

VILLAGE OF LAKE ODESSA

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 15, 2024
PAGE MEMORIAL BUILDING
839 FOURTH AVENUE
LAKE ODESSA, MICHIGAN 48849

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

ROLL CALL

Council present: President Karen Banks, Trustee Mike Brighton, Trustee Terri Cappon, Trustee Jennifer Hickey, Trustee Carrie Johnson, Trustee Martha Yoder, Trustee Rob Young

Council absent: None

Staff present: Clerk/Treasurer Kathy Forman

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Young, supported by Brighton, to approve the agenda. All ayes; motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Anthony Fraccarolli – Spoke about parking spaces on Second Avenue.
2. Bill Rogers – Spoke about his business and the special use granted for the sidewalk and parking spaces on Second Avenue.
3. Jacob VanBoxel – Talked about the hiring process he went through.
4. Pat Fales – Expressed opinion about the leadership they have witnessed.
5. Terri Catt – Spoke about several items she is concerned with in the village.
6. Pam Swiler – Talked about the need for a space in the village where banners about community events can be displayed.
7. Jeff Meyers – Spoke about parking spaces on Second Avenue
8. Ryan Wilson, ICEA Executive Director – Presented a brief overview about the ICEA.
9. Sandy Guthrie – Talked about the parking problem downtown.
10. Alli Smith – Submitted a letter about the parking spaces on Second Avenue that was read aloud.

MINUTES

Motion by Johnson, supported by Cappon, to approve the minutes from the following meetings:

- a) Minutes from the regular Village Council meeting of June 17, 2024
- b) Minutes from the special Village Council meeting of July 1, 2024

All ayes; motion carried 7-0.

BILLS

Motion by Brighton, supported by Yoder, to approve expenditures equal to or less than \$3,000.00 for the period 6/1/2024 through 6/30/2024. All ayes; motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Cappon, supported by Brighton to approve bills in excess of \$3,000 as submitted.
All ayes; motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Yoder, supported by Hickey, to accept the following items and place them on file:

- a) Draft Minutes from the Lake Odessa Downtown Development Authority meeting of July 9, 2024
- b) Minutes from the Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission meeting of June 11, 2024
- c) Minutes from the Lakewood Recreational Authority meeting of April 8, 2024
- d) Draft Minutes from the Lakewood Recreational Authority meeting of July 8, 2024

All ayes; motion carried 7-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Village Manager: Report submitted.
 Department of Public Works: Report submitted.
 Finance: Report Submitted.
 Zoning: Report submitted.

PRESENTATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Proposed Resolution 2024-43: Approving the Annual Payment to the Ionia County Economic Alliance

Motion by Johnson, supported by Cappon, to adopt proposed Resolution 2024-43. Banks called for a roll call vote. Yes: Johnson, Cappon, Brighton, Hickey, Yoder, Young, Banks; No: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None. Resolution adopted 7-0.

- b) Proposed Resolution 2024-44: Approving Amendment to Right-Of-Way Café Encroachment Agreement

Motion by Johnson, supported by Cappon to adopt proposed Resolution 2024-44. There was a discussion about what council’s options are. Johnson withdrew her motion and Cappon withdrew her support for proposed Resolution 2024-44.

Motion by Young, supported by Yoder to Table Resolution 2024-44. All ayes; motion carried 7-0.

- c) Proposed Resolution 2024-45: Approving Designating Voting Delegate to Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting

No council members will be attending this meeting.
 No action was taken.

- d) Proposed Resolution 2024-46: Approving the Submission of a Grant Application to the Michigan Arts and Culture Council on behalf of the Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission

Motion by Yoder, supported by Cappon, to adopt proposed Resolution 2024-46. Banks called for a roll call vote. Yes: Yoder, Cappon, Brighton, Hickey, Johnson, Young, Banks; No: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None. Resolution adopted 7-0.

- e) Discussion regarding filling the Village Manager vacancy.

Council members discussed waiting until the November elections were complete as there are four seats that will be decided at that time. Letting the new council determine the candidate they would like to work with seemed fair. Council discussed the need to retain Mr. Gregg Guetschow as the Interim Village Manager until such time that a new Village Manager is hired.

Motion by Johnson, supported by Hickey to rescind the offer of employment to Jacob VanBoxel. Banks called for a roll call vote. Yes: Johnson, Hickey, Cappon, Yoder, Banks; No: Brighton, Young; Absent: None; Abstain: None. Resolution adopted 5-2.

f) Discussion regarding dissolution of Lakewood Recreational Authority.

The authority board has expressed questions about the need for the LRA to continue.

Motion by Young, supported by Hickey to start the process to dissolve the Lakewood Recreational Authority. All ayes; motion carried 7-0.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

None

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Banks – Thanked everyone for coming tonight. Reminder that Art In The Park is Saturday, August 3rd.

Brighton – Thanked everyone for coming out.

Cappon – Thank you, we need to work on items brought forward tonight.

Hickey – Thank you, opinions and ideas are welcome and appreciated. To council, we do the best we can.

Johnson – Welcomed parking ideas and liked the community input.

Yoder – Thank you, your input is valuable.

Young – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Bob Greene – Presented cards about parking to the previous manager and did not receive follow-up
2. Anthony Fraccarolli – Spoke of the Art In The Park experience
3. Pam Swiler – Asked about the location for the future mural in the downtown area.
4. Pat Fales – May be room for more parking when Ace Hardware moves their propane area.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Young, supported by Hickey, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes: motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy S. Forman
Village Clerk / Treasurer