

VILLAGE OF LAKE ODESSA

MINUTES

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MAY 6, 2024

PAGE MEMORIAL BUILDING

839 FOURTH AVENUE

LAKE ODESSA, MICHIGAN 48849

President Karen Banks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Council absent: Trustee Rob Young

Staff present: Village Manager Guetschow, Police Chief Backing and Clerk/Treasurer Forman

NOISE ORDINANCE

President Banks began by asking Chief Backing to give an overview of the Noise Ordinance question.

There was a discussion about establishing a quiet time in the village. Also, how to make the rules objective instead of subjective.

Questions were raised about situations where a noise ordinance would be helpful and if an ordinance should be created for a few problems.

Chief Backing stated that we currently have a nuisance ordinance or a breach of peace. Enforcement is an issue now.

Village Manager Guetschow suggested coming up with reasonable standards. If the standards don't work, they could be tightened up as needed.

Industrial zones will need to be addressed.

Council asked Chief Backing to work through a draft of her suggestions for an ordinance. She agreed to do this. Council will meet again, possibly in July to discuss Chief Backing's draft.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A person from outside the village asked to address the council. After listening to their concerns, it was determined that they needed to attend the Odessa Township meeting being held at 7:00 pm this evening.

VILLAGE MANAGER CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

There are six confirmed candidate interviews scheduled for May 15th and May 16th. Each interview will be 45 minutes in length with an hour assigned to each candidate.

Council members were presented with a list of questions to consider. It was decided to use the questions as written with no changes or additions. There was a discussion of how to ask the questions and if clarifying questions were allowed. Guetschow encouraged clarifying questions so council members would be clear in the candidate's actual thoughts.

Binders will be provided to each council member with all candidate information included along with a scoring matrix to help organize their thoughts as the interviews are conducted.

Guetschow suggested talking after the last interview on Thursday to determine what the next step should be.

A discussion was held about what a second round of interviews might look like.

How long should someone be given to relocate to the area if hired?

Staff contact with candidates after round one interviews and prior to round two interviews should be scheduled. Guetschow would help staff manage responses since they will be working with the candidate that is selected.

The council would like to take whatever time is necessary to make the selection.

President Karen Banks declared the meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Forman
Clerk/Treasurer