

VILLAGE OF LAKE ODESSA  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 15, 2023  
PAGE MEMORIAL BUILDING  
839 FOURTH AVENUE  
LAKE ODESSA, MICHIGAN 48849

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Village President-Tem Cappon.

**ROLL CALL**

Council present: President Pro-Tem Terri Cappon, Trustee Jennifer Hickey, Trustee Carrie Johnson, Trustee Michael Brighton, Trustee Martha Yoder, Trustee Rob Young

Absent: President Karen Banks

Staff present: Ben Geiger, Kathy Forman, Kendra Backing

Visitors present: Mollie Macleod, Lakewood News; Marc Miller; Carolyn Mayhew; Heidi Reed; Greg Geiger; Heather Geiger; Roger Geiger; Mary Geiger; Sabrina Strong; Heather & Joe Wortley; Billy Rosquin.

Cappon read a statement from President Banks who was unable to attend the meeting. Banks thanked Gregg Guetschow for his help during the last few months as the village transitioned from our previous manager to our newly appointed manager. Banks then welcomed Ben Geiger to the village as the Village Manager.

Ben Geiger was sworn in as Village Manager.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Young, supported by Yoder, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of members present, 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Carolyn Mayhew, 12412 Jordan Lake Road., Lake Odessa; Spoke in support of item XIII (a) MDOT contract #23-5159. Asked about the Lakewood Community Project account being designated to the Jordan Lake Trail.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Brighton, supported by Johnson, to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2023 special meeting, the April 17, 2023 regular meeting, and the May 8, 2023 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of members present, 6-0.

**BILLS**

Motion by Yoder, supported by Hickey, to approve expenditures equal to or less than \$3,000.00 for the period 4/1/2023 through 4/30/2023. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of members present, 6-0.

APPROVED

Motion by Brighton, support by Johnson to approve the bills in excess of \$3,000 as submitted.  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of members present, 6-0.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission May 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- b) Downtown Development Authority May 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- c) Acceptance of Bob Green's resignation from the Downtown Development Authority

Motion by Brighton, supported by Yoder, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of members present, 6-0.

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Manager's Report: Report submitted by Gregg Guetschow, Verbal Comments by Ben Geiger  
Police: Report submitted.  
DPW: Report submitted.  
Finance: Report submitted.  
Zoning: Report submitted.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Personnel Committee: No report.  
Finance Committee: No report.  
Parks & Recreation Committee: No report.  
UTV Committee: N/A.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- a) None

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a) None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Proposed Resolution 2023-28: Authorizing execution of a Contract #23-5159 with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Jordan Lake Trail Project.

Motion by Johnson, supported by Yoder, to approve proposed Resolution 2023-28. Cappon called for a roll call vote. Yes: Johnson, Yoder, Brighton, Young, Hickey, Cappon; No: None; Absent: Banks; Abstain: None. Motion passed, 6-0.

- b) Proposed Resolution 2023-29: Accepting first reading of Ordinance 2023-03, referring it to the Planning Commission, and setting a Public Hearing for June 19, 2023.

Motion by Johnson, supported by Young, to approve proposed Resolution 2023-29. Cappon called for a roll call vote. Yes: Johnson, Young, Yoder, Brighton, Hickey, Cappon; No: None; Absent: Banks; Abstain: None. Motion passed, 6-0.

- c) Proposed Resolution 2023-30: Approving Council Policy 2023-05 and providing for its implementation.

APPROVED

Motion by Yoder, supported by Brighton, to approve proposed Resolution 2023-30. Cappon called for a roll call vote. Yes: Yoder, Brighton, Young, Hickey, Johnson, Cappon; No: None; Absent: Banks; Abstain: None. Motion passed, 6-0.

d) Proposed Resolution 2023-31: Accepting proposal from the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool for insurance coverage effective June 1, 2023.

Motion by Brighton, supported by Yoder, to approve proposed Resolution 2023-31. Cappon called for a roll call vote. Yes: Brighton, Yoder, Young, Hickey, Johnson, Cappon; No: None; Absent: Banks; Abstain: None. Motion passed, 6-0.

e) Proposed Resolution 2023-32: Setting Millage Rates for 2023.

Motion by Brighton, supported by Johnson, to approve proposed Resolution 2023-32. Cappon called for a roll call vote. Yes: Brighton, Johnson, Hickey, Yoder, Young, Cappon; No: None; Absent: Banks; Abstain: None. Motion passed, 6-0.

f) Proposed Resolution 2023-33: Approving, Authorizing and Directing the Village President to sign a Fireworks Permit for the Lake Odessa Fair for June 25, 2023.

Motion by Young, supported by Brighton, to approve proposed Resolution 2023-33. Cappon called for a roll call vote. Yes: Young, Brighton, Hickey, Yoder, Johnson, Cappon; No: None; Absent: Banks; Abstain: None. Motion passed, 6-0.

g) Proposed Resolution 2023-34: Approving the removal of the former Village Manager's name on all village accounts and adding the name of Village Manager Benjamin Geiger to all village accounts.

Motion by Young, supported by Brighton, to approve proposed Resolution 2023-34. Cappon called for a roll call vote. Yes: Young, Brighton, Johnson, Yoder, Hickey, Cappon; No: None; Absent: Banks; Abstain: None. Motion passed, 6-0.

h) Proposed Resolution 2023-35: Awarding Bid for Crack Filling Streets.

Motion by Brighton, supported by Yoder, to approve proposed Resolution 2023-35. Cappon called for a roll call vote. Yes: Brighton, Yoder, Johnson, Young, Hickey, Cappon; No: None; Absent: Banks; Abstain: None. Motion passed, 6-0.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE**

a) None

#### **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Brighton – Welcomed Ben.

Cappon – Welcomed Ben.

Hickey – No comment.

Johnson – Thank you to Ben for continuing the video updates. Wants to clarify the designation of the Lakewood Community Project account.

Yoder – Thank you to Ben for continuing the video updates.

Young – No Comment.

APPROVED

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sabrina Strong – 1517 Emerson Street Lake Odessa; Explained her business plan for a tattoo shop with art/jewelry sales included. Asked council to review the current Ordinance regarding this type of business.

Heidi Reed – 538 Sixth Avenue Lake Odessa; Asked about the money in the Lakewood Community Project account as designated toward the Jordan Lake Trail.

Billy Rosquin – Nichols Road Ionia; Commented about the chickens.

Marc Miller – 803 Second Avenue Lake Odessa; Asked about the different street projects that have happened. Does not think the quality of work is where it should be.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Young, supported by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of members present, 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy S. Forman  
Village Clerk / Treasurer

APPROVED