

**VILLAGE OF CHIPPEWA LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – May 11, 2026**

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

A roll call was taken with the following officials present: Tamitha Sorgi, Barb Hunter, Ken Demeter, Leslie Burns, Al Horning, Debbie Rustic, Allan Michelson – Solicitor, Bud Hardesty – Zoning Inspector, Gary Harris – Fiscal Officer, visitors Greg Stanislowski, Jill Heck, Debbie Horning, Bill Glasenapp, Pam & Bob Williams, Alison & Andy Weimer, Kelly Schmotzer, Howard Wolff, Lisa Krosse, Beth Whynott, John Sandora, Darren Frank with Lake Side Fogging, Dale Sidle with Valley View Spraying, Chief Cavanaugh and Deputy Harhay

Mayor Dodaro announced that Ken invited the two companies bidding Mosquito Spraying to be here tonight, Lake Side Fogging and Valley View Spraying – Ken asked Darren Frank to present to Council – Darren introduced his business to Council covering much information including that he resides in Gloria Glens, and sprays for them, he only wants 2-3 customers, this is a part-time job for him in addition to his full time job in aviation and wants to do both until he reaches retirement age, he adds tablets to standing water to wipe out mosquitos in addition to spraying, he offers a “courtesy spray” for special events and his spray also acts against ticks, fly’s and nats, his charge for a Mosquito Spray is \$500/application and when asked if he would consider a 3 year contract he stated yes at a cost of \$470 per application – next, Ken asked Dale Sidle to present to Council who reported that he has been doing the mosquito spraying in Chippewa Lake for 15 years, he uses a water based spray designed for residential neighborhoods, his equipment allows him to drive through the Village and based on his speed the equipment adjusts the flow rates accordingly and his spray is for mosquitos only, his cost per application is \$600 and due to the unpredictability of chemical costs he does not want to bid a multi-year contract – Ken thanked both contractors for being here tonight and providing the information about their organizations

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read and agreed with the April Regular Meeting Minutes and asked if there were any corrections, questions or comments – Mayor Dodaro reported two corrections needed one on page 1 and the other on page 3 under Community Relations item 1

Barb made the motion to accept the revised April Regular Minutes, and it was seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read the May Bill’s for Approval and asked if there were any other changes, questions or comments – Gary confirmed no additions to the bills as issued

Barb made a motion to approve the May Bill’s for payment in the amount of \$15,429.94 seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

Council Reports:

Safety

Tamitha Reporting:

1. Chief Cavanaugh reported that for April they had 55 calls, 3 of which were for Chippewa Lake, 38 were daytime calls and 17 were nighttime calls, 67% of the calls were EMS, the average turnout time in April was 1 min. 52 sec, YTD is 2 min. 3 sec and average travel time is 7 min. 31 sec, Mutual Aid was given 5 times and received 3 times – hosted a visit by 60

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children from the Medina Weekday Preschool and their families learning about fire safety, smoke alarms, etc. – they are waiting on a final decision regarding two Grants that they have applied for and other related matters

2. Tamitha reported that the Sheriff Department worked 64 hours and the requested hours were 80, read from the Activity Report that had 38 extra patrols, 7 Victor Watch among the 68 total Activities – Tamitha asked extra patrol coverage to enforce our Zoning Parking restrictions on May 15th starting at 10:00 a.m. for the Medina County Park District’s “ribbon cutting” ceremony for the opening of the first section of the reworked old Chippewa Lake Amusement Park area now with hiking trails and other items of interest – announced that the Sheriff Department will now report the day and times that they patrolled in the Village as well as when they are in the Village or passing through the Village on other business so we can get a better understanding of their actual time in the Village – Mark Reuter watching on YouTube reported calling into the Sheriff’s Office to report someone soliciting without a Permit – Deputy Harhay asked that Mark text him with the date and time of call so he can look it up and report back to Council - Gary stated that Solicitors are given a lanyard along with the Permit and they are told that it must be worn 100% of the time that they are in the Village working – Lisa asked for a copy of the Permit so it can be displayed on the website so residents know what to look for when a Solicitor approaches them - Leslie reported a bb pellet broke a pane of glass on a property near Rustic Rook and Rockridge

Zoning

Leslie & Bud reporting:

1. Bud advised Council that about 50% of the residences in the Village require some work and that as of this time 40 rental units have been determined and asked Council to consider a Renters Registration and guides to make certain that our requirements are known by all renters, also, some of these units are owned by LLC’s that make it more complicated in locating the owners – identified 11 trees on Lake Street that should be removed and landscape the area for a better appearance – asked Barb to turn on the water and Barb agreed to take care of this tomorrow – Bud also stated that we need to do some weed control around the Village – the guardrail on Bungalow Bay needs repair work – he met with the family and located the spot to plant the tree in memory of Tammy Nandrasky’s mom as voted and approved at the April Council Meeting – a lengthy discussion took place with Council members regarding the camper parked on Willow Wood that also touched upon Bud’s preferred method of dealing with such issues like these and other Zoning matters including weather impacting progress on repairs to property and structures around the Village, discussed Civil versus Criminal prosecution actions – on the matter regarding the camper parked on Willow Wood, Council reviewed this matter and told Bud that he is to inform the owner of the property that the camper must be removed from the property by the end of this month – Bud recommend to Council that consideration be given to fining daily charges for Parking and Zoning violations - Allan to investigate and report back to Council on prosecution actions – a discussion took place about Frontier and a third party installing fiber in the Village, how best to proceed, etc. – Allan and Leslie will look into the matter and report back to Council
2. Leslie had a call from a resident regarding parking at Point Park and options raised by the resident due to the number of people stopping to fish, ignoring the signs, damaging the fence, etc. – Ken spoke about renovation being planned for next year at Point Park that does include the parking area – this led into another discussion about parking, the Village’s Parking Violation

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Bureau, ticketing by enforcement officers only that include the Sheriff's Department and Bud –
Allan will dig into this enforcement matter and report back to Council next month

Community Relations

Debbie reporting:

1. confirmed that the Newsletter has been printed and thanked Pam and her team for distributing the Newsletter to Village residents
2. asked John to update Council on the uses for the Watercraft Sticker funds – John reported that it will cost approximately \$9,000 to take care of the weed control matter with the Village being responsible for \$5,600 of this amount with the balance being paid by the Medina County Park District, Save the Lake and Gloria Glensns – stated that this and the other projects identified next are planned uses for the Watercraft Sticker Sales that total about \$23,000 for 2024 and 2025 combined
3. **Barb made a Motion to allocate \$5,600 for weed control, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
4. John reported that the next item on the list, fixing the lake wall, has one bid thus far at a cost of \$23,500 and he is waiting on a second bid for work to be done in the Fall – the third item is to remove the second gate for the boat ramp and add riprap along the bottom of the wall to control erosion at a cost of \$1,500
5. **Debbie made a Motion to allocate \$1,500 for the gate removal and adding riprap, seconded by Barb. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
6. a discussion took place about the need for umbrellas at the Beach versus buying picnic tables
7. **Barb made a Motion to allocate \$1,000 to purchase 5 umbrellas, seconded by Ken. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
8. Gary asked which departments are paying for the items voted on tonight by Council – Land & Buildings will pay for the weed control and Parks will pay for the gate removal and umbrellas

Buildings and Utilities

Barb reporting:

1. the Election equipment was set-up on Monday, she let the Poll Workers in on Tuesday and then on Wednesday the equipment was removed and she cleaned up the area
2. the new flag has been raised at Bungalow Bay
3. the door that Bill just repaired was damaged when bringing in the Voting Machines and Bill has offered to repair this once again
4. cleaned the gutters and picked weeds at the Community Center and will drive by Mark's home to see if the street light has been replaced as requested

Parks

Ken reporting:

1. confirmed that Tom Kies cleaned-up the Beach and Point Park
2. reported that Lake Access and Watercraft stickers will be on sale at the Community Center this Saturday starting from 2-4 p.m.
3. confirmed that the Beach will open Memorial Day weekend
4. confirmed that they will be installing the Kayak Launch this Saturday at 4:30 p.m.
5. confirmed that Tod Harris will be starting the Bungalow Bay Park Rehab on May 20th – discussed parking in this area, parking stops, gravel retention, etc.

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6. Barb reported that they are still dumping in the woods by Reece's Pond – Ken confirmed that the pumps at Reece's Pond are functioning and a batch of chemicals was added about 2 weeks ago – Lisa stated that the Pond is not looking good and progress seems to be lacking – Andy stated that the Village has been working years on this pond and needs to decide when is enough enough - Ken stated that he is giving the current program 2 years and we only just finished year one

Streets

Al reporting:

1. getting more pricing on other road patching in the Village as well as bids on three catch basins that need repair on Brookshore
2. Phase 10 Bid opening to take place this Friday, on May 15th
3. advised Council that he wants them to begin thinking about which street is next for Phase 11

Legal

Allan reporting:

1. wasn't sure if the Ordinance was read regarding increasing the fine for dumping – Council confirmed that it was passed last month
2. no cases at this time for the Village

Finance

Gary reporting:

1. confirmed that he distributed the April 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 April Bank Reconciliation Report as distributed and authorizing Council to sign the report – Barb made a motion to so move, and it was seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
2. confirmed that he distributed the April Appropriations Report to Council through the end of April, 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 April signifying Council's review and agreement with the expenditures, Barb made a motion to so move, and that it was seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
3. reported that he was asked by Leslie at last month's meeting to see if the Village is obligated to accept donated land/properties and Allan replied that we are not obligated to accept such donations
4. reminded Council that the NOPEC Grant monies are in the amount of \$3,836 and the Village must spend no less than \$447 by November 30, 2026 or forfeit this amount - he asked if there were any questions – Barb asked Gary to confirm if cameras can be purchased to monitor the Pond with these monies
5. requested that Council determine no later than the October meeting where to use PEP Grant monies for 2026 since he wants to expense this in 2026 and it can take up to 2 months for PEP to issue the check - he asked if there were any questions - none were offered
6. as requested by Council at last month's meeting, Gary started researching other banks and their services since First Financial Bank that has increased the costs for Positive Pay from \$30/month up to \$100/month with the offer to reduce this cost down to \$70/month – last Wednesday he met with officials with Civista Bank in Spencer, Ohio and they are working on a proposal for both Chippewa Lake and Burbank – Gary will keep Council updated on the status – in the meantime

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- our monies remain with First Financial Bank and Positive Pay has not yet been activated – First Financial also informed him that they will also be charging us for EDI reporting that had been done by Westfield at no charge - he asked if there were any questions - none were offered
7. reminded Council that last month he did distribute the 2027 Budget Worksheets to the Mayor and Council – he will need input from Council no later than May 29th if anyone wants to make any changes to the budget, otherwise, the proposed budget will become the 2027 budget - he asked if there were any questions - none were offered
 8. our next financial Audit for the years 2024 and 2025 are about to begin and members of Council may begin to receive emails from the local Audit branch office – you may recall that we just received the Audit result report for the Regular Audit for the years 2022-2023 around June of 2025 – our new audit will be Agreed Upon Procedures which is not the “full audit” that we had with the recently completed Regular Audit – Regular Audits are normally conducted every 2-3 Audit cycle periods - he asked if there were any questions - none were offered
 9. On April 16th, Gary forwarded to Council a message and links pertaining to the effort underway to eliminate Property Taxes by having this measure on the November ballot with the links that can be used to educate the general public about the impacts such a measure would cause if passed – currently the revenue generated by these taxes amounts to nearly \$300,000 and without these revenues our income would decline to about \$96,000 – in 2025 we spent \$326,000 of which \$97,000 was spent just on road repair, plowing/salting and mowing – if we lose property taxes the results for Chippewa Lake and every Village, Township and City in the State of Ohio would be catastrophic – basic services let alone special projects would be greatly reduced and eliminated in many cases – he asked Allan to generate the legislation, being requested by OML to be sent to the Governor and Senate and House, opposing the elimination of all property taxes - he asked if there were any questions - none were offered – he asked if Allan would please proceed with the first reading of Resolution 522-26
 10. Allan did the first reading of Resolution 522-26, a Resolution of the Village of Chippewa Lake, Medina County, opposing the elimination of all property taxes in the State of Ohio
 11. **Barb made a Motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Resolution 522-26, seconded by Leslie. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
 12. **Barb made a Motion to adopt Resolution 522-26, seconded by Ken. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
 13. it's time to renew our Liability Insurance with the Public Entities Pool, Gary asked for a **Motion authorizing the Mayor to assign Ken as the alternate representative, retaining Gary as the primary, like we did in 2025, so moved by Tamitha, seconded by Barb. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
 14. we also need to decide on a contractor for Mosquito Spraying and I understand that we will go into Executive Session to have that discussion
 15. as of the end of April, the balance in the Primary Checking Account was \$483,704.23 and \$209,986.94 in the Money Market Account and \$118,060.28 in the Star Ohio Account for a total of \$811,751.45 – he asked if there are any questions or comments – none were offered

Old Business

Nothing to report.

Public Participation

1. Alison stated confusion in the use of Village monies on private property to repair the wall and posting notices about no fishing – Allan stated that the wall is Village property and it is OK to use Village monies to fix the wall and post notices about no fishing – it was also mentioned that docks are attached to this wall and although it is difficult to see the impact that the docks have

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on the wall, the area beneath the wall is eroding due to the docks thus requiring the riprap – Allan said that this is not as clear as it might be as that wall was installed for the Village during the depression and deed rights were established at that time for the Village

New Business

1. Debbie reported that there was a pile of debris near the no dumping sign – Al reported that it has been removed
2. Barb reported that a truck on Garmin turning onto Chippewa Road bent the sign and it needs to be straightened

At 10:07 a Motion was issued to enter into Executive Session to discuss and decide on the Mosquito Spraying Contractor, roll-call Vote: Al- yea, Barb – yea, Debbie – yea, Tamitha -yea, Leslie – aye, Ken – aye

At 10:35 a Motion was issued to re-enter into Regular Session, roll-call vote: Al – yea, Barb – yea, Debbie – yea, Tamitha -yea, Leslie – aye, Ken – aye

Barb made a Motion to hire Lake Side Fogging for 2026, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

Gary reminded Ken that we will need the Liability Insurance Certificate and the Workers Comp Certificate from Lake Side Fogging before any work begins

There being no further business Tamitha motioned to adjourn at 10:39 PM, seconded by Barb.

Mayor Joanne Dodaro

Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris