

**VILLAGE OF CHIPPEWA LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 10, 2025**

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

A roll call was taken with the following officials present: Alan Robbins, Barb Hunter, Ken Demeter, Lowell (Bud) Hardesty, Leslie Burns, Tamitha Sorgi, Allan Michelson – Solicitor, Jim Brandenburg – Zoning Inspector, Gary Harris – Fiscal Officer; visitors Bill Glasenapp, Greg Stanislawski, Mark Reuter, Debbie & Al Horning, Debbie Rustic, Lisa Krosse, John Sandora, Joe Schoffstall with Rumpke, Deputy Harhay and Fire Chief Cavanaugh

Mayor Dodaro thanked all residents who Voted for our Council members and also those who voted to re-elect her as Mayor, she also thanked everyone who participated and assisted with the Village Halloween Party and for the participation of the Sheriff and Fire Departments and for Tamitha for keeping things going during her absence

Mayor Dodaro asked Bud to introduce tonight's visitor – Bud introduced Joe Schoffstall who is the Village representative from Rumpke Waste and Recycling Services – Joe stated that he met with Bud about a 5 year Contract Extension, increasing rates by \$1 for the Regular Service and \$1 for the Senior Service which equates to a 6% increase per year with no change in the level of scheduled service and rates that are all in line with other communities – several positive comments were offered to him by residents and Village Officials on the quality of their work in the Village – Joe then opened it up for questions – Ken stated that he had received some complaints about the pick-up crews leaving the receptacles on their sides once dumped – Joe replied that if it is in the traffic lanes then, yes, the crew should set it upright and move it out of the lanes of traffic – Alan asked how many clients are there in or around Chippewa Lake and Joe estimated around 400 – Bud stated that this contract extension does not prohibit residents from using another source for this service

**Bud made a Motion to Accept the 5-year Contract Extension with Rumpke, seconded by Ken.
Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read and agreed with the corrected October Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted and asked if there were any other corrections, questions or comments – none were reported

Bud made the motion to accept the October Regular Minutes as submitted, and it was seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read the November Bill's for Approval and asked if there were any other changes, questions or comments – Gary confirmed one addition adding \$20.97 for a revised total of \$24,079.64

Barb made a motion to approve the revised November Bill's for payment in the amount of \$24,079.64 seconded by Ken. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

Council Reports:

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Safety

Alan Reporting:

1. Alan read the Sheriff's Monthly Reports, they worked 88 hours in October versus 90 hours scheduled and from November through April the scheduled patrol hours are reduced to 80 per month - the totals for the Activity Report amounting to 105 Total Activities for the month of October – Alan expressed his appreciation to both the Sheriff's Department and Fire Department for all that they do to keep our community safe – reported that for 2026 the potential range of increase for the Sheriff Deputies ranges between 3-7% and the Village will have to determine, sometime in the early part of January, what the Village will offer those Deputies willing to patrol the Village in 2026
2. Fire Chief Cavanaugh read the report that had a total of 74 calls, 9 of the calls were for Chippewa Lake and 70% of all calls were for EMS – reported that the October average turn-out time was 1 minute and 48 seconds, travel time to be on site was 5 minutes and 06 seconds on average – Chief Cavanaugh issued a Big Thank You to the Village for the letter sent to the Commissioners regarding Fire Hydrant Testing being delayed – the letter(s) worked and his department received the OK to proceed with the testing and reported that upon completion some of the hydrants are leaking and he has generated the request to have them repaired – Alan thanked Chief Cavanaugh for his work and efforts to resolve this issue
3. reported that the Park District sent him a Water Quality Report on the Lake that was 182 pages in length, much more volume than expected – the good news was that in 2025 the algicide added to the Lake in 2024 did its job and no algae was present
4. on the Weather Alert Siren, there was a communication issue between our siren and Dispatch that reported the Siren as non-functioning when in reality, because it is solar powered, it was functioning during all testing – discussions between our installation company and the County regarding this non-functioning matter is now resolved – reported that the Grant used to get this Weather Siren installed needs to be officially closed out by May of 2026 and his goal is to close it out by the time of our next Council Meeting
5. he issued a Letter of Support for Christopher Livingston, who assisted the Village in researching the Siren Project, and who has now graduated from college and applied for a position with Case Western Reserve University and wished him well in his new ventures

Zoning

Leslie and Jim Reporting:

1. Jim read the Zoning Report for November and the filing of charges against two properties that had not yet Corrected the Zoning Violations – two other properties did correct the Violations and another property has until November 10, 2025 to correct their Violation to avoid charges being filed
2. Leslie confirmed that AJ Tree Service will be removing the stumps this week – Mayor Dodaro asked about the tree reported to be in the right-of-way near Bass Bay and Long Acre – Leslie confirmed that AJ will be inspecting that tree as well

Community Relations

Tamitha reporting:

1. Mayor Dodaro thanked Tamitha for the great job that she did along with all of the volunteers on the Fall Festival and thanked Ken for his work on the food that she was able to sample from that event and it was really good

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2. confirmed that Breakfast with Santa will take place on December 13th and confirmed that Jim will be making pancakes at the Community Center for this event
3. Leslie asked if the Council Meeting dates can be posted onto Facebook and Tamitha said that she will do that as some residents reported not knowing when the meetings are being scheduled

Buildings and Utilities

Barb reporting:

1. Mayor Dodaro thank Barb for all her work in opening up to receive the Voting Equipment through the day of voting and the removal of the equipment – Barb reported that the Voting Precinct in Gloria Glenns has been closed so those voters came to Chippewa Lake to cast their votes which was the reason why they delivered more Voting Booths than usual
2. she will be purchasing some additional Christmas lights as she noticed some were burned out when she removed them from the Community Center after the holiday's last year
3. confirmed that one of the non-functioning Street Lights has been replaced but two in the Park and one in front of Howard's home are still not functioning – she will contact Ohio Edison again
4. received a quote from Perfect Power Wash to pressure wash the Community Center for a cost of \$385 – Leslie said she will send Barb another company's information as she might be able to obtain a lower cost
5. **Barb made a Motion to appropriate up to \$500 to pressure wash the Community Center, seconded by Ken. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
6. asked residents to wait until acknowledged by the Mayor before getting into discussions on Council issues as those viewing on YouTube cannot hear what is being said when several people are speaking at the same time
7. Alan asked about exposed wood on the main entrance door frame – Barb is aware of this and said it was never primed but only painted and now it may be rotted – Ken recommended that Bill assist her and take a look at what is needed and Barb agreed

Parks

Ken reporting:

1. confirmed that the Kayak Dock has been removed for the season and is stored away
2. confirmed that he will get the bid and send it to Gary for adding stone for the parking area near the playground at Point Park so we can apply for PEP Grant monies
3. reported that Reece's Pond is looking good and for the first time he has seen ducks in the Pond
4. distributed a sample of the three signs he wants to install that addresses Lake Access and Fishing - a lengthy discussion followed with recommendations made on what words to use on the sign, what it should say, what it should not say, location of signs, etc. – Ken confirmed that he will send around a revised sign tomorrow, taking into consideration all comments and recommendations – Barb recommended painting the No Fishing notice on the walls – Ken will consider this or putting up signs in those areas
5. considering adding stone along the edge of the roadway – Bud recommended not doing this yet because if we get the Grant for Phase 10 that area will be tore up once again until all work is completed
6. Bill reported that a fence railing is broken again at Point Park – Bud recommended removing the fence and installing a non-maintenance type of barrier

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Streets

Bud reporting:

1. confirmed that we made a 2nd payment to Engineering Associates for the Final Design for Phase 10 making the engineering 27% complete
2. we received the pricing bid from Lafayette Township to do the Village snow-plowing with no reported change in costs – Allan did the first reading of Ordinance 911-25, “an Ordinance authorizing an Agreement between the Village and the Lafayette Township Trustees for Township Service Department services, and declaring the same an emergency”
3. **Bud made a Motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 911-25, seconded by Barb. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
4. **Bud made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 911-25 as an emergency, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**

Legal

Allan reporting:

1. has one case dealing with an individual convicted of disorderly conduct who violated his parole and now must serve jail time
2. he has heard from the attorney handling the Omni Fiber lawsuit who stated that if the Village passes the revised Ordinance, Omni will drop the lawsuit against the Village – Alan asked if all parties were at the Hearing, Allan confirmed that all parties were present via Zoom and that if we do not pass this Ordinance the trial date is set for January 13, 2026
3. Allan did the second Reading of Ordinance 909-25, “an Ordinance regulating Door-to-Door Solicitation in the Village”
4. **Barb made a Motion to waive the third reading of Ordinance 909-25, seconded by Leslie. Roll-call Vote: Alan – nay, Leslie – yea, Barb – yea, Ken – yea, Bud – yea, Tamitha – yea**
5. **Bud made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 909-25 as an emergency, seconded by Leslie. Roll-call Vote: Alan, nay, Leslie – yea, Barb – yea, Ken – yea, Bud – yea, Tamitha – yea**
6. **Bud made a Motion authorizing the Solicitor to dismiss the Omni lawsuit based on the passage of Ordinance 909-25, seconded by Barb. Vote: 5 ayes, 1 nay**
7. Council asked Allan if he sent the letter to the resident who was dumping at Reece’s Pond – Allan confirmed that he did send one letter as first requested by Council

Finance

Gary reporting:

1. confirmed that he distributed the October 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 October Bank Reconciliation Report as distributed and authorizing Council to sign the report – Alan made a motion to so move, and it was seconded by Barb. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
2. confirmed that he distributed the October Appropriations Report to Council through the end of October, 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 October signifying Council’s review and agreement with the expenditures, Bud made a motion to so move, and that it was seconded by Alan. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**

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3. in September he received a notice from the County Auditor about property reappraisals on Village owned properties and he forwarded this notice to Allan – Allan confirmed that the challenge is moving forward and in process
4. as of the end of October, the balance in the Primary Checking Account was \$407,961.44 and \$208,113.10 in the Money Market Account and \$115,810.13 in the Star Ohio Account for a total of \$731,884.67 – he asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered

Old Business

Nothing to Report

Public Participation

1. Mark stated that the Village needs to stop emergency passage of legislation as he views it as unnecessary
2. Bill asked Gary how much money has been appropriated – Gary said it is released each month on the Appropriation Reports and he looked at the 10/31 report and stated that approximately \$450,000 was Appropriated for 2025
3. Al asked how is road salt handled – Bud asked Gary to send Al a copy of the cost per ton for 2025/2026

New Business

1. Mayor Dodaro reported that after the election, we still have one open seat on Council starting January 1, 2026 so she wants to do interviews in preparation for appointing a person to Council at the January Council Meeting – Allan stated that the person applying must have been a resident for at least one year and must be registered to Vote in the Village of Chippewa Lake – a discussion took place on possible dates and times – Mayor Dodaro asked Barb to send the date, time and location to Lisa for posting onto the Village webpage
2. Mayor Dodaro announced that we have been asked by the SPCA to help to cover the \$6,111.75 in costs, reported by the SPCA, for taking in 15 animals from October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025 – Mayor Dodaro stated that in 2024 the Village donated \$250 to the local SPCA
3. **Bud made a Motion to donate \$250 to the SPCA, seconded by Ken. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
4. Alan reported that he is working on his EMA Certification and he has completed 6 of the 9 months' worth of training and he plans on completing the requirements in the March-April 2026 timeframe – the purpose of the training is to organize citizens in the event of an emergency until help arrives

There being no further business Bud motioned to adjourn at 9:00 PM, seconded by Tamitha.

Mayor, Joanne Dodaro

Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris