

**VILLAGE OF CHIPPEWA LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –AUGUST 11, 2025**

Mayor Joanne Dodaro called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

A roll call was taken with the following officials present: Tamitha Sorgi, Barb Hunter, Ken Demeter, Lowell (Bud) Hardesty, Allan Michelson – Solicitor, Jim Brandenburg – Zoning Inspector, Gary Harris – Fiscal Officer; visitors Alison & Andy Weimer, Bob Williams, Lisa Krosse, Bill Glasenapp, Greg Stanislawski, Mark Krosse, Kyla Presto, Deputy Harhay and Fire Chief Cavanaugh

Mayor Dodaro announced that Leslie Burns and Alan Robbins are not here and may arrive later

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read and agreed with the July Regular Meeting Minutes and asked if there were any corrections, questions or comments and then reported one error in the Minutes on page 5, under Public Participation, reverse the names listed under items 4 and 5

**Bud made the motion to accept the revised July Regular Minutes, and it was seconded by Barb.
Vote: 4 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 confirmed one change adding \$4,366.58 for the July Sheriff Invoice for a revised total of \$103,389.34

Barb made a motion to approve the revised July Bill's for payment in the amount of \$103,389.34 seconded by Bud. Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays

Council Reports:

Safety

1. Deputy Harhay read the Sheriff's Monthly Reports, they worked 105 hours in July versus 100 hours scheduled and used 31.6 gallons of fuel for the 662 miles patrolled in the Village – read the totals for the Activity Report amounting to 116 Total Activities for the month of July that did include one rescue listed as a drowning, both victims survived and both were intoxicated – Deputy Harhay confirmed contacting the Highway Patrol regarding the new law just passed for low speed vehicles and the enforcement of these vehicles and stated that so long as they are on a roadway with a speed of less than 40 mph there is nothing that can be done unless the Village passes legislation which will then be enforced – reported that they did cite one 4 wheeler and also warned a family who had a son driving a golfcart who was underage and warned the family that they will be cited if it happens again – Tamitha reported illegal parking at Point Park
2. Fire Chief Cavanaugh read the report that had a total of 58 calls in July, 7 of the calls were for Chippewa Lake and 76% of all calls were for EMS – reported that the July average turn-out time was 1 minute and 59 seconds, travel time to be on site was 6 minutes and 6 seconds on average – confirmed that they participated in the July 4th Parade and Village Water Party – opened it up for questions – Bill asked what is being done about non-functioning fire hydrants resulting in the loss of a second barn and a leaking fire hydrant on Willow Wood– Chief Cavanaugh reported that the Water Department is planning to replace the water mains in our area and another impact to water pressure was the loss of a water well in Westfield Township and that the Fire Department will be using their tanker with the support of other local fire department tankers to have water available to fight future fires – Andy asked that the Chief report on statistics strictly

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related to the Village, specifically response times – Mayor Dodaro thanked the Fire Department for their participation at the Water Party

3. Mayor Dodaro reported that the Park District Police for July did issue two citations and twelve Verbal Warnings as well as advising several Lake users about prohibited swimming areas, operating water craft in restricted areas and fishing regulations – Bill asked what is being done about the No Fishing and how years ago the wall was stenciled with No Fishing – Allan said that he looked at the old Ordinances and there was nothing there other than no fishing within 20' of the beach and swimming areas – Ken to get information to Allan so an Ordinance can be generated on the fishing matter

Mayor Dodaro announced that our NOPEC Representative, Kyla Presto, is here tonight and would like to address those present – Kyla thanked the Mayor for her allowing to address this gathering and reported that NOPEC offers electrical and gas aggregation services for over 240 member communities – thus far, Chippewa Lake has applied for and been awarded Grants totaling \$13,037 and has \$2,138 yet available to spend on utility related cost reduction/assistance programs in addition to the Sponsorship Grants awarded to the Village and paid to The Lions Club in Chippewa Lake for the July 4th Parade related expenses – discussed the workings of the PJM Interconnection Agency that was set up to control power supply and demand covering 13 states, including Ohio and how the most recent Power Capacity Auction saw an 800% increase in capacity pricing which will result in a 10-15% increase in power costs for Ohio households – she handed out flyers on how homeowners can work to reduce electrical usage and recommended users visit the NOPEC website for more ideas on how to help lower costs for power usage – a discussion took place on opt-in and opt-out of NOPEC, with Kyla offering to assist our residents on such matters, also urging caution on any 3rd party offering lower power costs and what potential buyers are not told about – Mayor Dodaro reminded residents that Chippewa Lake has a no soliciting ordinance and if any vendor shows up selling power options or other items, the resident should contact the Sheriff Department to remove them from the Village – Mayor Dodaro thanked Kyla for being here tonight and sharing her information with everyone present

Zoning

1. Jim read the Zoning Report for August that had 3 Permits
2. announced that due to Matt's workload with his present employer, Matt has decided to step-away from Zoning for a period of time – Jim expressed his appreciation for all of Matt's assistance and Mayor Dodaro also thanked Matt for all that he did
3. Barb asked if she needs a permit to park her camper and to put up a temporary structure for the camper and she was told "yes", permit(s) are necessary
4. Mayor Dodaro asked about the retaining wall matter at 60 Rockridge as discussed at last month's meeting – a discussion took place and it was decided that Allan will generate an Easement for review at next months meeting that will then be recorded once finalized
5. concerns were expressed about 9 Parkway Path and the Pribish properties where it was noted that the Village keeps filing charges against 9 Parkway Path and the owner continues to pay all fines and court costs and how the Pribish property owner continues to meet the minimum requirements for maintaining the property

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Community Relations

Tamitha reporting:

1. reported that Movie Night held on July 25th had low turn-out due to weather and she is planning another Movie Night and will let everyone know the details once arranged
2. the Water Party was fantastic with at least 40 children and 10 adults and thanked the Fire Department for the great job they did and thanked all those who assisted with the event
3. the Fall Festival event is scheduled for September 20th
4. Mayor Dodaro announced that the Ski Team's annual Labor Day event has been rescheduled to September 6th starting at noon
5. Mayor Dodaro thanked Tamitha for the great job done for the Water Party and that this was the largest turnout ever for this event

Buildings and Utilities

Barb reporting:

1. confirmed that she sent the Board of Elections (BOE) contact information for this year's voting and also reported that the BOE conducted an ADA Compliance inspection and she has the understanding that we passed that inspection
2. relocated the Pond chemical boxes into the Mayor's office
3. asked that all event organizers using the Community Center clean-up when done and dump the filled trash container liners into the outdoor receptacles and reline the receptacles before leaving and the needed supplies are in the Janitor's room that is left unlocked -Bill suggested creating a check-list for organizers to use to make sure that they have completed all that needs to be done – Barb said she will do that as she is also generating a "how to" sheet for adjusting the thermostat in the Community Center

Parks

Ken reporting:

1. confirmed that the installation of eight (8) aerators has been completed, all are working and they have not yet added any chemicals – Ken thanked those who assisted including Keith, Eric and John – Ken reported that he will begin adding chemicals this week and he has ordered more hoses, thus far there have been 9,400 views of the Pond on Facebook and the system is designed to remove 2" of "muck" per month and the system operates continuously but no chemicals are added during the winter months – he plans on removing the duckweed from the Pond and wants to put up No Fishing signs
2. confirmed that Mosquito spraying is now underway twice per week on Monday's and Friday's – Tamitha asked that he request dropping Friday's and doing it on Thursday's instead – Ken will make this request
3. accompanied the Insurance Inspector for the Community Center and thanked Barb for her work on the Community Center that aided in the building passing the insurance inspection
4. the Ski Team asked Ken to purchase and install new ropes for the Beach area – Ken reported that in 2023 the Ski Team dropped the section that stated that the Ski Team will maintain the ropes and Swimming Platform and transferred all of this to the Village – he wants this reversed to how it used to read and the Village will be responsible to purchase repair items but the Ski Team will install and maintain as in the past
5. Ken is to furnish Allan details on the No Fishing so Allan can generate an Ordinance prohibiting fishing from The Oaks to Point Park as the concern continues to be fishing hooks in the Beach

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area – Bud asked that this be reconsidered – Mayor Dodaro told Ken to have a Committee Meeting and present the recommendations at the next Council Meeting

6. Lisa asked if Council could make Point Park more attractive – Mayor Dodaro asked Ken to include recommendations on how to do this based on his having a Committee Meeting

Streets

Bud reporting:

1. had nothing to report about any additional work as he is working to make sure that there is carryover for the next person who will be in charge of Streets since this is his last year on Council
2. Mayor Dodaro asked if Engineering Associates will submit the OPWC Application by the time of the deadline and Gary responded “yes they will”
3. Gary asked Bud to make sure that Engineering Associates is working on getting the Memorandum of Understanding with Medina County finalized before we get much deeper into this project – Bud said he will contact Joshua

Legal

Allan reporting:

1. issued two warning letters to the homeowners who were videoed dumping yard waste into and/or near Reece’s Pond and stated that they will be prosecuted if this continues
2. has one case with a Hearing scheduled for tomorrow on a violation of probation

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: 4 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, Bud made a motion to so move, and that it was seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays**
3. the 2026 Budget Public Hearing took place on July 24th with a 7:00 p.m. scheduled start time – Gary confirmed that he arrived at 6:37 and left at 7:35 with no one else arriving during this time – the 2026 Budget was delivered to the Medina County Auditor’s Office on July 25th as approved by Council at the July 14th Council Meeting – he asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered
4. Fiscal Officers are required to take 12 hours of training every term of Office and since Gary is appointed, he has to complete the above training for the period 2025-2028 – he will be registering to take half of the requirement on October 23rd and he will split the costs between both Villages, Chippewa Lake and Burbank – he will complete his training over the next 12 months splitting all costs as stated - he asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered
5. effective Sept. 30, 2025 HB96 becomes effective requiring all local government entities to implement a basic cybersecurity program and for Villages this program has to be functional on or before July 1, 2026 – the Auditor of State’s Office will check for compliance with this deadline –

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Gary will be participating in all future webinars on this topic that will be issuing guidelines on compliance for Village entities - he asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered

6. reported that a resident approached him after last month's meeting about terminology used by Council to set-aside monies for a project and what happens when it is not all spent – Gary reported that he generated an explanation sheet and gave copies to the Mayor and Council tonight regarding the use of proper terminology and showing what happens when more or less monies are actually spent than what a Department Head may have asked to be set-aside – going forward please use the term “reserve or set-aside or ear-mark” monies for use on a project and read the attached sheet distributed tonight to gain a better understanding of what happens once the monies are spent – it's also important to realize that when Council approves a budget, they have approved 100% of the Appropriated monies for spending so Council does not have to reappropriate monies when they have a need to set-aside or reserve monies for spending
7. confirmed emailing the Mayor and Council Members on August 8th with the email sent to him by Alan pertaining to the Medina County All Hazards Mitigation Plan, that included the “link” to access the revised Plan and the County is asking for a new Resolution accepting this Plan – Allan said he will generate the legislation
8. as of the end of July, the balance in the Primary Checking Account was \$428,763.36 and \$206,911.55 in the Money Market Account and \$114,541.50 in the Star Ohio Account for a total of \$750,216.41 – he asked if there are any questions or comments – none were offered

Old Business

Nothing to report.

Public Participation

1. Bob stated that there will be an event this Sunday at Point Park from 5-8 p.m. to recognize the community and the overall appearance of the community with entertainment, balloons, soft drinks, popcorn, face painting, etc. all being offered and only asking for donations
2. Bill asked why we no longer post the passed Legislation and meeting schedule in the green outdoor bulletin boards – Mayor Dodaro stated that this is no longer required and we only need to post such information on the Village website – Bill said then let's remove the bulletin boards and Ken stated that Leslie has a potential need for these boards

New Business

1. Mayor Dodaro announced that of the 4 Council seats that will open at the end of this year, three people will be running for office, those being Tamitha, Barb and Al Horning leaving one Seat yet available for election – Mayor Dodaro reported that she is also running for election this year
2. Chief Cavanaugh returned and reported that the leaking hydrant on Willow Wood will be repaired this Wednesday

There being no further business Bud motioned to adjourn at 8:31 PM, seconded by Tamitha.

Mayor Joanne Dodaro

Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris