

**VILLAGE OF CHIPPEWA LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – June 8, 2026**

Mayor Joanne Dodaro called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 Mark Reuter, Greg Stanislawski, Jill Heck, Debbie Horning, Pam & Bob Williams, Alison & Andy Weimer, Kelly Schmotzer, Howard Wolff, Lisa Krosse, and Deputy Sergeant Lyon

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

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

Mayor Dodaro asked if everyone read the June 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 June Bill's for payment in the amount of \$32,447.99 (reduced from \$34,395.47 read at the meeting due to Council not yet approving the Sheriff Department's Dispatch Agreement thus not approving the June payment) seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

Council Reports:

Safety

Tamitha Reporting:

1. announced that Chief Cavanaugh has resigned and taken a position with the Olmsted Falls Fire Department and that Rob Haas is now the interim Chief - reported that for May they had 45 calls, 1 of which were for Chippewa Lake, 32 were daytime calls and 13 were nighttime calls, 78% of the calls were EMS, the average turnout time in May was 1 min. 36 sec, YTD is 3 min. and average travel time is 4 min. 49 sec, Mutual Aid was given 2 times and received 2 times – reported that the Lafayette Fire Department participated in the Memorial Day Parade in Chippewa Lake, hydrant testing is about 50% completed and they have been training on Rapid Intervention along with training new hires on daily operations
2. Tamitha reported that the Sheriff Department worked 80 hours and the requested hours were 100 for May, read from the Activity Report that had 75 extra patrols out of the 115 Total Activities for May – confirmed that Deputy Harhay has retired and won't return for 2 months - confirmed that the Village cannot schedule dates and times for Deputies to be in the Village – Deputy Sergeant Lyon stated that they would like to be able to schedule but the current circumstances are preventing this due to staffing levels – Mayor Dodaro asked if Tamitha wants to talk about the new 3-year Sheriff Office Dispatch Agreement and Allan stated that he has legislation ready – Gary was asked if he had the 2025 Dispatch rate with him and he stated that he did not – Tamitha asked if the proposed 5% increase in the new Agreement for 2026 would work out to about \$100 per month, Gary stated that this sounded correct - Mark stated do not sign the Agreement tonight as there needs to be more discussion on this matter – Allan was asked to do the first reading – Allan did the first reading of Ordinance 918-26, "an Ordinance

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adopting the three (3) year Agreement for Dispatching Services through the Medina County Sheriff's Office" versus the typical 1-year Agreement in years past – Gary was asked to provide prior increase amounts to Council

3. Allan did the first reading of Ordinance 918-26, an Ordinance approving the Agreement between the Village and the Sheriff's Office for Dispatch Services for 2026-2028

Zoning

Leslie & Bud reporting:

1. Bud reviewed his Zoning Report with Council and drew attention to the Pain Clinic location on Lake Road and recommended no renewal building Permit be issued for this site once the existing Permit that expires in September due to the owner being unresponsive, the location is an eyesore in the Village with missing components, high grass and weeds – Bud was asked to follow-up with the County Building Department to see if their Permit is still current with the County – Bud also reported that Gloria Glenns also has the same issue with this property owner in their community with the home being built by this owner – Bud reported that he felt he had good relationships in the community with property owners until tonight when one owner approached Bud before tonight's meeting and was upset in being singled out and harassed by Zoning, Bud cautioned all of Council to stay on game, be careful in interactions with residents and don't assume anything – Leslie stated that she appreciates Bud in how he is enforcing the Zoning Code – Al stated that we need to insert addresses on the Zoning Report so members of Council can view the sites with violations and Bud stated that he prefers to not list addresses – Mayor Dodaro told Bud to include addresses on all future reports
2. Allan stated that the Village does have a Civil Procedure to ticket illegally parked vehicles issue Zoning Violations in the Village and do so daily but we no longer have personnel, other than Bud, to issue such tickets and violations
3. Leslie stated that the Zoning Commission needs to drop by 9 Parkway Path to view this property and its current condition, she said that a few years back they had a quote of \$14,000-\$15,000 to demolish this structure – Mayor Dodaro said that at that time it was reported that we didn't have the funds to afford to do this – Gary stated that at that time that was correct

Community Relations

Debbie Rustic reporting:

1. confirmed that Aqua Doc is scheduled to do the first weed control application on June 11th with the next two applications taking place in July and August – Barb asked Debbie if they can both visit the work area on the days of the chemical applications so Barb can authorize payment for same – Debbie Horning stated that this is the same date in June that the Ski Team has a scheduled practice so this date for the Ski Team may change – Debbie Rustic will check with Nate to see if the Lake and/or Beach area needs to be closed on the dates of applying the chemical and Al asked if the warning flags also need to be flown
2. confirmed that the gate has been removed and the riprap has been added as approved at last month's meeting and that she has had no complaints from any residents
3. confirmed that the Beach Umbrellas are due June 15th

Buildings and Utilities

Barb reporting:

1. confirmed that the water has been turned on at the two Village owned sites and thanked Al and

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Bill for repairing the leak at the Fountain but reported that there appears to be a problem with either a crack or the drain at the Fountain

2. thanked Al for fixing the power issue at Reece's Pond for the aerators – there are still some street light issues in the Village that she will be contacting Ohio Edison about

Parks

Ken reporting:

1. thanked Howard, John and Cindy for helping with the Kayak Launch installation and reported that the riprap installed it looks great
2. reported that the locks were replaced at the Beach – Mayor Dodaro asked Ken to send the combination for the locks to Council members
3. confirmed that he will be getting a quote to repair the hole in the wall at the Beach
4. confirmed that the Bungalow Bay Rehab work is all done and it looks good
5. confirmed that he has No Dumping Signs for Reece's Pond and knows that the grasses are high around the pond and he will contact our mowing contractor – he was asked by Council to have the mowing contractor discharge grasses away from the storage sheds at the Community Center when they are mowing – Ken was advised that the mowing contractor is not mowing all of the areas around the Beach – Mayor Dodaro asked Ken to inspect areas being mowed to make certain that all areas needing to be cut are being cut
6. reported that mulching has started in the Village – Al reported that where the old gate was removed, posts are extending above ground and need to be removed or “ground down” and then filled with dirt
7. Tamitha reported that per Nate, boat stickers are not being located in the correct areas on boats and Nate asked that we advise all boat owners where the sticker is to be located and it cannot be in the area where the OH numbers appear on the boat but must be installed on the back of the boat
8. Leslie reported that on Saturday, June 13th, from noon until 2, Medina County will be offering a safety check on boats at the Yacht Club and no pre-registration is necessary
9. reported that Mosquito Spraying has begun and will take place every Thursday and it looks like they are doing a good job

Streets

Al reporting:

1. Phase 10 contractor award and signing of documents is scheduled for July 7th – reported that the County will start working on the water lines and there is a targeted completion date of sometime in November for Phase 10 - **Al made a Motion to approve Dirt Dawg as the contractor for Phase 10 for a bid price of \$960,948, seconded by Barb. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
2. Al asked Allan about the Frontier Fiber work that may soon be starting and Allan stated that he will investigate the scope of what they will be doing and define their rights within Village limits
3. Al requested that any work being done around the Village, by anyone or any department, be required to provide drawings so we have a better idea of what is being proposed
4. Leslie reported that people are still fishing and casting their lines towards the Beach even with No Fishing signs installed – Ken said he will stencil No Fishing on the wall that is on Village property
5. Al said speed bumps were brought up by residents as being needed on Bungalow Bay to slow traffic down and that he is looking into this – he was asked to keep in mind that golf carts use that roadway and they have no suspension to absorb speed bumps

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Legal

Allan reporting:

1. no cases at this time for the Village
2. no Tax Levy's are up for voting this year but next year they will be

Finance

Gary reporting:

1. confirmed that he distributed the May 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 May 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 May Appropriations Report to Council through the end of May, 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 May 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 Barb at last month's meeting if NOPEC monies can be used to purchase cameras, he reminded Council that PEP monies can be used for this purpose as listed in the March Meeting Minutes
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
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. reminded Council that last month he did distribute the 2027 Budget Worksheets to the Mayor and Council and the he needed input from Council no later than May 29th - to date, no changes have been requested - Gary asked for **"a Motion to permit the Fiscal Officer to advertise for a Public Hearing to take place on July 13th, before the Regular Council Meeting regarding the proposed 2027 Budget, so moved by Leslie, seconded by Barb". Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays** – Gary will review expenditures to date as of the end of June and make necessary changes to the 2027 budget based on his findings - he asked if there were any questions or comments – none were offered
8. our next financial Audit for the years 2024 and 2025 are going to begin this week and I will be submitting the files for these years to the Auditor's office on Wednesday of this week – for the next month or two I can expect numerous requests for data and/or support documents covering this period of time being audited - he asked if there were any questions - none were offered
9. in Saturday's pre-meeting envelopes Gary provided the Mayor and all Council members a copy of the legislation regarding Cyber Security along with the 1st Draft of the High-Level Information Security Policy – this is a mandated requirement by the Auditor of State's Office to have the legislation and policy in place by July 1, 2026 and we will be audited on this policy at some point in the future – this is only the 1st Draft as he does expect that there will be several drafts to follow until we get the policy correct and meeting all State requirements – this 1st Draft was reviewed by the Public Entities Pool Cyber Security Specialist and Gary was advised that it reads OK – he does plan to dig deeper into the internal controls required by the Auditor of State in addition to the Disaster Plan that he will also be working on that must also be part of this overall Policy

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10. Allan did the first reading of Resolution 523-26, a Resolution to adopt a Cybersecurity Program and declaring the same an emergency
11. **Barb made a Motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Resolution 523-26, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
12. **Barb made a Motion to adopt Resolution 523-26 as an emergency, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
13. tonight we need to increase our Permanent Appropriations for the estimated Audit Fees for the 2024/2025 Audit amounting to \$4,000 – can we proceed to have Allan read Ordinance 917-26 incorporating this change in the 2026 Permanent Appropriations – we will need Tamitha to sign if approved
14. Allan did the first reading of Ordinance 917-26, an Ordinance to set Permanent Appropriations for the current expenses of the Village of Chippewa Lake, State of Ohio, during the year ending December 31, 2026 and declared to be an emergency for the public peace, health, safety and Welfare
15. **Barb made a Motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 917-26, seconded by Ken. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
16. **Barb made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 917-26 as an emergency, seconded by Tamitha. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays**
17. as of the end of May, the balance in the Primary Checking Account was \$503,220.12 and \$210,299.04 in the Money Market Account and \$118,440.48 in the Star Ohio Account for a total of \$831,959.64 – he asked if there are any questions or comments – none were offered

Old Business

Nothing to report.

Public Participation

1. Mark read that an Ordinance is a permanent binding local law that regulates conduct, that carries penalties for violators and a Resolution is a formal expression of opinion, will or intent used to handle the administrative business, endorse policies or address temporary matters – Allan asked if this was an AI source and Mark confirmed “yes” – Allan said it is close enough
2. Pam confirmed that on July 4th we will have the Cardboard Boat Race
3. Bob confirmed that the Pride Committee flower pots are installed and being watered
4. Debbie thanked all involved for beautifying the Village and stated how good it looks
5. Allison asked about requirements being put in place for rental properties in the Village – Bud asked Council if they want to do a registry that will also list Village rules and guidelines – Leslie stated that she is not opposed to a Registry – Bud stated that this needs to apply to all non-owner occupied residences in the Village and how Cleveland Heights does an inspection of the rental before being occupied by a renter – Leslie voiced concerns about who to contact when there is a maintenance issue on rental properties, Mark recommended that she speak with Seville and how they handle rental properties – Allan stated that Gloria Glenns found out that they cannot ban short-term rentals as a matter of law but if they have an Ordinance regarding unruly renters, they can enforce it – Allan was asked to write it up

New Business

1. Gary stated that at this time, if Council wants to consider the demolition of the one property in the Village and based on his review of appropriated funds and available funds they can proceed to do so once an updated bid is received

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2. Mayor Dodaro announced that on June 28th in the afternoon, a memorial service for Bob Garner, a longtime resident who was a photographer and writer of Chippewa Lake History books and who passed away earlier this year, will be held at Point Park

There being no further business Barb motioned to adjourn at 9:06 PM, seconded by Ken.

Mayor Joanne Dodaro

Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris