

The Village of Lakemore
Minutes for Council Meeting
March 7, 2016

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Justice

Motion to Excuse Mrs. Cochran was made by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Cole. Roll call: Mr. Cole, Mr. Timko, and Ms. Snyder voted “yes”. Mrs. Coontz and Mr. Lance voted “no”. Motion carried.

Motion to Accept Minutes of Council Meeting on February 22, 2016, as presented and not read was made by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. Timko. Roll call: Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, and Mrs. Coontz voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Motion to Accept Bills Presented by Fiscal Officer for \$193,900.81 as presented and not read was made by Mr. Lance and seconded by Mr. Timko. Roll call: Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Coontz, and Mr. Cole voted “yes”.

Motion to Accept January 2016 and February 2016 Bank Reconciliation Reports as presented and not read was made by Mr. Lance and seconded by Mr. Timko. Roll call: Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, and Mr. Lance voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Motion to Accept EMS January 2016 Activity Report as presented and not read was made by Mrs. Coontz and seconded by Ms. Snyder. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, and Mr. Timko voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution 6637-2016 “to contract with Brouse McDowall for solicitor services” 3rd read Cole

Resolution 6640-2016 “contract with STAL to use Waterworks baseball fields” 1st read Lance

Resolution 6641-2016 “contract with Springfield Soccer Assoc to use soccer field” 1st read Lance

Resolution 6642-2016 “declaring clean up week and clean up day” 1st read Snyder

Ordinance 1542-2016 “establishing restrictions for vicious animals 2nd read Coontz

Ordinance 1555-2016 “create sanitary sewer reconciliation charge” 3rd read Lance

Ordinance 1557-2016 “to increase monthly trash charge” 3rd read Timko

Ordinance 1558-2016 “approve final financial plan and forecast” 3rd read Lance

Ordinance 1559-2016 “amending Policies and Procedures for fiscal emergency” 3rd read Coontz

Mayor's Reports

Mayor Justice explained the Village has started to process to request release from Fiscal Emergency. The Fiscal Oversight Commission forwarded a letter on the Village's behalf requesting the State Auditor's office begin the process for release. The final readings for the required forecast, five-year plan, and policies will be voted on at the meeting.

Mayor Justice reiterated the Village has legislation to institute a sanitary sewer reconciliation charge and to increase the charge for trash and recycling services. The sanitary sewer reconciliation charge is necessary to afford the increases imposed by the City of Akron for sanitary sewer transportation and treatment as well as a "true up" charge to balance their deficit spending in 2014 and 2015. Though Lakemore and the other master meter communities are in legal discussion with the City of Akron for these charges, ensuring the funds are available if charges are due is imperative. The Village cannot allow the sanitary sewer fund to become deficit. The legislation is to be voted on at the meeting.

Mayor Justice reminded everyone Springfield Local Schools is requesting a renewal levy be approved. This is an operations levy; so the funds will afford day-to-day expenses. He stated a strong school system is important to maintain a strong community; so ensuring the continued success of the schools relies on the passage of the levy.

Council Committee Reports

Ms. Snyder reminded everyone she holds an art workshop the second Tuesday of each month. She thanked everyone who submitted artwork to the Barberton Fine Arts exhibit last month.

Mrs. Coontz announced the public hearing regarding the Ordinance for vicious animals will be held on Monday, March 21, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Cole announced the Army & Navy Garrison 273 swiss steak dinner would be on March 12th at the Army & Navy club.

Mr. Cole announced the Port summit Rotary Club will hold a skating party as a fundraiser on March 13th at the Springfield Lake Roller Rink.

Mr. Cole announced the Springfield Police Auxiliary will hold a benefit breakfast on March 19th at Springfield High School to afford AED's at the schools.

Mr. Cole announced the Springfield Township Easter Egg hunt will be from 11:00 until 1:00 on March 19th at Schrop Intermediate School.

Mr. Cole announced from 4:30 until 6:00 p.m. Lakemore United Methodist Church will hold their monthly swiss steak dinner.

Mr. Cole announced the next workshop will be March 16, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Lance announced the next council meetings will be March 21st and April 4th.

Mr. Lance announced the Lakemore Easter Egg hunt will be March 26th at 1:00 p.m. at the Upper Waterworks Park.

Mr. Lance announced Lakemore Clean Up week will be April 17th through the 21st. He announced "Clean up Lakemore" day will be Saturday, April 23rd at 9:00 a.m. Everyone will

meet at Upper Waterworks Park to break into groups to pick up litter throughout the community. Everyone will meet back at noon for refreshments.

Mr. Timko reminded residents to mention they live in the Village of Lakemore when renewing licenses to ensure we receive permissive and license money.

Mr. Timko asked everyone to donate wrapped candy to fill Easter Eggs.

Mr. Timko thanked Darla Hershey, Jackie Rini, Donna Rini, Rich Cole, Super Learning Center, and all who volunteered at the Friends of Lakemore Parks quarter auction. The auction was a success. All proceeds will afford matching funds for grants to purchase playground equipment and make improvements in the parks.

Appearing Before Council

Mr. Dave Hofer and Mr. Chuck Sincere from Springfield Local Schools explained the need for the operations levy to be renewed. The levy renewal will be on the March ballot. This will not increase property taxes, as it is a renewal for the same millage. Mr. Hofer explained the Springfield Local School Board is hoping to create both short-term and long-term strategic plans for the school system, but the board needs to be sure the funds are available from the passage of this renewal levy.

Mrs. Coontz asked Mr. Hofer and Mr. Sincere if any teachers have already been warned they would lose their job if the levy failed. Mr. Sincere stated no plans to reduce specific teachers have been made. The School Board would have to make those decisions after the levy passage or failure. At this time, no one has been told they were losing their job.

Old Business

Mrs. Coontz made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1559-2016. Mr. Lance seconded the motion. Mayor Justice thanked everyone for working on the new policies and procedures as required by the State Auditor's office. This will make Lakemore compliant with a major requirement to be released from Fiscal Emergency. Roll call: Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, and Ms. Snyder voted "yes". Ordinance adopted.

Mr. Cole made a motion to adopt Resolution 6637-2016. Motion was seconded by Mr. Lance. Roll call: Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, and Mrs. Coontz. Resolution adopted.

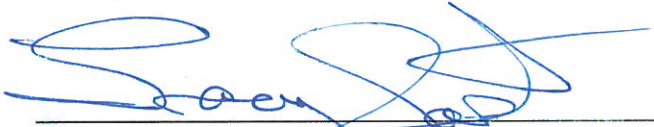
Mr. Lance made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1555-2016. Mr. Timko expressed his discontent for the means of charging every sanitary sewer customer a flat rate rather than basing on the consumption. Mayor Justice reiterated that all master meter customers for the City of Akron are fighting the charges. Roll call: Mr. Lance and Mr. Timko voted "no". Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Coontz, and Mr. Cole voted "yes". Ordinance adopted.

Mr. Lance made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1558-2016. Mr. Timko seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Timko, Mr. Lance, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Coontz, and Mr. Cole voted "yes". Ordinance adopted.

Mr. Timko makes a motion to adopt Ordinance 1557-2016. Mr. Lance seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, and Mr. Timko voted "yes". Ordinance adopted.

New Business none

Motion for Adjournment was made by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. Timko. Roll call: Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, and Ms. Snyder voted "yes". Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



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