

**VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD
MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MARCH 14, 2017**

The Village Board Meeting was called to order at 8:23 p.m. at Turnberry Country Club by President Smith. Present were Trustees Davis, Furey, Iden, McMahon, Serwatka, and Thomas. Also present were Interim Village Manager Shannon Andrews; Village Clerk Janice Hansen; Village Attorney Michael Smoron; Village Treasurer George Roach; Chief of Police Leigh Rawson; and a few members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 28, 2017 Regular Village Board Meeting

APPROVAL OF BILL LISTS: Accounts Payable Dated March 15, 2017 in the Amount of \$115,898.26; and Accounts Payable Pre-Paid Invoices for February, 2017 in the Amount of \$1,713.90

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: None

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM AGENDA: None

APPROVAL FOR THE COMMITMENT TO PURCHASE 500 TONS OF BULK ROCK SALT THROUGH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES: at the of FY 2016/2017 the Village's inventory of rock salt is approximately 250 tons. With the FY 2017/2018 purchase of a minimum of 500 tons, the Public Works crew will have an adequate supply of salt to properly address plowing concerns. The estimated expenditure for this purchase is \$35,255, which assumes the rate as the previous three years of \$70.51 per ton.

Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Iden, moved to approve the commitment to purchase 500 tons of bulk rock salt through the Illinois Department of Central Management Services. Voting Aye: Trustees Davis, Furey, Iden, McMahon, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-08 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE 2017 FARM RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH DAN FRUIN AND ROSS FRUIN: since purchasing the property on Pleasant Valley Road, the Village has leased the farmland to a local farmer. The current tenants, Dan and Ross Fruin, continue to have an interest in farming the land

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through the 2017 season. The agreement is for thirty acres of tillable land at a current rate of \$5,650 annually, paid in two installments. The tenants are also responsible for another approximately \$350 in leasehold taxes.

Trustee Iden, seconded by Trustee Thomas, moved to approve Ordinance 2017-08. Voting Aye: Trustees Davis, Furey, Iden, McMahon, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

APPROVAL TO DIGITALLY RECORD VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS: There has been continual interest in recording meetings by the Village Board. Video taping of meetings face many obstacles, in particular; the placement of cameras to capture the Board plus public participants, transitioning meeting venues during the winter months, and downloading the video to a computer after each meeting. Alternatively, digital audio recordings can be managed by the Village Clerk at the front of the room during the normal course of the meeting. This should capture both the comments of the Board and the public.

There was general discussion regarding digital recording issues; it would create a good detailed record of meetings and residents could listen to each meeting. Also discussed was the need for discipline and control during discussions, litigation and FOIA issues.

Trustee McMahon, seconded by Trustee Thomas, moved to approve to table digital recordings of Village Board Meetings until more information can be obtained. Voting Aye: Trustees Davis, Furey, Iden, McMahon, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

REPORTS: President Smith commented that she would like to have a transition/strategic planning meeting at the last meeting in April. This would enable the new Board members to be acquainted with the current Board's historical perspective.

Interim Village Manager Shannon Andrews has been approached by residents at Walnut Glen Condo Association for permission to park their vehicles at the vacant lot on Bard Road for two weeks while their parking lot is under renovation. Board members agreed with this request.

Merryman Excavators would like payment for the east sewer project. The general consensus is to make the payment and wait for State reimbursement.

Trustee Davis commented that it has been suggested for plant ivy on flexible fencing around the east side control panel.

Trustee Davis stated that he appreciated the budget workshop meeting which outlined the Village's priorities.

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With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Furey, moved to adjourn the Village Board Meeting. Voting Aye: Trustees Davis, Furey, Iden, McMahon, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Motion declared carried. The Board Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Janice S. Hansen
Village Clerk

Approved: _____ Dated: March 28, 2017