

VILLAGE OF LAKE ODESSA  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 15, 2022  
PAGE MEMROIAL BUILDING  
839 FOURTH AVENUE  
LAKE ODESSA, MICHIGAN 48849

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Village President Banks.

**ROLL CALL**

Council present: President Karen Banks, Trustee Melvin McCloud, Trustee Michael Brighton, Trustee Carrie Johnson, Trustee Terri Cappon, Trustee Jennifer Hickey, Trustee Robert Young

Absent: None

Staff present: Patrick Reagan, Kathy Forman, Kendra Backing

Visitors present: James Gemell, Lakewood News; Ryan Wilson, ICEA; Bob Green; Rex Bailey; Kylee Page; Sally Houge; Wanda Meyers; John Meyers; Donovan Page; Ima Jollin; Drew Jackson; Ashley Jackson; Dave Rhoden; Beth Rhoden; Beth Barrone; William Meyers; Dave DeHaan, Walker, Fluke, and Sheldon PLC; Mariah terry; Casey Beglin; Lori Kirkhoff; Valeri Neeb; Doug Neeb; Ashley Shellenbarger

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by McCloud, support by Young, to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of members present, 7-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

- Beth Barrone: voiced support for food trucks in the Village. Stated that she did not support UTV's being allowed on Village streets.
- Kylee Page: voiced support for UTV's on Village streets. Stated that having UTV's made "street legal" would be costly to owners.
- William Meyers: stated that he was not against golf carts in the Village but felt that UTV's should be allowed as well.

**MINUTES**

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

- a) Minutes from the regular Council meeting on July 18, 2022

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

**BILLS**

Motion by Cappon, supported by Brighton, to approve expenditures equal to or less than \$3,000.00 for the period 7/1/2022 thru 7/31/2022 Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of members present, 7-0.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Young, supported by Cappon, to approve the consent agenda, as follows:

- a) Lake Odessa Zoning Administrator Monthly Report
- b) Lakewood Recreational Authority – July 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Manager's Report: Reagan gave overview of report and business on the agenda.

DPW: Report submitted.

Police: Report submitted.

Finance: Report submitted.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Personnel/Finance Committee: No report

Recreation/ Special Projects Committee: No report

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- a) Dave DeHaan, Walker, Fluke, and Sheldon, PLC – reported on 2021-2022 FY Village Audit. Stated report was clean. Thanked Kathy Forman and Patrick Reagan for their work in assisting with the audit.
- b) Ryan Wilson, ICEA – gave presentation on the functions of the ICEA.
- c) Lori Kirkhoff and Kyle Butler, Ionia/ Montcalm Child Advocacy Center – gave overview of the Child Advocacy Center and what they do for county residents.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a) UTV's on Village Streets: Discussion took place on the issue. Banks thanked Reagan for getting example ordinances from other communities that have passed them. Banks directed Village Manager Reagan to give an analysis of the various ordinances, to find commonalities and any outliers and note them for the Council in a report. Banks also stated that she would like to form an ad-hoc committee, composed of Village residents and some Council members in order to study the issue. McCloud asked if the Council really wanted to discuss this or should it be dropped immediately. Council opinion was that it should move forward. Banks stated that letters of interest should be solicited from the community and that they should be received from interested residents by September 12, 2022. Council will discuss the formation of this committee at their September 19, 2022 meeting. Brighton, Cappon, McCloud, and Young each stated their interest in being on this committee.
- b) Food Trucks in the Village: Banks stated that the Council needs more information on this issue, though Reagan had provided example ordinances from other communities. Reagan also stated that he has spoken to legal counsel about this issue and is awaiting a legal opinion.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

d) None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

a) Proposed Resolution 2022-44: Approving of the Annual Contribution of Support to the Ionia County Economic Alliance (ICEA) in the Amount of \$2,000.00

Motion by Johnson, supported by Brighton, to approve proposed resolution 2022-44:. Banks called for a roll call vote. Yes: Johnson, Brighton, Young, Hickey, Cappon, McCloud, Banks; No: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

b) Proposed Resolution 2022-45: Acknowledging the Receipt of Applications for the Vacation of a Portion of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue in the Village of Lake Odessa with the setting of a special meeting and public hearing on September 12, 2022.

Motion by Cappon, supported by Brighton, to approve proposed resolution 2022-45. Banks called for a roll call vote. Yes: Cappon, Brighton, Johnson, Hickey, McCloud, Banks; No: Young; Absent: None; Abstain: None. Motion passed, 6-1.

c) Proposed Resolution 2022-46: Approval for the Placement of a Community Identification Sign in Village Park at the Corner of Jordan Lake Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Motion by Young, supported by Brighton, to approve proposed resolution 2022-46. Banks called for a roll call vote. Yes: Young, Brighton, Cappon, Hickey, Johnson, McCloud, Banks; No: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

d) Proposed Resolution 2022-47: Approving the Village President's Appointment of Aurora Rice to the Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission Board of Directors

Motion by Young, supported by Johnson, to approve proposed resolution 2022-47. Banks called for a roll call vote. Yes: Young, Johnson, Cappon, Brighton, Hickey, McCloud, Banks; No: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

e) Closed Session to Discuss an Opinion from Village Legal Counsel (Requires 2/3 Majority by Roll Call Vote)

President Banks moved this to after the second "public comment" period in order to expedite the meeting for visitors present.

## **MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Johnson – No comment.

McCloud – No comment.

Young – No comment.

Cappon – thanked the Treasurer and the Manager for their work in assisting with the Village's audit.

Hickey – No comment.

Brighton – thanked the supporters of the UTV issue for coming to the Council meeting.

Banks – stated that the 2022 Art in the Park was very well attended. Thanked all of the volunteers that helped and gave a big thanks to the Village's DPW for their work.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bob Green, Delectable Delights – stated that there is a noticeable reduction of pedestrian traffic downtown on Wednesday and Saturday each week. Stated that there is a real lack of parking in the downtown and that ideas and suggestions were needed for more parking. Also stated that 9-10 downtown merchants that he has spoken with are in favor of UTV's being allowed in town.

### **Closed Session to Discuss an Opinion from Village Legal Counsel (Requires 2/3 Majority by Roll Call Vote)**

Motion by Young, supported by Cappon, to move into closed session to discuss an opinion received from the Village's legal counsel (requires a 2/3 majority vote). Banks called for a roll call vote. Yes: Young, Cappon, Hickey, Brighton, McCloud, Johnson, Banks; No: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Council moved to closed session at 8:33 pm.

Council returned to open session at 9:08 pm

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Young, supported by Cappon, to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 pm, Motion carried by voice vote of members present, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick T. Reagan  
Village Manager/ Village Clerk