

**VILLAGE OF LAKEVIEW  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
October 12, 2021**

President Griffith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Emily Griffith, Dominic Trevino, Chris Fryover, Lane Leppink, Kate Behrenwald, Jyll Mitchell and Greg Saxton.

**Members Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Manager & Chief, Darin Dood, Lieutenant Russell, Scott Smith, Brian Bucholtz and Melissa King.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Fryover moved and Trevino seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**STANDING ITEMS**

Fryover moved and Saxton seconded to approve the Meeting Minutes from September 14, 2021 as presented. Motion carried.

Saxton moved and Fryover seconded to approve the September bills in the amount of \$637,036.82 as presented. Motion carried.

**REPORT**

Lieutenant Russell stated the numbers are down. These are down due to the loss of our afternoon patrol officer. When asked if the Village is doing well as a whole, Manager Dood stated we are doing really well. The State Police have been coming in and helping knowing the department isn't fully staffed.

Supervisor Bucholtz added there are still handicap parking spaces to paint. When asked if we schedule days to pick up the leaves, he stated we watch for piles and decent weather.

OIC Smith added September is a busy month for the water department. As far as Sewer, it is discharging season. We will be discharging through the end of the year. We took in 21 samples for water testing.

Manager Dood added that the gas station on M46 has decided to hold off on their opening. Some of the equipment they need is not available yet and therefore creates problems with some of the permitting process. It is in their best interest to wait on the opening. The process of obtaining a liquor license was discussed. Manager Dood talked about his experience going to the top of the water tower. He expressed he was impressed with how the DPW handled safety measures, and the knowledge they have to run sophisticated equipment. He encourages the Council members to get involved with day-to-day activity in the Village so when decisions need to be made, they have the knowledge they need to make them.

## **Business**

### **Resolution of Heart-Felt Appreciation to Cato Township**

A Resolution of Heart-Felt Appreciation was presented to Cato Township Clerk, Todd Lincoln, for the Township's willingness to serve the Village of Lakeview with consideration and collaboration and their commitment to develop and improve the community along with improving relations with the Village. The Township board worked with the Village during the pandemic and has a genuine concern for the Village residents in Cato Township. President Griffith, on behalf of the people of Lakeview and the Village Council, commend Cato Township on their continued support and commitment to the Lakeview Community. Fryover moved and Trevino seconded the Resolution of Heart-Felt Appreciation to Cato Township. Motion carried.

### **Right of Way Request**

Next Door Operations need to put in some monitoring wells as required by EGLE. These wells monitor ground water as well as vapor.

Trevino moved and Saxton seconded to approve the License Agreement Request to Next Door Operations store as presented. Motion carried.

### **New Building Change Order**

We have two items that need to be added in the new building. One is a hot water heater on the shop side and the other is a garage door for the Quonset.

Fryover moved and Behrenwald seconded to install the hot water heater and plumbing on the shop side and install a new overhead door on the Quonset as presented. Motion carried.

### **Cemetery Tree Bid**

There are still numerous trees in the cemetery that are dead or need trimming. At the recommendation of the cemetery committee, Manager Dood toured the cemetery with Deon Swanepoel and created a list of the work that needs to be done. This list completes about 95% of the work that needs to be done at the cemetery and can be done yet this fall.

Saxton moved and Trevino seconded to award the bid to remove trees at the cemetery to Deon Swanepoel as presented. Motion carried.

### **Winterfest Fireworks Application**

The Winterfest Committee would like to have fireworks for the Winterfest celebration and have presented us with an application for fireworks and a Certificate of Liability Insurance.

Fryover moved and Leppink seconded to approve the application for fireworks.

Griffith – yes

Leppink – yes

Saxton – yes

Behrenwald – yes

Fryover – yes

Mitchell – yes

Trevino – Abstain

Motion carried.

### **Airport Auxiliary Building -Hose Reel**

We have grant money available for airport projects. The Assistant Airport Manager and pilots have contacted Manager Dood regarding a small shelter to cover the new card reader and the person buying fuel from the elements. They would also like a hose reel to help make fueling easier.

Manager Dood gave an update on the building of the T-hangers. Because the cost of building the T-hangers has doubled since the pandemic, MDOT has allowed us to postpone the project for approximately a year and a half in hopes the prices will come down. In the meantime, we are able to proceed with the next project on our list which is a Front-End Loader for the airport. He explained how the fund process works through MDOT. Each year we receive money. That money is allowed to be banked for three years towards a project. If the money isn't spent, we lose it.

Fryover moved and Behrenwald seconded to approve the purchase of the new hose reel and allow the Manager to facilitate getting the shelters built at the costs presented. Motion carried.

### **Recycling Infrastructure**

Manager Dood holds a seat on the County Solid Waste Committee. We are one of five recycling sites in the County and one of the biggest. We would like to bring the recycling from North Street to the new Municipal Complex. Manager Dood asked the Solid Waste Committee what was available for us. They make compactor units which would greatly increase our volume and site cleanliness. As a result of the Solid Waste committee's recommendation, the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners agreed to fund the joint venture. The County will pay the monthly lease on the equipment for a 5-year term and the Village will install the required electrical service and reinforced cement pads required for the units. This joint venture is the type of collaboration that will continue to move Lakeview forward.

Behrenwald moved and Fryover seconded to contract with Griffith to install the required electrical and cement pad infrastructure not to exceed \$16,500 as presented. Motion carried.

Trevino moved and Saxton seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:51 PM. Motion carried.

Police Report – 46 complaints, 4 tickets, 8 verbal warnings, 8 traffic stops, 6 liquor inspections, 85 property inspections and 0 arrests.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa King  
Village Clerk

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