

VILLAGE OF LAKE ODESSA

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 15, 2021

PER PA 254 of 2020, THIS MEETING WAS HELD ELECTRONICALLY

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Village President Banks.

Council present: President Karen Banks (remote from Lake Odessa), Trustee/President Pro Tempore Mel McCloud (remote from Lake Odessa), Trustee Michael Brighton (remote from Lake Odessa), Trustee Carrie Johnson (remote from Lake Odessa), Trustee Terri Cappon (remote from Lake Odessa), Trustee Robert Young (remote from Lake Odessa), Trustee Kay Hartzler (remote from Lake Odessa)

Absent: None

Staff present: Patrick Reagan, Jesse Trout, Kendra Backing

Visitors present: Sean Bradley, Lakewood News

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by McCloud, support by Hartzler, to approve the agenda as with the removal of items related to the "Project Graduation Event" as the organizers have notified the Village Manager that their plans have changed. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of members present, 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Motion by Young, support by Brighton, to approve the minutes from the following meetings:

- a) Minutes from the regular Council meeting on February 15, 2021
- b) Minutes from the special Council meeting on February 22, 2021

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of members present, 7-0.

BILLS

Motion by Johnson, supported by Brighton, to approve expenditures equal to or less than \$3,000.00 for the period 2/1/2021 thru 2/28/2021. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of members present, 7-0.

Motion by Brighton, supported by Cappon, to approve the bills in excess of \$3,000 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of members present, 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by McCloud, supported by Brighton to approve the consent agenda, as follows:

- a) Lake Odessa Zoning Administrator Monthly Report
- b) Lakewood Recreational Authority – February 2021 Minutes
- c) Downtown Development Authority Minutes – January 2021
- d) Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission Minutes – February 2021
- e) Lake Odessa District Library Minutes – January 2021

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of members present, 7-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Manager's Report: Reagan discussed New Business items on the agenda.

DPW: Report submitted. There was no update.

Police: No report submitted due to illness. There was no update

Finance: Report submitted. There was no update.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel/Finance Committee: No report.

Recreation/ Special Projects Committee: No report.

PRESENTATIONS

Travis Alden, from the ICEA/ The Right Place, reported on the results of the strategic planning sessions with Village Council and staff from earlier in the year. Discussion was had by the Council. Banks put forth that this should be formally adopted by Council at the April meeting, after Council members had more time to carefully read the information presented. Banks, Brighton, and Johnson each brought up subtopics, based on the report, for discussion. Alden will come back to the April meeting to further discuss the report and to also talk about the ICEA.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Proposed Downtown Four Way Stop – Reagan informed the Council that the DDA had recommended to the Council that a four-way stop be implemented, as a temporary (90 day), pilot project, at the intersection of Fourth Avenue and Second Street. Reagan stated that he had discussed this with the Chief of Police and the DPW Supervisor. The reason for this recommendation is that the DDA believes that people are traveling at high rates of speed down Fourth Avenue; that the design of the stop bars on Second Street prohibit a driver from getting a good view of the oncoming traffic; and there is a safety issue for motorists and pedestrians. Trout stated that the only issue that he sees is that the road on Fourth Avenue is narrow, due to the bump-outs, and could cause an issue with turning. Johnson asked if the bump-outs could be removed. Trout stated that this would be an expensive and time-consuming process. Trout did state that the temporary stop bars could be moved back from the intersection, allowing more room for turns.

This issue will be brought back for further discussion in April.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Resolution 2021-13: Approving the Removal of Brent Haag from Village Accounts and Approving the Naming of Kathy Forman to the Village Accounts at Portland Federal Credit Union

Motion by McCloud, supported by Brighton, to approve Proposed Resolution 2021-13. Roll call vote. Yes: McCloud, Brighton, Young, Johnson, Cappon, Hartzler, Banks; No: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Resolution 2021-14: Approving the Village Treasurer Kathy Forman as a Plan Trustee for the Employee Deferred Compensation Plan for the Village of Lake Odessa

Motion by Cappon, supported by Brighton, to approve Proposed Resolution 2021-14. Roll call vote. Yes: Cappon, Brighton, McCloud, Young, Johnson, Hartzler, Banks; No: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Resolution 2021-15: Approving the Village President's Appointment of Carrie Johnson to the Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission Board of Directors

Motion by Brighton, supported by Young, to approve Proposed Resolution 2021-15. Roll call vote. Yes: Brighton, Young, Cappon, McCloud, Hartzler, Banks; No: None; Absent: None; Abstain: Johnson. Motion passed unanimously with Johnson abstaining.

Proposed Resolution 2021-16: A Resolution Establishing Rates, Fees, and Schedules for Water Service Pursuant to Section 34-54 of the Code of Ordinances, Village of Lake Odessa, Michigan

Motion by McCloud, supported by Cappon, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2021-16. Roll call vote. Yes: McCloud, Cappon, Brighton, Young, Johnson, Hartzler, Banks; No: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Resolution 2021-17: Approving, Authorizing, and Directing the Village President and the Village Manager to Sign a Letter of Engagement from Walker, Fluke, and Sheldon PLC for Auditing Services for the Village of Lake Odessa

Motion by Johnson, supported by Cappon, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2021-17. Roll call vote. Yes: Johnson, Cappon, Brighton, Hartzler, McCloud, Young, Banks; No: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Budget Amendments as Submitted per Adopted Council Resolution 2021-06

Motion by McCloud, supported by Johnson, to approve the budget amendments as submitted. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of members present, 7-0.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Ken Bowen – Ionia County Health Department – COVID-19 Guidelines and Correspondence

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

McCloud – Welcomed Forman as the new Village Treasurer and wished everyone a safe and happy Easter.

Brighton – Welcomed Forman as the new Village Treasurer.

Johnson – No Comment.

Cappon – Welcomed Forman as the next Village Treasurer.

Young – No Comment.

Hartzler – welcomed Forman as new Village Treasurer.

Banks – welcomed Forman as the new Village Treasurer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Young, supported by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. Motion carried by voice vote of members present, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick T. Reagan
Village Manager/ Village Clerk