

VILLAGE OF LAKE ODESSA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 20, 2011
PAGE MEMORIAL BUILDING

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Banks.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Council present: Janet Thomas, Mel McCloud, Charles Jaquays, Mike Brighton, Karen Banks, Mike Rudisill, Patti Caudill

Absent: None

Staff present: Pearl Goodemoot, Mark Bender

Public present: Helen Mudry of J-Ad Graphics, Tom and Lois Peacock of 929 McArthur St., Jeff Wells of 1138 Lakeview Drive, Brandon Gerke of 834 Lakeview Drive, Brett Almasi of 1208 Lakeview Drive, Rob young of 932 Third Avenue, Keith Hampel of 611 Fourth Ave., Thelma Curtis of 610 First St., Tony and Jody Deardorff of 724 5th Ave., Barb Nurenberg of 916 Lakeview Drive, Linda Swift of 1122 Lakeview Drive, Mike Reed of 922 Lakeview Dr., Curt Johnson of 723 Fourth Avenue.

Motion by Thomas, support by Jaquays to approve the revised agenda as presented. McCloud asked for the Farmers Market to be added to new business. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Curt Johnson of 723 Fourth Avenue had questions on the Michigan Municipal League bills over \$1,500.00. Manager Bender explained the liability and workmans compenstation bill and the league membership dues. Johnson inquired about the lifeguard program.

Tony Deardorff of 724 Fifth Avenue asked if a public hearing had been held in regards to the lifeguards. President Banks explained the budget public hearing held in February 2011 and the requirements for public hearings.

Jeff Wells of 1138 Lakeview Drive expressed concern over safety of citizens and deterioration of the beach area without the lifeguards being present.

Thelma Curtis inquired about swimming lessons. President Banks confirmed that swimming lessons were continuing to be held.

Brett Almasi of 1208 Lakeview Drive had concerns about lack of police presence and the language taking place at the public beach without the presence of lifeguards.

Brandon Gerke of 834 Lakeview Drive shared concerns over the lack of supervision at the beach and how the language and actions of the unsupervised teen-agers is deterrent to families with children.

Linda Swift of 1122 Lakeview Drive shared history of the beach and stressed the importance of being Red Cross certified.

Lois Peacock of 929 McArthur Street shared concerns over the swimming lessons and other children throwing stones and running on the dock with the lack of supervision and authority.

Manager Bender read the statement from the Loss Control Supervisor at the Michigan Municipal League.

Barb Nurenberg of 916 Lakeview Drive suggested the community embrace the beach and shared her disgust of the language and behavior of teens in the public beach area.

Council discussed.

Tom Peacock of 929 McArthur Street expressed concern over maintenance in the area.

Mike Reed of 922 Lakeview Drive inquired about the plans for the property at the end of 4th Avenue.

Jeff Wells of 1138 Lakeview Drive asked if additional Children Playing signs could be put up along Lakeview Drive.

Keith Hampel of 611 Fourth Avenue shared concerns about the village's insurance and asked that a wide internet be looked into.

Public comment closed at 7:50pm.

MINUTES

Motion by Thomas, support by Caudill to approve the regular meeting minutes for May 16, 2011. Motion carried.

Motion by Thomas, support by Caudill to approve special meeting minutes for May 23, 2011. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion by McCloud, support by Thomas to approve all expenditures for the period 05/01/11 thru 05/30/11. Motion carried.

Motion by Caudill, support by Thomas to approve payment of invoices in excess of \$1,500.00, as follows:

\$2,370.75 to Consumer's Energy, \$2,345.88 to Fuelman, \$1,952.00 to Tri-County Homeworks; \$25,429.00 to Michigan Municipal League; \$2,676.50 to Clark Hill; \$1,577.00 to Michigan Municipal League; \$3,194.46 to Les's Sanitary Service; \$4,844.61 to MDOT. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by McCloud, support by Thomas to approve the consent agenda, as follows: Lakewood Wastewater meeting minutes for May 18, 2011; Lake Odessa Community Library April 2011 meeting minutes and financial statements. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Police Report: Girl's Night Out went well and police department is getting ready for Art in the Park and the Fair.

DPW Report: DPW is working hard to getting ready for Art in the Park and the Fair.

Finance Report: The audit is scheduled for the week of July 11.

Manager's Report: Bender reported that the village was awarded \$90,000.00 for the Farmers Market from the USDA. The DNR is scheduled to make a site visit to the beach.

McCloud had questions on the farmers market and street projects. McCloud expressed concern about money for farmers market if there wasn't enough money to fix up the streets.

Janet Thomas shared her feelings on the farmers market.

Banks confirmed that taxes will not need to be raised in order to fund the farmers market.

Jaquays had questions regarding the road improvement partnership with the county.

Caudill had questions about the village's financial portion of the farmers market.

Barbara Nuremburg of 916 Lakeview Drive shared the cost of health concerns and cost of travel and spoke in favor of a local farmers market to enhance the Lakewood community by providing educational and health opportunities and is excited to see it happen.

Keith Hampel of 611 Fourth Avenue spoke against the farmers market using tax payers money.

Tony Deardorff of 724 Fifth Ave spoke against the farmers market.

Curt Johnson of 723 Fourth Avenue suggested the money be used for the lifeguard program.

Louis Peacock of 929 McArthur St. spoke against the farmers market.

Thelma Curtis of 610 First St. spoke against the farmers market.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel/Finance Committee: No Report.

Recreation/Special Projects Committee: No report.

Janie Rodriguez Award Ad Hoc Committee: Motion by Caudill, support by Rudisill to dissolve the Janie Rodriguez Award Ad Hoc Committee. Motion carried with no opposition.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Farmers market was addressed prior to committee reports.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Caudill, support by McCloud to adopt Resolution #2011-13 Authorizing a Charitable Gaming License for the Ionia County Area Arts Council. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Yes: McCloud, Jaquays, Thomas, Banks, Rudisill, Caudill, Banks; No: None; Absent: None. The resolution is as follows:

The Ionia County Area Arts Council of Lake Odessa, Michigan, County of Ionia, asking that they be recognized as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses, be considered for approval.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Motion by McCloud, support by Jaquays to approve the special liquor license for the Lake Pub. Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion by McCloud, support by Thomas to ratify President Banks appointment of Samantha Rodriguez to the Arts Commission for a term to expire October 2011. Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion by Caudill, support by Thomas to accept the proposal from John Johnson of Custom Building Systems for the labor for the replacement of the DPW building roof in the amount of \$1,950.00 without the use of the dumpster. Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion by McCloud, support by Thomas to accept the proposal from Wiever Lumber for the materials for the replacement of the DPW building roof in the amount of \$4,333.51. Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion by Jaquays, support by McCloud to deny the written request from the Ionia County Area Arts Council to drive in the park for the Rock the Port concerts. Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion by Caudill, support by Rudisill to reinstate the lifeguards at the public beach. Motion carried with no opposition.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

McCloud asked everyone to have a safe 4th of July and inquired if the dumptruck was for sale. Manager Bender confirmed that it was for sale.

Jaquays asked everyone to have a safe 4th of July and enjoy the fair.

Thomas invited everyone to the parade and announced the special features to this year's parade.

Brighton thanked Thomas for the work she puts in to the parade and farmers market. Brighton reminded people of the Enduring Freedom event on Saturday, June 25.

Rudisill stated that Girls Night Out was a success and wished everyone a safe holiday.

Caudill asked everyone to have a safe holiday and reminded everyone of the events going on – Enduring Freedom on Saturday the 25th and the benefit concert at the Ionia Sand Drags the same night.

Banks wished everyone safe and happy travels.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tony Deardorff of 724 Fifth Avenue inquired about the turn-around near the village park. Manager Bender explained the drainage improvement process.

Thelma Curtis of 610 First Street inquired about planting new trees. Manager Bender confirmed that more trees will be planted in the village.

Lois Peacock of 929 McArthur St inquired about Consumers Energy cutting down trees in her neighborhood.

Curt Johnson of 723 Fourth Avenue expressed thanks for having the concerts back in the park and for reinstating the lifeguards.

President Banks thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone of the difficult decisions that the village council face.

Without objection, President Banks called the meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pearl Goodemoot
Clerk / Treasurer