

VILLAGE OF LAKE ODESSA

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 19, 2025

PAGE MEMORIAL BUILDING

839 FOURTH AVENUE

LAKE ODESSA, MICHIGAN 48849

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Village President Karen Banks.

ROLL CALL

Council present: President Karen Banks, Trustee Mike Brighton, Trustee Terri Cappon, Trustee Ben DeJong, Trustee Bob Green, Trustee Roy Halfmann

Council absent: Trustee Martha Yoder

Staff present: Manager Gregg Guetschow, Clerk/Treasurer Kathy Forman

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Rodger Eldridge – Asked about several Police Department matters.

MINUTES

Motion by Green, supported by Brighton, to approve the minutes from the regular Village Council meeting of April 21, 2025 and the special Village Council meeting of May 5, 2025. All ayes; motion carried 6-0.

BILLS

Motion by Halfmann, supported by Green, to approve expenditures equal to or less than \$3,000.00 for the period 4/1/2025 through 4/30/2025. All ayes; motion carried 6-0.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes from the regular Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission meeting of January 21, 2025
- b) Minutes from the regular Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission meeting of February 10, 2025
- c) Minutes from the regular Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission meeting of March 10, 2025
- d) Minutes from the regular Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission meeting of April 14, 2025

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Village Manager: Report submitted.

Police Department: Report submitted.

Department of Public Works: Report submitted.

Finance: Report Submitted.

Zoning: Report submitted.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Brighton, supported by Green, to open the Public Hearing regarding the Special Assessment Roll – Hazards and Nuisances. All ayes; motion carried 6-0.

The public hearing was opened at 7:11 pm.

President Banks asked for public comment and none was heard. Public Hearing was noticed per state law and no public comment has been received.

Motion by Cappon, supported by Halfmann, to close the Public Hearing. All ayes; motion carried 6-0.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:12 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Proposed Resolution 2025-20: Approving a Special Assessment Roll for Abating Hazards and Nuisances.

Motion by DeJong, supported by Cappon, to adopt proposed Resolution 2025-20. Banks called for a roll call vote. Yes: DeJong, Cappon, Brighton, Green, Halfmann, Banks; No: None; Absent: Yoder; Abstain: None. Motion carried 6-0.

- b) Proposed Resolution 2025-21: Setting Millage Rates for 2025.

Motion by Green, supported by Halfmann, to adopt proposed Resolution 2025-21. Banks called for a roll call vote. Yes: Green, Halfmann, Brighton, Cappon, DeJong, Banks; No: None; Absent: Yoder; Abstain: None. Motion carried 6-0.

- c) Proposed Resolution 2025-22: Grant Application.

Motion by Brighton, supported by Cappon, to adopt proposed Resolution 2025-22. Banks called for a roll call vote. Yes: Brighton, Cappon, DeJong, Green, Halfmann, Banks; No: None; Absent: Yoder; Abstain: None. Motion carried 6-0.

- d) First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2025-07.
Discussion was held about the proposed ordinance.

Motion by DeJong, supported by Brighton, to send Proposed Ordinance 2025-07 to the Lake Odessa Planning Commission for a Public Hearing. Banks called for a roll call vote. Yes: DeJong, Brighton, Cappon, Green, Halfmann, Banks; No: None; Absent: Yoder; Abstain: None. Motion carried 6-0.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Town of LaSalle Mayor Email
- b) Arbor Day Foundation Letter.
- c) MSHDA Update from Marilyn Smith

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Banks – Discussed the encroachment agreement Bob Green asked about.

Brighton – None

Cappon – Thanked Kathy Forman and spoke of the importance in making contacts with local clerks

DeJong – None

Green – Has received comments about the cement barricades on 2nd Avenue and would like to discuss the matter.

Halfmann – Thanked Kathy Forman for the training summary she provided

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Rodger Eldridge – Commented about the encroachment agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by DeJong, supported by Brighton, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes: motion carried 6-0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy S. Forman
Village Clerk / Treasurer