

The Village of Lakemore  
Minutes for Council Meeting  
May 18, 2015

**Meeting Called to Order** at 7:00 p.m.

**Opening Roll Call:** Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, and Mr. Timko were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Justice.

Motion to **Accept Minutes of Council Meeting on May 4, 2015**, as presented and not read was made by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mrs. Cochran. Roll call: Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, and Ms. Snyder voted Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to **Accept Bills Presented by Fiscal Officer for \$162,226.75** as presented and not read was made by Mr. Lance and seconded by Mr. Timko. Mr. Timko inquired about a payment made to Elite Diesel. Mayor Justice explained the repair need. Roll call: Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, and Mrs. Cochran voted Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to **Accept April 2015 EMS Collections and Activity Reports** as presented and not read was made by Mrs. Cochran and seconded by Mr. Cole. Roll call: Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, and Mrs. Coontz voted Yes. Motion carried.

### **Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

Resolution 6600-2015 "Appointment for Planning Commission replacements" 3rd read Cole

Resolution 6603-2015 "Apply for funding Sanit Rd Improv projects Phase I from various funding sources" 2<sup>nd</sup> read Cole

Resolution 6604-2015 "ACCEPTING THE CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE" 1<sup>st</sup> read Lance

Resolution 6605-2015 "Amend Resol for Additional Services from Hostgator" emergency Timko

Ordinance 1532-2015 "Utility Rate Changes" 2<sup>nd</sup> read Lance

Ordinance 1533-2015 "Amend 2015 Budget to refund utility over-payment" emergency Lance

### **Mayor's Reports**

Mayor Justice reported the engineering expenses for infrastructure replacement of Sanitarium Road could be afforded with a C.D.B.G. grant in 2015, so work can begin in 2016.

Mayor Justice announced the Village has begun mailing violation notices to those property owners failing to maintain lawns. He explained a fine would be imposed for any property maintained by the Village of Lakemore; so he encouraged everyone to keep lawns mowed and trimmed.

Mayor Justice encouraged residents to attend the Public Hearing scheduled for June 1, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. to voice concerns for Ordinance 1532-2015.

Mayor Justice expressed support of the proposed additional fire levy; so fire and ems services could continue to progress in the community.

### **Council Committee Reports**

Ms. Snyder announced she plans to hold youth art workshops the second Tuesday of every month at 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Snyder reported she attended a meeting at the Summit County Health Department to learn of a state-funded initiative to increase healthy communities. The Village of Lakemore is a target area. The program coordinators will assist the owners of the Pit Stop to provide fresh produce. The program coordinators will work with Springfield Township on the Spartan Trail project to ensure ADA availability. A “no smoking” ban campaign will also start in the community.

Mrs. Cochran announced the Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. She reminded everyone the Lakemore Fire Department would hold a pancake breakfast on Memorial from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Mrs. Cochran explained the parade route and that the parade would be lined up by VASP beginning at noon at Tri-County Plaza.

Mrs. Cochran announced the Rock the Docks event would be held the last weekend of June. “Rock the Run” 5k race, headed by Kelly Cartner, will take place that weekend. Registration is available on Ohiorunners.com or the day of the race at Tri-County Plaza.

Mr. Cole announced the Lakemore United Methodist Church Summer Fun program would host a concession stand in front of the Lakemore Municipal Building on Memorial Day. Proceeds would fund Summer Fun program. The program will be held June 16, 2015, until July 24, 2015, at the church.

Mr. Cole thanked all who supported the Summit County Library renewal and additional levies.

Mr. Lance announced Next Council meetings will be Monday, June 1, 2015, and June 15, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. He also announced there will be a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2015 to discuss Ordinance 1532-2015.

Mr. Lance reported the Village website remains locked until the domain is transferred to new Hostgator account. This process would be completed shortly after meeting.

Mr. Timko announced the next Council workshop will be Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

### **Department Heads Reports**

Chief Saley confirmed the fire department was holding the annual Memorial Day pancake breakfast. The event is free, but donations are accepted.

Chief Saley reported his department was awarded a federal grant to purchase new turnout gear. The cost for this project will be approximately \$70,000.00. A diesel exhaust system will also

be afforded with this grant. The exhaust system would remove diesel fumes from the fire bays and will eliminate exposure inside the municipal building.

Chief Saley explained over the past few years, all large purchases have been afforded with grants or loans. The need to invest in replacing or repairing this equipment has come. The additional fire levy proposed for the November ballot will afford these investments, afford daily operations, and maintain fiscal health of the General fund, as the fire department would no longer need supplemented. Chief Saley thanked Congressman Jim Renacci, Representative Tim Ryan, Senator Rob Portman, and all who supported funding the fire department.

### **Appearing Before Council**

Mr. Marshall Taylor of 2659 Springfield Lake Drive spoke against the proposed Ordinance 1532-2015, legislation that would change the base rate, user rate, and rate structure for water and sanitary sewer services. Mr. Taylor itemized the cost to users for normal water and sanitary sewer uses. Mr. Taylor believes funds from the Water Enterprise fund were transferred to the General fund when the Board of Public Affairs was disbanded. Mrs. Coontz explained such a transfer would require a court order. Mayor Justice expressed his disagreement with Mr. Taylor's explanation of charges, as users will pay for how much they consume, rather than a minimum rate. Mr. Lance explained residents had complained how the utilities are currently charged to users. The base and user rates proposed will reduce costs for users who do not use 11000 gallons of water or 13000 gallons of sewer for three months, yet afford fixed costs. Mayor Justice explained the rates have been studied by Mr. Lance and council for over a year. The rates currently charged are not enough to allow the Village of Lakemore to seek funding for many infrastructure projects. The Village's infrastructure is in need of replacement. These replacement costs are expensive and must be afforded through charges, grants, and loans. Mr. Timko reminded the Village of Lakemore receives transportation and treatment of sanitary sewer from the City of Akron. Those costs continue to increase, forcing a need to increase charges for services. Mrs. Cochran assured the council was creating a rate structure that would afford regular fixed costs and improvements without burdening those earning a limited income.

Mrs. Linda Denton of VASP confirmed her association would handle the parade line-up. Mr. Dustin Boswell was assisting with the audio equipment for the services following the parade. Mrs. Denton explained her association would handle the set-up of the "Rock the Run" 5k race with road closings and signage throughout the race route. Mrs. Denton also commented on the affordability of the sewer services provided by the Village of Lakemore compared to those she receives from the City of Akron.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Cole made a motion to adopt Resolution 6600-2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lance. Roll call: Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, and Mr. Cole voted Yes. Resolution adopted.

### **New Business**

Mr. Lance made a motion to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance 1533-2015. Motion is seconded by Mrs. Cochran. Mr. Timko asked who such a transfer for refund was required. Ms. Fast explained a resident had paid more than billed; so a credit was owed once he sold his house. The transfer was required previously for a similar situation per LGS; so to maintain consistency, this transfer is needed. Roll call: Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, and Mr. Lance voted Yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Lance made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1533-2015. Mrs. Cochran seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, and Mr. Timko voted Yes. Ordinance adopted.

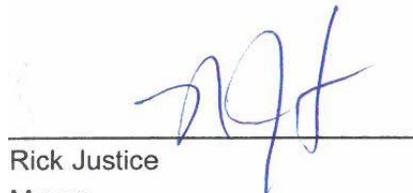
Mr. Timko made a motion to dispense with the three readings of Resolution 6605-2015. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, and Ms. Snyder voted Yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Timko made a motion to adopt Resolution 6605-2015. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Cochran. Roll call: Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, and Mrs. Cochran voted Yes. Resolution adopted.

**Motion for Adjournment** was made by Mr. Lance and seconded by Mrs. Cochran. Roll call: Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, and Mrs. Coontz voted Yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Tracy Fast  
Fiscal Officer



Rick Justice  
Mayor

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