

**VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2015**

The Village Board Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Smith at RedTail Golf Club. Present were Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Trustee Davis was absent. Also present were Village Manager Catherine Peterson; Village Clerk Janice Hansen; Village Attorney Michael Smoron; Deputy Village Manager Shannon Andrews; Chief of Police Leigh Rawson; and many members of the public.

OPEN AND CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER WRITTEN AND ORAL OBJECTIONS OR PROTESTS, ORAL STATEMENTS, TESTIMONY OR QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NO. 8 FOR THE “MCINTOSH” TURNBERRY, LOCH GLEN AND HIGHLANDS OF TURNBERRY SUBDIVISIONS AND TURNBERRY COUNTRY CLUB AND REDTAIL GOLF CLUB: Village Attorney Michael Smoron stated that the notice for this Public Hearing was published in the Northwest Herald on Friday, August 28, 2015. Notice was also sent to the last taxpayers of record within the proposed special service area and Affidavits of Service were filed regarding same. The Notice, Publisher’s Certificate and Affidavits are incorporated herein as Exhibits 1, 2, and 3. The purpose of this Hearing is to receive written and oral comments, objections and protests regarding the proposed Special Service Area No. 8. All persons wishing to comment were invited to present their comments in written and/or oral form.

Trustee Iden, seconded by Trustee Santowski, moved to open the public hearing. Voting Aye: Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

Mitch Kinstler of 9315 Muirfield objected to the proposed SSA, inquired about the taxes used for the care of the lakes and specific uses.

Attorney Smoron read the public notice that stated the specific uses and purposes of the proposed SSA.

Loren Hall of 9330 Firth Court is in favor of the proposed SSA, but he believes the taxed amount can be decreased to maintain the lakes.

Phil Stephan of 9619 South Muirfield objects the proposed SSA and questions the expenses to maintain the lakes. He also commented that within the past two years residents were over taxed.

Greg Reid of 7116 Braemar Circle is in favor of the proposed SSA and requested clarity of costs to maintain the lakes.

Trustee Serwatka had talked to an estimated 40 residents and suggested a tiered tax system where lake owners would pay more than non lake owners. Trustee Santowski agreed with this suggestion, but after researching this issue found it to be very complicated to implement.

Cynthia Sweeny of 9202 Bard Road objects to the proposed SSA and was under the assumption that the lakes were private.

Clarence Fleming of 9324 Firth Court is in favor of the proposed SSA and agrees that the lakes need to be maintained but would like the tax levy to come in at a lesser amount.

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Carol Williams of 9410 Loch Glen is in favor of the proposed SSA and believes it is a good solution to maintain the lakes.

Steve Fritchen of 7207 Scots Lane is in favor of the proposed SSA and believes they need to be kept clean and beautiful.

Jack Otlewis of 9612 South Muirfield objects to the proposed SSA and questioned its boundaries and would like South Muirfield omitted from the proposed SSA. Mr. Otlewis also questioned the SSA process.

Attorney Smoron explained that the covenants of Turnberry Properties state conditions to maintain the lakes within the subdivision, which include South Muirfield homes.

Phil Lambruschi of 7611 Bonnie Ridge Road is in favor of the proposed SSA and gave a short history of the lakes and the establishment of the current SSA#1. He also stated that compared to residents entire tax bill, this proposed SSA levy is very small.

Brad Burgess of 9909 Scots Circle objects to the proposed SSA.

Janet Hibbs of 6920 Inverway, a real estate broker, is in favor of the proposed SSA and believes SSA taxes are not an issue but assessed values of the Village homes is a bigger issue.

John Schrauf of 7618 Bonnie Ridge Road is in favor of the proposed SSA and discussed covenants which include all of South Muirfield homes.

Tom Mula of 9808 Turnberry Trail is in favor of the proposed SSA and has seen the lakes in many conditions.

Alan Kanabay of 7509 Bonnie Ridge is in favor of the proposed SSA and appreciated all comments from the public. He added that everyone agrees that the lakes need to be maintained.

Mark Lyczak of 9308 North Muirfield is in favor of the proposed SSA and commented on algae maintenance, aeration, lake access and professional services.

Tom Wanamaker of 1875 Broadway commented on the over levied years of SSA#1.

David Hanrahan of 9415 Muirfield is in favor of the proposed SSA and questioned why the SSA#1 levy figures were not verified.

MaryAnn Lyczak of 9308 Muirfield is in favor of the proposed SSA and commented on the use of volunteers.

Cal Skinner of 275 Meridian commented that it is a resident's right to protest taxes.

