VILLAGE OF LAKEVIEW COUNCIL MEETING

September 7 @ 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Ryan Shoffstall called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Sandra Knott Ryan Shoffstall Deputy Seth Barhorst

Randy Kaehler Dave Scott Norm Spring

Frank Dietz Heather Kegg

Terry Brentlinger Gary Bias

Mel Rotroff (absent) Connor Kinsey (phone)

 Guest – Anthony Hunter and guest

Sandra Knott made the motion to excuse Mel Rotroff, Randy Kaehler seconded. Council approved unanimously.

Mayor Ryan Shoffstall announced that there is currently an open seat on the Village Council. The term will last until the end of the year. Any interested parties should attend the next Council Meeting on September 20, 2021, or submit a letter of interest to the Mayor.

Minutes from the last meeting (August 16, 2021) stand as is.

Frank Dietz made the motion to pay the bills, Terry Brentlinger seconded. Council approved unanimously.

Norm Spring updated the Council that all Emergency Responders in the Indian Lake area met for a group picture/drone video. He will make it available to the village to add to the Facebook page and/or website.

Gary Bias (Zoning Officer) received 35 calls since the last meeting. He also wrote 3 warning letters to properties that are a public nuisance. They were mailed out certified mail. He said he was following code 518.5 but wondered if there is a fee structure in place, and if there is not one, we will need to create one. Heather Kegg will search existing legislation.

Dave Scott informed the Council that we should be completely ready to take over the electric service at Indian Hallow in approximately 3 weeks.

He also requested a meeting of the Utilities Commission. Frank Dietz will fill in for Eric Barhorst on this committee temporarily.

Resident Anthony Hunter presented a proposal to the Council in regard to the Utility Department being able to offer residents averaged/stable invoicing (also known as budget/balanced billing). This type of invoicing would charge the average amount of an account’s usage all year, which would mean the same payment each month instead of fluctuating between high and low amounts. He stressed that this option would be especially attractive to resident’s who may be struggling financially but who are not low enough income to qualify for assistance through programs like HEAP.

Dave Scott and Ryan Shoffstall agreed that this was a good option to offer if possible, and Dave Scott noted that he had been looking into it in prior years. He will attempt to contact other local municipalities who are members of AMP to see how they implement these programs.

Terry Brentlinger brought up an issue with local income taxes. Due to a system issue, St. Mary’s had sent out letters in error telling individuals that they had not paid their Lakeview taxes. Anyone who receives these letters can contact St. Mary’s Income Tax Division directly to confirm that local taxes have been paid. (419-300-3108)

Mayor Ryan Shoffstall then provided the readings/votes on the following Resolutions/Ordinances. (Two additional Ordinances that were prepared to be presented and passed as emergencies were placed on hold until the required number of Council Members were present. 5/6)

Ordinance 2021-19 – 2nd Reading

2021 SIDEWALK SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF LAKEVIEW, OHIO

Frank Dietz made the motion to pass the second reading of Ordinance 2021-19, Randy Kaehler seconded. Council approved unanimously.

Resolution 2021-23

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Frank Dietz made the motion to pass Resolution 2021-23, Sandra Knott seconded. Council approved unanimously.

Sandra Knott made the motion to adjourn, Randy Kaehler seconded. Council approved unanimously.

The next Council Meeting will be Monday, September 20,2021 at 6PM.