

The Village of Lakemore
Minutes for Council Meeting
October 5, 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 present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Justice.

Motion to **Accept Minutes of Council Meeting on September 21, 2015**, as presented and not read was made by Mrs. Cochran and seconded by Mr. Timko. 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 \$176,014.00** as presented and not read was made by Mr. Lance and seconded by Mr. Timko. Roll call: Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, and Mrs. Cochran voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Motion to **Accept September 2015 Bank Reconciliation** as presented and not read was made by Mr. Timko and seconded by Mrs. Cochran. Roll call: Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, and Mrs. Coontz voted “yes”. Motion carried.

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

Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution 6621-2015 “Accept County Fiscal Officer’s tax levies for 2016” 2nd read Lance
Ordinance 1537-2015 to approve rezoning Brittany commons corner to PRD1 3rd read Cole
Ordinance 1538-2015 to amend income tax ordinance 3rd read Lance
Ordinance 1540-2015 to adopt revised financial plan 3rd read Lance
Ordinance 1542-2015 amend dog ordinances for new vicious dog laws 1st read Coontz
Ordinance 1543-2015 amend ord by increasing approp for water well rehab emerg Lance
Ordinance 1544-2015 hunting 1st read Coontz

Mayor’s Reports

Mayor Justice explained the Village of Lakemore lacks effective legislation regarding vicious animals. A few incidents have occurred recently. In cooperation with Springfield Township Police, the Village of Lakemore Mayor and Council want to be proactive and avoid major incidents in the future.

Mayor Justice expressed interest with the residents’ concerns over the recent water/sewer/trash/storm sewer bills that are based on the new rate structure. He and Council

are eager to listen to all concerns, but he wanted to further explain the need for increasing rates. The Village must invest in the aged infrastructure. This investment must come from those who use the infrastructure.

Finally, Mayor Justice announced the Village was awarded funding from Ohio Public Works Commission in the amount of \$90,000.00 to repair and paint the exterior of the high-level water tower. He is excited to make this improvement and hopes to have the option to paint the tower red and gray in support of Springfield Local Schools.

Council Committee Reports

Ms. Snyder announced she would continue the monthly art workshops, starting October 13th at 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Cochran announced the next Council meetings will be Monday, October 19th and November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. She also announced the next Council workshop will be Wednesday, October 14, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 27, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. Halloween treat bags will be filled on October 27th; so donations and assistance is greatly appreciated!!!!

Mrs. Coontz announced Lakemore fire department will hold annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, October 31st. The annual Halloween party will follow at 1:00 p.m. Trick or treat will follow that evening.

Mr. Cole announced the Friends of the Lakemore Fire Department Levy committee is holding a free chili dinner at the Army and Navy Club 273 October 10th from 4:30 until 7:30. Committee members will be available to answer questions regarding the levy.

Mr. Cole also announced the Lakemore United Methodist Church will hold their monthly swiss steak dinner on October 17th.

Mr. Lance 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.

Mr. Lance also reminded everyone to flush their hot water tanks after the hydrants are flushed.

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

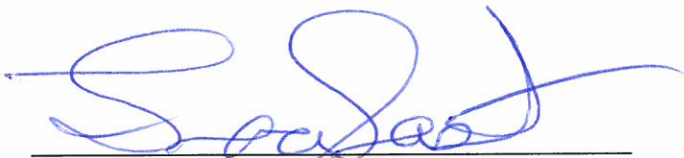
Appearing Before Council

Mrs. Grace Joseph spoke about the problems she is experiencing since the Spartan Trail has been publicized. She stated she had people walk up her driveway, believing they were traveling on the trail. Mrs. Joseph asked which community purchased the easement for the trail; if fencing would be installed to provide a barrier for residents from those on the trail; is the trail solely for hiking and bicycling; will trash cans be installed to reduce litter; and who is liable if someone should fall off the trail onto private property?

Mr. Lance made a motion to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance 1543-2015. Mayor Justice expressed the need to move forward with the inspection and cleaning of Well #3. He also reminded that the Village of Lakemore has a matching amount of \$10,000.00 for the funds awarded by Ohio Public Works Commission to repair and paint the exterior of the high-level water tower. Roll call: Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, and Mrs. Cochran voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Lance made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1543-2015. Motion was seconded by Mr. Timko. Roll call: Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, and Mrs. Coontz voted "yes". Ordinance adopted.

Motion for Adjournment was made by Mr. Lance and seconded by Mrs. Cochran. Roll call: Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, and Mr. Cole voted "yes". Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



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Mayor Justice explained Springfield Township purchased the easement for the trail. Springfield is installing the trail as well as trash containers. He stated he would work with them and Springfield to define her property from the trail to reduce trespassers and litter. Mrs. Joseph explained she has cut trees down to block trespassers. She was told by some trespassers the trail travelled through her property. Mayor Justice promised to find out who is mis-communicating.

Mr. Lance reiterated the construction of the trail will clearly define the area; so those travelling off the trail will be guilty of trespassing.

Mr. James Burge spoke first about the rate changes for the water and sewer bills. He asked Council to consider increasing the minimum usage billed from 1000 to possibly 5000 gallons. He stated he understands the need for increased funds, but believes residents cannot afford to pay the new rates.

Mr. Burge asked if the Village will negotiate the trash / recycling contract soon. He believes if the Village purchases a truck and hires part-time employees, the expense for trash service would be less.

Finally, Mr. Burge asked if the Village and Springfield Township would consider creating a beach area on Springfield Lake; so residents have a swimming area. Mayor Justice suggested the cost for liability insurance would be high; so such an area may not be affordable. Mr. Burge suggested charging non-residents a fee. Mrs. Cochran liked the idea. Ms. Fast stated she would contact Love Insurance to determine an estimated cost for liability insurance.

Old Business

Mr. Cole made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1537-2015. Mrs. Cochran seconded the motion. Mayor Justice explained the completion of the residential area will enhance the aesthetics of the area. Mr. Lance expressed concern the commercial area may remain vacant. Mayor Justice assured the developer has a potential commercial tenant. Each expressed the need for increased commercial revenue. Mrs. Coontz expressed concern Council members in the future could be influenced to re-zone the remaining commercial area to residential. Mayor Justice assured the developer planned to develop the business-zoned area; and did not want to build condos along Canton Road.

Roll call: Mr. Timko, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, and Mr. Lance voted "yes". Ordinance adopted.

Mr. Lance made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1538-2015. Mayor Justice reiterated the need to adopt the legislation to comply with the State of Ohio's new regulations regarding local income tax billing and collections. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, and Mr. Timko voted "yes". Ordinance adopted.

Mr. Lance made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1540-2015. Mrs. Coontz seconded the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Coontz, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lance, Mr. Timko, and Ms. Snyder voted "yes". Ordinance adopted.

New Business