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After considering the protests and objections, the Village Board is of the opinion to determine that the protests and objects do not disqualify any of the properties from being included in the proposed SSA and there is not a basis to change the geographic area of the proposed SSA; and that none of the protests or objections are of such nature as to cause them to terminate the proposed SSA at this time. All objections and protests are such that the Village Board will deny them at this time and allow the proposed SSA to move to the next level, allowing the 60 day period for owners and/or voters to object to the creation of the proposed Special Service Area or the imposition of taxes for same to begin.

The 60 day objection period will begin to run effective Wednesday, September 23, 2015. If a petition signed by at least 51% of the electors residing within the proposed Village of Lakewood Special Service Area No. 8 and by at least 51% of the owners of record of the land included within the boundaries of the proposed Village of Lakewood Special Service Area Number 8 is filed with the Village Clerk of the Village of Lakewood within 60 days following the final adjournment of the public hearing objecting to the creation of the Special Service Area, or the levy of taxes affecting the area, no such area may be created and no taxes levied or imposed. Funds will be available spring/summer 2016 for the proposed SSA#8.

MOTIONS, IF ANY, TO ACCEPT, AND/OR APPROVE, ANY OBJECTION OR PROTEST RELATIVE TO PROPOSED SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NO. 8: None

MOTION TO ADOPT WRITTEN DETERMINATION OF PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS RELATIVE TO PROPOSED SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NO. 8:

Trustee Iden, seconded by Trustee Santowski, moved to adopt written determination of protests and objections relative to proposed Special Service Area No. 8. Voting Aye: Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

MOTION FOR CLOSING AND FINAL ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NO. 8:

Trustee Thomas, seconded by Trustee Furey, moved to close and adjourn Public Hearing for the proposed Special Service Area No. 8. Voting Aye: Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Call Skinner of 275 Meridian commented on banning or regulating ice cream trucks within the Village based on noise.

CONSENT AGENDA: The following were considered and enacted on a single motion by Trustee Furey, seconded by Trustee Iden:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 25, 2015 Regular Village Board Meeting

APPROVAL OF BILL LISTS: Accounts Payable Invoices Dated September 9, 2015 in the Amount of \$198,233.21; Accounts Payable Pre-Paid Invoices for August 2015 in the Amount of \$21,236.47; RedTail Golf Club Accounts Payable Invoices Dated August 31,

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2015 in the Amount of \$19,386.27; and Accounts Payable Invoices Dated September 23, 2015 in the Amount of \$127,624.54.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Village Financial Statements for the Periods May 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015; RedTail Golf Club Financial Statements for the Periods May 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015; and Lake Patrol Financial Statements for the Periods May 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2015-23 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD

APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION TO PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 17 THROUGH 23 AS CONSITUTION WEEK

Voting Aye: Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, and Serwatka. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Abstain: Trustee Thomas. Motion declared carried.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

APPROVAL FOR PROGRESS PAYMENT 1 FOR \$63,121.79 TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE LAKE AVENUE/LAKEWOOD ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Illinois Department of Transportation awarded the contract for the Lake Avenue/Lakewood Road Improvement Project to Curran Contracting Company for a total cost of \$1,879,500.50. The Village Board passed a Resolution on December 9, 2014 committing to pay 20% of the construction costs for a total of \$375,900.

Trustee Thomas, seconded by Trustee Iden, moved to approve progress payment 1 for \$63,121.79 to the Illinois Department of Transportation for work completed on the Lake Avenue/Lakewood Road Improvement Project. Voting Aye: Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 300 TONS OF BULK ROCK SALT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,153 FROM THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES: The Village has purchased bulk rock salt through the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS). The Village took advantage of this program last year and due to last year's mild winter, Public Works has a generous quantity of salt in storage. This reduces the Village's salt needs for the coming winter. 300 tons at a rate of \$70.51 totals \$21,153.

Trustee Santowski, seconded by Trustee Iden, moved to approve the purchase of 300 tons of bulk rock salt in the amount of \$21,153 from the Illinois Department of Central Management Services. Voting Aye: Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

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REPORTS: President Smith thanked all Police Officers for their loyal services.

Trustee Santowski is now on the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus participating in their Environmental Committee.

Trustee Thomas hosted Pizza with the President last week. There were around 22 participants and the "Frequently Asked Questions" handout was very beneficial.

Trustee Furey commented that he had golfed with friends and RedTail Golf Course is looking great through the efforts of General Manager Chris Neuhardt.

Village Manager Catherine Peterson stated that the East Side Sewer Project will go out to bid in October.

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Furey, seconded by Trustee Iden, moved to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Janice S. Hansen
Village Clerk

Approved: _____ Dated: October 13, 2015