

The Village of Lakemore  
Minutes for Council Meeting  
September 8, 2015

**Meeting Called to Order** at 7:09 p.m. by Mayor Justice

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

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor Justice

**Motion to Excuse Mr. Lance** was made by Mrs. Cochran and seconded by Mr. Timko. Roll call: Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Timko, and Ms. Snyder voted “yes”. Motion carried.

**Motion to Accept Minutes of Council Meeting on July 20, 2015**, as presented and not read was made by Mr. Timko and seconded by Mr. Cole. Roll call: Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, and Mrs. Cochran voted “yes”. Motion carried.

**Motion to Accept Bills Presented by Fiscal Officer for \$426,022.84** as presented and not read was made by Mrs. Coontz and seconded by Mr. Timko. Mr. Timko asked about payment made to Auschoice. Ms. Fast explained this is a charge made by the fire department as part of the turn-out gear grant. Roll call: Mr. Cole, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, and Mrs. Coontz voted “yes”. Motion carried.

**Motion to Accept July and August 2015 Bank Reconciliations** by Fiscal Officer as present and not read was made by Mr. Timko and seconded by Mr. Cole. Roll call: Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, and Mr. Cole voted “yes”. Motion carried.

**Motion to Accept July 2015 EMS Deposit and Activity Reports** as presented and not read was made by Mrs. Cochran and seconded by Mr. Timko. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, and Mr. Timko voted “yes”. Motion carried.

**Motion to Accept July and August 2015 DOPS Delinquency Reports** as presented and not read was made by Mr. Timko and seconded by Mr. Cole. Roll call: Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Timko, and Ms. Snyder voted “yes”. Motion carried.

**Motion to Accept Proclamation** Supporting Prostate Cancer Awareness Month was made by Mr. Timko and seconded by Mrs. Coontz. Roll call: Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, and Mrs. Cochran.

**Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

Resolution 6619-2015 “Adopt 2015 – 2016 Summit County Job Preservation MOU” 1<sup>st</sup> read Cochran  
Ordinance 1537-2015 to approve rezoning Brittany commons corner to PRD1 1<sup>st</sup> read Cole  
Ordinance 1538-2015 to amend income tax ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> read Lance  
Ordinance 1539-2015 return tax credit emergency Cochran  
Ordinance 1540-2015 to adopt revised financial plan 1<sup>st</sup> read Lance

### **Mayor’s Reports**

Mayor Justice mentioned Ordinances 1539-2015 and 1540-2015 prove the financial stability of the Village of Lakemore has improved greatly since 2011. Each piece of legislation proves the Village is close to a release from Fiscal Emergency.

Mayor Justice explained the utility billing software produced an estimated spreadsheet showing how much a resident’s water and sewer charges will be for the upcoming quarter. These figures are based on the consumption amount from the July 1, 2015, billing. He encouraged residents who are concerned about the upcoming bill to inquire about their estimate. He reminded everyone the new rates are set to charge for how much is consumed rather than a minimum charge. The new billing is fair yet is expected to afford expenses and improvements. He explained both the water and sanitary sewer systems require extensive improvements. A recent estimate to repair and paint the exterior of the high-level storage tower is \$88,000.00. The Village must afford such improvements to maintain the infrastructure.

Mayor Justice thanked the Public Service Department for the improvements to Sanitarium Road. The road has been repaired and ready to be striped. He explained the funding sought will not be obtained this year; so improvements were necessary to maintain the road for the winter season.

### **Council Committee Reports**

Ms. Snyder reported there will not hold a youth art workshop in September because many families are busy with the new school year. Workshops will resume in October; but the day and time may change based on her work schedule.

Mrs. Cochran announced the next Council meetings will be Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, October 5<sup>th</sup>, and October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. She also announced the next Council workshop will be Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Coontz announced the Lakemore Fire department will hold annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The annual Halloween party will follow at 1:00 p.m. Trick or treat will follow that evening. Council is seeking donations for the party.

Mr. Cole announced a spaghetti dinner benefitting the Friends of the Lakemore Fire Levy will be held at the Lakemore United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Cole also announced the Lakemore United Methodist Church will hold a swiss-steak dinner on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Timko reminded everyone who received requests for water meter readings to remit those readings to the Public Service Department before September 18<sup>th</sup>. This will ensure all bills are accurately calculated based on actual consumption.

Mr. Timko reported Public Hearings will be held on October 5, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. regarding the re-zoning for Brittany Commons and Ordinance 1538-2015 for municipal income tax.

Mr. Timko reminded everyone the Regional Income Tax Agency will hold another local income tax subpoena program. Representatives will be present at the Lakemore Municipal Building on November 12, 2015. This will give residents who have not filed local income taxes or owe to comply.

Finally, Mr. Timko reminded everyone that November 3, 2015, is Election Day!!!!

**Department Heads Reports** nothing to report

### **Appearing Before Council**

Mrs. Marty Davies thanked Mr. Lance and Timko for the website. She stated the new website is wonderful; however she does not understand how to email individuals through the website. She asked for patience when communicating over the phone until she learns to use the email system.

Mrs. Davies asked Mayor Justice if the residents were expected to read their own water meters every quarter, as she stated Mayor Justice promised the Village employees would read all meters every quarter.

Mrs. Davies also requested all members of the community respect the signs and literature publicized by candidates during this voting season. She expressed hope all candidates would act professional throughout the process.

Mr. Greg Welch complained about the poor police response he believes to have received. He stated he has complained about the tenants above his establishment to the property manager, owner, and police. He does not believe he has received satisfaction from anyone. He reported he has since been served with an eviction notice. Mayor Justice promised to schedule a meeting with an officer of the police department, himself, and Mr. Welch to discuss the problem.

**Old Business** nothing

### **New Business**

Mrs. Cochran made a motion to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance 1539-2015.

Mrs. Coontz seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Cole, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, and Mrs. Coontz voted "yes".

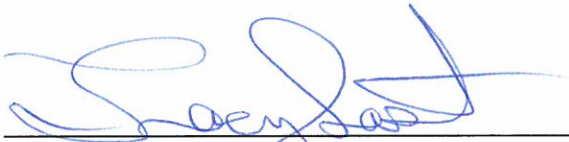
Mr. Cole expressed his excitement for the Village of Lakemore to be financially stable and confident the income tax credit will be returned to 100% as soon as the additional fire levy is approved by voters and the Village applies for release from Fiscal Emergency. He explained the funds received from the levy will be more than the funds currently received from the

income tax credit reduction. The funds received from the local income tax can afford capital improvement projects, such as roads and water lines.

Mayor Justice explained the additional fire levy will stabilize the fire department budget, remove the fire department expenses from the General fund, and allow the Village to remain fiscally sound. The passage of the five-year levy will complete a five-year forecast, required by the State Auditor's office, to apply for release from Fiscal Emergency. He stressed, through Ordinance 1458-2011 stated the income tax credit would be returned to 100% once released from Fiscal Emergency, he and Council agreed Ordinance 1539-2015 would guarantee the change.

Mrs. Cochran made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1539-2015. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, and Mr. Cole voted "yes". Ordinance adopted.

**Motion for Adjournment** was made by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mrs. Cochran. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, and Mr. Timko voted "yes". Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



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