

The Village of Lakemore  
Meeting for Council Meeting  
April 3, 2017

**Meeting Called to Order** at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Justice.

**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 the Council Meeting on March 20, 2017**, as presented and not read was made by Mr. Cole and second by Ms. Snyder. Roll call: Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko and Ms. Snyder voted “yes”. Mrs. Cochran abstained. Motion carried.

Motion to **Accept Bills Presented by Fiscal Officer for \$44,298.38**, as presented and not read was made by Mr. Timko and seconded by Mr. Cole. Roll call: Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, and Mrs. Cochran voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Motion to **Accept DOPS March 2017 Delinquency Report** as presented and not read was made by Mr. Timko 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 6695-2017 “increase Tracy Fast’s salary” 3rd read Cole

Resolution 6696-2017 “increase Gene Taylor’s salary” 3rd read Cole

Resolution 6697-2017 “increase David Banks’ salary” 3rd read Cole

Resolution 6698-2017 “increase Kathy Wix’ salary” 3d read Cole

Resolution 6699-2017 “renew property and casualty insurance with Love Ins” 3rd read Timko

Resolution 6700-2017 “transfer unclaimed funds to general fund” 2nd read Lance

Resolution 6702-2017 “advertise for bids to sell property on Lakeside Dr” 1<sup>st</sup> read Cochran

Resolution 6703-2017 “2<sup>nd</sup> qtr blanket purchase orders” emergency Lance

Ordinance 1575-2017 “amend Ord 1566-2016 Hid Lake Estates performance guarantees”  
emergency Cole

Ordinance 1577-2017 “\$5 permissive fee” 1<sup>st</sup> read Lance

Ordinance 1578-2017 “amend 2017 budget to increase appropriations for zoning and legal fees”  
emergency Lance

### **Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Justice explained many important topics will be voted on tonight. Each piece of legislation required a great deal of research.

Mayor Justice explained the need to increase the permissive tax. Currently approximately 1100 vehicles are registered being located in the Village of Lakemore. He and Council believe that number is low. If all residents in the Village of Lakemore registered with the correct municipality, more funds would be available to make road improvements.

Mayor Justice explained Mr. Cole and Mr. Lance are sponsoring most of the legislation since they are liaison for finance and zoning.

### **Council Committee Reports**

Mr. Timko announced the next Council meetings will be April 17<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Timko announced the next Council workshop will be April 12<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Timko explained Council will hold public information sessions at 6:30 on April 17<sup>th</sup> just before council meetings regarding the income tax increase legislation proposed for the primary election of May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Cole asked all to wear blue at the next Council meeting to support autism awareness.

Mr. Cole announced Super Learning Center is having an academic fair on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Coontz announced the Annual Egg hunt will be Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the upper waterworks park. Volunteers are gathering on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> to fill eggs for egg hunt.

Council is asking for donations from all interested.

Mrs. Cochran announced the annual "clean up Lakemore" day is Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Everyone will meet at the upper waterworks pavilion and return at noon for refreshments.

Annual "clean up week" starts Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. As much as possible should be put to the curb on the regularly scheduled pick up day.

Ms. Snyder reminded everyone she is holding Art Workshops for youth the second Tuesday each month between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. at the Lakemore Municipal Building until school is out for the summer. They will return once school begins in the fall.

Ms. Snyder reported the community garden will be used again. The Council and Akron Grows are hoping to increase and improve the garden.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Cole asked to explain why he believed the legislation to approve the pay raise for Mr. Fast, as well as Mr. Taylor, Mr. Banks, and Mrs. Wix was necessary. He explained that Ms. Fast's predecessor earned \$50,500.00 when he resigned while Ms. Fast earned \$40,000.00 from October 2012 until the 2% increase that was approved starting in 2016. Mr. Cole reported the average salary fiscal officer earns \$55,000.00. No one received any form of pay increase while in fiscal emergency until that time in 2015. Mr. Cole stated the employees considered for pay increases are knowledgeable and dedicated.

Mayor Justice stated the importance to keep good employees.

Mr. Cole believed the Village could not afford qualified replacements.

Mr. Cole made a motion to adopt Resolution 6695-2017. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion.



Mrs. Coontz made a motion to table the legislation until the April 17, 2017, meeting to provide Mrs. Cochran sufficient time to research the legislation. Roll call: Mrs. Coontz, and Mr. Lance voted "yes". Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, Mr. Cole, Mr. Timko voted "no". Mrs. Cochran stated she was well-versed in each piece of legislation. Motion failed.

Vote on motion made by Mr. Cole to adopt Resolution 6695-2017 roll call: Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, and Mr. Cole voted "yes". Resolution adopted.

Mr. Cole expressed his appreciation for Mr. Taylor's dedicated service to the Village for over 40 years.

Mr. Cole made a motion to adopt Resolution 6696-2017. Mr. Timko seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, and Mr. Lance voted "yes". Resolution adopted.

Mayor Justice explained that Mr. Banks has earned his water system operator's license. His skill and continuing education are required to maintain a water system.

Mr. Cole made a motion to adopt Resolution 6697-2017. Mr. Timko seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, and Mr. Timko voted "yes". Resolution adopted.

Mayor Justice expressed his appreciation for Mrs. Wix's dedication to the Village.

Mr. Cole made a motion to adopt Resolution 6698-2017. Mr. Timko seconded the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Timko, and Ms. Snyder voted "yes". Mr. Lance voted "no". Resolution adopted.

Mr. Timko made a motion to adopt Resolution 6699-2017. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, and Mrs. Cochran voted "yes". Resolution adopted.

### **New Business**

Mr. Cole made a motion to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance 1575-2017. Mr. Lance seconded the motion. Mr. Cole explained that he would vote for this legislation as he had the previous meeting; he just does not want to make it practice to re-visit legislation once it has already failed. Roll call: Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, and Mrs. Coontz voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Timko asked per Section 7, at what point would the work need to be bonded. Mayor Justice explained the \$115,000.00 guarantee maintenance must be in place before the lot is recorded.

Mr. Timko asked how we would realize the maintenance bond is sufficient. Mayor Justice stated the amount was calculated by CT Consultants and verified by the developer's engineers.

Mr. Timko asked if the ERA/CRA funds be deposited with the Village of Lakemore as described in Section 5. Mayor Justice confirmed the funds would be deposited with the Village as the ERA/CRA is a fund created by the Village for such work.

Mr. Timko inquired about when the deposit required in Section 7 is due. Mayor Justice explained the deposit can be made prior to the start of the development but is due before the last house is completed and inspected.

Mr. Timko asked why sidewalks will be required to be installed and maintained in front of vacant lots. Ms. Fast explained these sections are installed last to provide completeness and aesthetics. Mr. Timko asked the difference of the performance and maintenance needs. Mayor Justice explained the summary sheet was created by engineers.

Mr. Timko made a motion to amend Ordinance 1575-2017 to change the bond amount stated in Section 3 from \$82,000.00 to \$135,000.00. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, and Mr. Cole voted “yes”. Mr. Lance and Mrs. Coontz voted “no”. Motion carried.

Mrs. Coontz asked all Council members to consider the original legislation and required bond amounts. She also reminded everyone the legislation requesting to reduce the bond amounts was already failed at the previous Council meeting.

Mrs. Coontz also stated the reason why the original bonds were never obtained is because the developer can make any improvements or changes that do not require permits. Mayor Justice explained that bonds are not usually obtained until permits are required.

Mrs. Coontz expressed her belief that Council is sending the wrong message to residents by considering the legislation.

Mrs. Cochran understood Mayor Justice’s explanation but believes all Council members were relying on the engineer’s original input; even if the original bond amounts were inaccurate, they were estimated by the Village’s engineer.

Mrs. Coontz reiterated that as the Village’s engineer gave the estimated and approved bond amounts, the developer should have been made to obtain those original bond amounts.

Mayor Justice stated that the developer should not be made to pay for unnecessary insurance; the Village engineer and developer’s engineer agree on the reduced bond amounts. Mayor Justice explained the developer is a member of the community and is trying to improve the area by building higher-end homes. He has already invested more than \$1 million dollars. He wanted to remind everyone the Village wants to attract new families to our community and schools. The developer is at a point where he needs to obtain the bonds so his company can proceed.

Mr. Cole made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1575-2017 as amended. Mr. Timko seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, and Mr. Cole voted “yes”. Mrs. Coontz voted “no”. Ordinance adopted.

Mr. Lance made a motion to dispense with the three readings of Resolution 6703-2017. Mr. Timko seconded the motion. 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 Resolution 6703-2017. Mr. Timko seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, and Mr. Timko voted “yes”. Resolution adopted.

Mr. Lance made a motion to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance 1578-2017. Mr. Timko seconded the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, and Ms. Snyder voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Mrs. Cochran asked how the zoning funding will be spent. Mr. Cole explained there was not contract with anyone to provide zoning services yet; so the funds are being appropriated to be prepared. The Mayor stated he and Planning Commission are hoping to contract zoning services



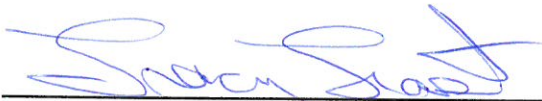
with Pat Ryan, the Zoning Inspector for Springfield Township. She has been a valuable asset the past couple years, as she has assisted with zoning legislation and proper procedures for zoning violators. He wants to pursue the offer, but the Village had to appropriate the funds first. Mr. Cole confirmed the increased appropriations for zoning and legal services would not be spent unless contractual services were approved by Council. The Mayor agreed zoning enforcement and improvements are the reason for the request of appropriations.


Mrs. Cochran stated she understood the need for funds to afford zoning technical services but wanted clarification on the need for additional legal services. Mayor Justice explained in order to proceed with zoning violations, legal work that is above the normal legal correspondence already completed is necessary. These legal services needed would also include court fees.

Mrs. Cochran asked if the increase of \$20,000.00 for both zoning and legal fees will be for just 2017 or will these appropriations be set annually. Mayor Justice expressed hopes these appropriations will be set annually, but Council will need to determine when creating future annual appropriation budgets.

Mr. Lance made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1578-2017. Mr. Timko seconded the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, and Mrs. Cochran voted "yes". Ordinance adopted.

**Motion for Adjournment** was made by Mr. Timko and seconded by Mr. Lance. Roll call: Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, and Mrs. Coontz voted "yes". Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

  
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