

VILLAGE OF LAKE ODESSA

MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

May 3, 2018

PAGE MEMORIAL BUILDING

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm by President Banks.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Council present: Janet Thomas, Karen Banks, Mike Brighton, Mel McCloud, Charles Jaquays, Brandy Walkington

Absent: Mike Rudisill

Staff present: Pearl Goodemoot, Jim Valentine

Visitors present: Bonnie Mattson of J-Ad Graphics, John and Julie Salmon, Brian and Deb Moras, Shana Griffin, Joann Gerke, Kris Deatsman, Marc Miller, Mike Dillon, Daryl Hartzler

Motion by McCloud, support by Jaquays to excuse the absence of Rudisill. Motion carried.

Motion by Walkington, support by Thomas to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Brighton, support by Walkington to adopt Resolution #2018-13 CDBG Authorizing Resolution. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Yes: McCloud, Jaquays, Thomas, Brighton, Walkington, Banks; No: None; Absent: Rudisill. The resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Strategic Fund has invited Units of General Local Government to apply for its CDBG-Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Competitive Funding Round; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Lake Odessa desires to request \$2.0 million dollars in CDBG Funds to for major infrastructure projects on village owned streets and right-away, replacing aged and failing water mains that are consistent with the Capital Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the project is \$2.0 million dollars which exceeds the financial feasibility of Village revenues; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Lake Odessa, commits to provide at least an 11% of matching funds for the project from its Water Fund; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will benefit all residents of the project area and 55.1 percent of the residents of the Village of Lake Odessa are low and moderate income persons as determined by census data provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the local Community Development Plan as described in the Application; and

WHEREAS, local funds and any other funds to be invested in the project have not been obligated/incurred and will not be obligated/incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and a formal written authorization to obligate/incur costs from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Lake Odessa hereby designates the Village President as the Environmental Review Certifying Officer, the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG Application, the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests, and the person authorized to execute any additional documents required to carry out and complete the grant.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Motion by Brighton, support by Thomas to approve the Community Development Grant Agreement with the Michigan Strategic Fund as presented. Motion carried.

Banks explained that Sergeant Listerman tendered his resignation and explained that the police department will be operating with one full-time officer and one part-time officer. Banks asked the Ionia County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police for interim police services. Banks reported that the Michigan State Police does not provide such services and that Ionia County had presented a proposed contract, which has been reviewed by the Village's legal counsel. Motion by Brighton, support by Walkington to approve the Interim Agreement for Sheriff's Office Services. Motion carried.

Banks asked council if there was any interest in setting up a public safety committee that Gary Mattson proposed. Brighton stated he was not interested. Banks asked the remaining council members for any interest. There was no other comment from council.

Banks announced Julie Salmon has accepted the Village Manager proposed employment terms, and reported that the Village's legal counsel is drafting a contract, with a start date of May 21, 2018.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

There was no trustee comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deb Moras inquired about the length of the interim police contract and the hours of coverage.

Banks stated the contract is 3 months and informed Deb Moras that she could answer her questions after the meeting.

Marc Miller stated that when cuts are made it should not be to fire, EMS or police services. Miller asked who was failing with the turn-over at the police department and cautioned council in turning over the department to the county.

Brian Moras asked council about the public safety committee proposed from Mattson.

Kris Deatsman stated that council had failed Sergeant Listerman.

Mike Dillon stated that he will support council's decision to move forward with contracting with the Ionia County Sherriff's Department if it was the only option left and stated everything should be done to keep the department.

Jim Valentine explained the interim police department contract with Ionia County.

Mike Dillon clarified that if anyone calls 911 there will be a police response.

Bonnie Mattson inquired about the hours of coverage and the availability of the county deputies.

Jaquays explained that it has been hard to keep police officers with many officers leaving law enforcement.

Brian Moras asked council why Sergeant Listerman was leaving.

McCloud stated that Sergeant Listerman was leaving for more pay and more growth opportunities.

Jaquays stated that Sergeant Listerman informed him that he wanted to move up the ladder.

Julie Salmon stated that in any employment relationship it is a good idea to enter into a temporary contract and allows council and citizens to evaluate the contract with Ionia County.

Brian Moras inquired about the future of the police department.

Banks stated that council is doing the best they can with what information they have.

Brian Moras suggested that resources be put into a sustainable police chief position that could help build the department.

Motion by Jaquays, support by Walkington to adjourn the meeting at 6:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pearl Goodemoot
Village Clerk / Treasurer