

**VILLAGE OF LAKEVIEW**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 13, 2021**

President Case called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Steve Case, Dominic Trevino, Emily Griffith, Lane Leppink, Kate Behrenwald and Chris Fryover.

**Members Absent:** Greg Saxton

**Also Present:** Manager & Chief, Darin Dood, Lieutenant Russell, Brian Bucholtz, and Melissa King.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Fryover moved and Trevino seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Chad Lincoln and Joe Sweet are representing the Festivals Committee and would be happy to answer any questions. Summerfest is all planned and is moving forward.

**STANDING ITEMS**

Griffith moved and Behrenwald seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 9, 2021 as presented. Motion carried.

Fryover moved and Leppink seconded to approve 208 S. Lincoln Committee minutes from March 24, 2021 as presented. Motion carried.

Leppink moved and Fryover seconded to approve the March bills in the amount of \$94,154.16 as presented. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

Lieutenant Russell reviewed the significant changes from last month. Traffic stops are up, Ordinance violation letters were sent out and time was spent on complaints with reporting time being up. Manager Dood added the Prosecutor's office hired an additional prosecutor. Also, the Sheriff has opened the jail to some extent. Russell then added that new guidelines for appearance tickets were released also.

DPW Supervisor Bucholtz gave a rundown of his report and noted the leaf vac is up and running. The Village/Township spring clean-up is scheduled for this weekend and the County wide tire/electric recycling is set for this weekend also.

Manager Dood answered questions on OIC Smith's report. There are still questions on the percentages written up in the report. There is nothing to compare the percentages to so we can understand their significance. Going forward, more detail will be added to give a range as to where these levels should be and why. Bucholtz also stated that the DPW would be happy to show Council how the sewer process works.

Manager Dood added that Cato Township has approached us on potentially sharing a website. It was suggested the Village add a tab that would direct residents to a page with the Townships information on it. This would keep the information separate so there wouldn't be confusion on events happening within the Township and Village. The Village would remain in control of the website. The DWAM grant had many apply for the money. We scored high, but have not been granted anything yet. However, it is still open at this time.

### **EXISTING BUSINESS**

#### **New Building - 208 S. Lincoln**

The lab costs have come in higher than expected. We originally planned on \$25,000, however, our quotes are closer to \$40,000. Even at the higher cost, the lab would pay for itself in approximately 5 years. Manager Dood would like to proceed with this. This was not built into the cost of the original bid.

The previous generator quotes to power the entire building came in at \$35,000 and \$40,000. The building committee asked for other options and were given a quote for a natural gas generator that would power our essential functions within the building. This came in at \$10,500. It is Manager Dood's recommendation that we proceed with the new quote for the gas generator. This was not built into the cost of the original bid.

Building signage needs to be added. We are looking at adding a two-sided illuminated sign on the existing pole on Lincoln Ave and a smaller sign above the front entrance door. The estimate for these signs is \$10,000-\$12,000. This was not built into the cost of the original bid.

Electrical workers discovered a few potential fire hazards in the Quonset area. It is recommended that the wiring get replaced in this area. This would come out of the contingency.

Fryover moved and Griffith seconded to authorize the purchases presented and authorize the Village Manager and Village President to approve contingency projects not to exceed \$20,000. Motion carried.

#### **Village Complex Update**

Manager Dood presented samples and updated blueprints on the Complex. He thanked the building committee for the time they have spent making this process go smoothly. He added it has been a pleasure working with Griffith Builders. Scott, from Griffith Builders, has been in contact with him regularly and everything is moving along nicely.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Summerfest**

The fireworks application is in and ready to go. The committee is asking to go until midnight on Thursday and 2:00 AM on Friday and Saturday. The end time on the permit has to state when they will be done with the event. Trevino stated that the band would be done at midnight on Friday and Saturday like always. The extra time is to clean the area up and close down the event. The committee has hired their own security this year for inside the tent.

Manager Dood asked the committee to prepare fliers for the businesses on Lincoln Ave. to state what days the road would be shut down for the Carnival.

Fryover moved and Leppink seconded to approve beer tent.

Case-Yes

Griffith-Yes

Leppink-Yes

Behrenwald-Yes

Trevino-Abstain

Fryover-Yes

Saxton-Absent

Motion carried.

### **VFW**

The VFW would like the Council's approval for the Memorial Day Parade and the festivities at the Lakeside Park again this year. The Council is very impressed with the Memorial Day events and are happy to have them host again this year.

### **Planning Commission Addition**

Griffith moved and Trevino seconded to appoint Jyl Mitchell to the Planning Commission.

Motion carried.

### **Mercantile Parking Lot**

Mercantile Bank would like the Village of Lakeview to be the recipient of the parking lot located across from the old Mercantile building. They feel more people in the community would benefit from this than selling it to a private party.

Fryover moved and Behrenwald seconded to authorize the Village Manager to enter into an agreement with Mercantile Bank for the purchase of the parking lot/parcel 042-111-106-00 for \$5,000 plus closing costs and recording fees. Motion carried.

### **Montcalm County Road Commission**

After reviewing the overall bid from the Road Commission, it was discovered a section was missing off the overall bid. This was already budgeted for.

Fryover moved and Griffith seconded to enter into the attached agreement with the Montcalm County Road commission for \$12,350. Motion carried.

**Tree Bid**

Bid packets were available on tree work that needs to be completed in our community. Four companies turned in bids that were reviewed.

Griffith moved and Trevino seconded to award the 2021 Tree Bid to Deon Swanepoel for \$27,773. Motion carried.

**Banking**

TCF Bank has been purchased by Huntington Bank. We will need to move our accounts to another local bank. After reviewing our options, we would like to move the funds to Community First Federal Credit Union.

Trevino moved and Leppink seconded to move the Village 's cash accounts to Community First Federal Credit Union. Motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding Music in the Park. They would like to add an awning to the stage at Lakeside Park. This will be reviewed at the DDA meeting scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30.

Trevino moved and Fryover seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:08 PM. Motion carried.

Police Report – 46 complaints, 6 ticket, 82 verbal warnings, 62 traffic stops, 17 liquor inspections, 355 property inspections and 2 arrests.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa King  
Village Clerk

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