

VILLAGE OF LAKE ODESSA
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 17, 2025
PAGE MEMORIAL BUILDING
839 FOURTH AVENUE
LAKE ODESSA, MICHIGAN 48849

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Village President Karen Banks.

ROLL CALL

Council present: President Karen Banks, Trustee Terri Cappon, Trustee Ben DeJong, Trustee Bob Green, Trustee Roy Halfmann, Trustee Martha Yoder.

Council absent: Trustee Mike Brighton

Staff present: Kendra Backing, Eric Tollefson, Curtis Colvin, Gregg Guetschow

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by DeJong, supported by Halfmann, to approve the agenda with the deletion of new business item c. All ayes; motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

MINUTES

Motion by Green, supported by DeJong, to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2025, regular meeting and the February 28, 2025 special meeting. All ayes; motion carried 6-0.

BILLS

Motion by Cappon, supported by Halfmann, to approve expenditures equal to or less than \$3,000.00 for the period 2/1/2025 through 2/28/2025. All ayes; motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Yoder, supported by Cappon to approve bills in excess of \$3,000 as submitted.
All ayes; motion carried 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approved minutes of the January 14, 2025, Downtown Development Authority meeting.
- b) Unapproved minutes of the February 11, 2025, Downtown Development Authority meeting.

Motion by Yoder, supported by DeJong, to approve the consent agenda. All ayes; motion carried, 6-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Manager: Report submitted.
Clerk/Treasurer: Report submitted.
Police: Report submitted.
Public Works: Report submitted.
Planning and Zoning: Report submitted.

Officer Eric Tollefson made a presentation about the use of drones as a force multiplier in police work. He provided information about a quad copter drone with thermal imaging camera that could be used to

locate missing people, animals, and suspects. Officer Tollefson also noted that creating a drone unit could assist in attracting officers to the department. The cost of this drone would be about \$15,000 or \$16,000. Trustees inquired about privacy concerns, training costs, maintenance requirements, useful life of equipment, and other matters.

Motion by DeJong, supported by Halfmann, to pursue additional investigation into purchasing a drone for the police department. All ayes; motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Proposed Ordinance 2025-02: Amending Article IV of Chapter 32 of the Code of Ordinances (Utility Terrain Vehicles).

Motion by DeJong, supported by Halfmann, to approve Ordinance 2025-02 with language extending the sunset date to May 30, 2025. President Banks called for a roll call vote. Yes: Cappon, DeJong, Green, Halfmann, Banks; No: Yoder. Absent: Brighton; Abstain: None. Motion carried 5-1.

b) Proposed Ordinance 2025-03: Amending Code of Ordinances by Repealing Sections 2-221 through 2-229 (Fire and Emergency Services Charges).

Motion by Yoder, supported by Green, to approve proposed Ordinance 2025-03. President Banks called for a roll call vote. Yes: DeJong, Green, Halfmann, Yoder, Cappon, Banks; No: None; Absent: Brighton; Abstain: None. Motion carried, 6-0.

c) [Deleted from Agenda].

d) Proposed Resolution 2025-12: Adopting Council Policy 2025-01 Establishing Criteria and Procedures for Reimbursement of Costs of Village Services Incurred for Events Sponsored by Organizations.

Motion by Green, supported by DeJong, to approve proposed Resolution 2025-12. President Banks called for a roll call vote. Yes: Green, Halfmann, Yoder, Cappon, DeJong, Banks; No: None; Absent: Brighton; Abstain: None. Motion passed, 6-0.

e) Proposed Resolution 2025-13: Accepting Proposal of Peerless Midwest for Rehabilitation of Standby Well #2.

Motion by Cappon, supported by Green, to approve proposed Resolution 2025-13. President Banks called for a roll call vote: Yes: Halfmann, Yoder, Cappon, DeJong, Green, Banks. No: None; Absent: Brighton; Abstain: None. Motion passed, 6-0.

f) Proposed Resolution 2025-14: Authorizing Purchase of Utility Vehicle and Disposal of Old Vehicle through Auction

Motion by DeJong, supported by Cappon, to approve proposed Resolution 2025-14. President Banks called for a roll call vote: Yes: Yoder, Cappon, DeJong, Green, Halfmann, Banks. No: None; Absent: Brighton; Abstain: None. Motion passed, 6-0.

g) Ad Hoc Committee Report re: Deputy Village Manager Profile

Motion by Cappon, supported by Green, to post the Deputy Village Manager position vacancy with an application deadline of April 18, 2025. All ayes; motion carried 6-0.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

a) None

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Banks – None

Brighton – Absent.

Cappon – Inquired about the possibility of reimbursing Officer Tollefson for costs incurred in receiving drone training and obtaining license. Suggested public notice regarding golf carts on M-50.

DeJong – Asked that repealed sections 2-221 through 2-229 be attached to the minutes.

Green – Concurred with comments regarding drone presentation.

Halfmann – Thanked the Police Department for the drone presentation.

Yoder – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Patti Caudill, announced her candidacy for the vacant Odessa Township trustee position and provided a summary of her background and experience.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cappon, supported by DeJong, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes: motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg Guetschow
Acting Clerk