VILLAGE OF LAKEVIEW COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 20TH, 2017

Mayor Ryan Shoffstall called the meeting to order and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll call was read and all members answered the roll except for Dennis Harford and John Hayman. A motion to excuse Mr. Harford was made by Eric Barhorst and seconded by Jacqueline Shoffner. All members voted yes and the motion passed.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written. A motion was made by Frank Dietz to pay the bills and seconded by Jacqueline Shoffner. All voted yes and the motion passed.

The Fire Chief was present and had nothing.

The Village Administrator informed Council that the Village had completed the water system mapping by the deadline which was mandated by the EPA at a cost of $7,500.00. Pat also informed Council he has everything ready and in place for the Village Wide Clean Up on May 20th. Pat also informed Council that they have been cleaning up the old Fire Chief’s office and painting the room to get it ready to rent or move the Deputy Sheriff’s office back there so the Library can expand if Council so chooses. A number of different people have approached the Village to ask about renting out the space the old fire department once held. Discussion was held and the Solicitor advised Council they will have to place it up for bid. He will look into what the Village needs to do and report back at next Council meeting.

Connor Kinsey asked the Fiscal Officer to inform Council what the status was on the unpaid utility bill from Lou Ross from services at Emil Davis Park when he was still Park Manager. The Fiscal Officer then informed Council that a letter had been sent to Mr. Ross by certified mail giving him ten days to come in and pay the bill before the Village proceeded with legal action. Those ten days are now up and the Village has not heard from Mr. Ross. It was decided that a small claims case will be filed.

Under Old Business, the Mayor welcomed all the guests that were present for the proposed zoning change regarding the property on Duff Road. The parcel in question is currently zoned R1 and the applicant (current owner of property) has asked for it to be changed to B2. The Mayor then invited the guests that wished to speak against the zoning change to speak by calling on them one by one, limiting their time to speak to three minutes each. He then invited the seller to speak on behalf of why he thinks the zoning change should be made. Discussion was held and the Mayor asked Council if they wished to speak before it was voted on. Discussion was held. The Mayor then asked for a motion from the Council to make the proposed change in the zoning to the particular parcel on Duff Road. Eric Barhorst made a motion to approve the zoning change. The Mayor then asked for a second to the motion. There was no second to the motion so the motion died for lack of a second. At that point, the Mayor announced there would be no vote because there was no motion. He invited the guests to feel free to leave the meeting if they chose to or welcomed them to stay for the remainder of the meeting. He also assured those attending if this comes back to Council for action, it will not be voted on at the meeting but at the next meeting so the Village can give proper notice to the public. Most of the guests then left the meeting.

Terry Brentlinger then discussed all the work he and others had been doing at the Ball Park. New bases and pitcher mounds have been installed, lawn care was addressed, new ball field mix is needed, a dumpster is needed, as well as all new items for the concession stand. If anyone knows of any item they would like to donate, please contact Terry Brentlinger or the Village Office. The Ball Association will be having a clean-up day on May 25th at the park and he also reported all proceeds from this year’s park events will go to the kids. Discussion was held about the ball field mix and Council approved two loads of ball field mix to be delivered at the Village’s costs. Pat will work with them providing a village dumpster and move it back and forth until they are done cleaning. It was decided the Village staff will provide the mowing to try and hold down the Village’s costs. Terry was asked if the Ball Association is a 501C3 and he stated he was not sure but he will find out.

The Mayor then called upon the Employee Benefits and Handbook Committee for a report. Frank reported the Committee had met and had all changes that were discussed made and the most recent handbook pages were handed out to each Council member. The major changes all had to do with sick leave, vacation, and overtime and the changes would be effective on January 1, 2017, since none of the employees affected had an anniversary date with the Village until May. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the changes by Frank Dietz and seconded by Terry Brentlinger. All members voted yes and the motion passed. The Fiscal Officer was instructed to get all changes handed out to all employees.

The Mayor then asked for an update from the Records Commission Committee and the Fiscal Officer reported that the Fiscal Officer, the Village Administrator, and Councilwoman Jacqueline Shoffner attended Sunshine Law training in Bellefontaine last week.

The Fiscal Officer then read a letter from LUC involving competitive advantage projects that the Village may want to submit. Pat will look into this and see if we have any suitable projects. The Fiscal Officer read a letter from the Department of Commerce concerning all liquor permits in the Village. They will all expire on June 1, 2017. If the Village wants to object to the renewal of any of the permits, they must do so in writing by May 2, 2017 and have a Resolution to accompany the objection. The fiscal officer will have a list for Council at the next meeting.

The Mayor then read Ordinance No. 2017-04, an ordinance approving the renewal of the Village Solicitor’s contract with the Village and to increase his salary to $5,625.00 annually and declaring an emergency. Terry Brentlinger made a motion to suspend the rules and it was seconded by Eric Barhorst. All members voted yes and the motion passed. Terry Brentlinger then made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-04 renewing the contract of the Solicitor and raising the annual salary to $5,625.00. Frank Dietz seconded the motion. All members voted yes and the motion passed.

The Mayor then read Resolution No 2017-05, opposing the centralization of municipal income tax as proposed by Gov. Kasich’s new 2017-2018 budget, as discussed at previous meetings. Frank Dietz made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2017-05 opposing the centralization of municipal income tax. Eric Barhorst seconded the motion and all members voted yes and the Resolution passed. The Fiscal Officer will send copies to the State legislature.

Jacqueline Shoffner announced that the Lakeview Business Group had met and a new sign welcoming visitors to our Village will be done and ready for installation at the end of this month. The group also is looking into purchasing banners to be placed on the street lights. Pat asked that she get with him before purchasing the banners due to a concern with the brackets that will be placed on the street lights. Jackie also stated that plans were underway for the annual Car and Craft show with some things changing this year. The petting zoo will be moved to the Christmas parade event and the group is looking for additional parking for this summer’s event.

The Mayor announced progress was being made getting soil samples concerning the property on the corner of Lake and Main Street.

A motion was made to adjourn by Frank Dietz and seconded by Eric Barhorst. All voted yes and the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be April 3rd, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

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President of Council Frank Dietz