in this same area – they reported the time for the most activity with these unicycles is between 9:15-9:45 PM

New Business

Nothing to report.

There being no further business Barb motioned to adjourn at 10:21 PM, seconded by Alan.

Mayor Joanne Dodaro

Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris