

VILLAGE OF LAKE ODESSA

MINUTES

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

APRIL 1, 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 Yoder, Trustee Young

Council absent: None

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

President Banks began by asking Village Manager Guetschow for his input on the Village Manager search.

Where do we go from here was the main discussion point.

Are we ready to post the position opening?

There are two directions the council could pursue. First would be to post the job and advertise the open position. Second, Village Manager Guetschow has had contact with three individuals who are interested in interviewing for the current position. All are full-time candidates. Council could call these three candidates in for interviews and not post the position at this time.

Council members asked questions regarding why all three candidates were available, and would they be willing to move to Lake Odessa. Village Manager Guetschow explained circumstances of their availability and that it might be difficult to find someone willing to relocate. Council would have to allow at least a 20-mile radius of the village for relocation purposes.

A discussion took place about which option to follow. It was decided to post the open position and to let the interested individual apply during that time.

The position will be posted on the village website, MML website, and an ad in the Lakewood News. This should be completed by Friday, April 5, 2024. Guetschow also said he would post on the Manager's List Serve and Linked In.

It was decided the posting length for the ad would be three weeks. The deadline will be Friday, April 26, 2024. It was suggested a Special Meeting be held on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to review the resumes.

Trustee Hickey asked about reviewing our noise ordinances. She would like to investigate quiet hours in the village.

A discussion took place about how you set noise restrictions. A decibel level would be established, and a decibel meter would be needed. Enforcement would be checking the decibel reading at the property line.

Other communities in our area have rules of this nature. It was suggested that we communicate with these communities and find out what their experience has been enforcing their rules. A full police staff would be needed since the county Sheriff's department will not enforce local ordinances like noise.

Discussed limits for construction work. Contractor hours would be easier to enforce.

Council members discussed the need to pursue this matter going forward.

President Karen Banks declared the meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Forman
Clerk/Treasurer