

**VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017**

The Village Board Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. at RedTail Golf Club by President Serwatka. Present were Trustees Davis, McMahon, Odom, Rexroat, and Stephan. Trustee Ritchie was absent. Also present were Village Clerk Janice Hansen; Village Attorney Michael Smoron; Chief of Police Michael Roth; Benefits Coordinator Sue Villie; many Lakewood Police Officers; and several members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Lisa Sorensen of 1280 Broadway commented that several wells on the east side of the Village are contaminated since the July flooding. These wells did not have contamination issues before that time. Mrs. Sorensen has had her well chlorinated, tested by the McHenry County Health Department, and the well remains contaminated. She would like to know what steps can be taken to clear her well.

Sara Ryerson of 415 Hampshire Lane stated that her well remains contaminated also. She would like to have more communication from the Village to assist in solving the east side well water issues.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 12, 2017 Regular Village Board Meeting

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: Accounts Payable Invoices Dated September 27, 2017 in Amount of \$111,149.29

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Village Financial Statements for the Period May 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017; RedTail Golf Club Financial Statements for the Period May 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017; Lake Patrol Financial Statements for the Period May 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017

APPROVAL OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD'S RECOMMENDED HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS FOR OCTOBER 31, 2017 FROM 3 P.M. TO 7 P.M.

Voting Aye: Trustees Davis, McMahon, Odom, Rexroat, and Stephan. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Ritchie. Motion declared carried.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-35 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15, TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, ADDING SECTION 15.18, TOWING: Chief Roth commented that effective January 1, 2016, the State of Illinois adopted a requirement of a tow rotation list for

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municipalities. By passing this Ordinance, local towing companies would be notified and allowed to bid for a position on the Lakewood Police Department's towing rotation list. This will allow for more towing companies to participate in the Village's rotation and would ensure compliance with the State of Illinois' guidelines.

Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Stephan, moved to approve Ordinance 2017-35. Voting Aye: Trustees Davis, McMahon, Odom, Rexroat, and Stephan. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Ritchie. Motion declared carried.

RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT TODD RICHARDSON: Chief Roth presented Sergeant Richardson with a certificate of commendation in recognition of his commitment to a case involving child pornography. His efforts resulted in the arrest of a subject for several felonies on August 30, 2017. His actions are commended on the highest level.

APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF PRINCIPAL DENTAL PLAN BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,245.28 ANNUALLY: Benefits Coordinator Sue Villie commented that the village insurance consultant Gallagher Williams-Manny solicited dental proposals that included a renewal of the current plan. Carriers either declined to quote or had uncompetitive rates over the current renewal of Principal. The current annual premium is \$23,111.76; the renewal premium is \$24,245.28, an increase of \$1,133.52 (4.9%). There are no changes from the current plan and there are no employee complaints. Principal is adding a Vision Care Discount and Savings plan at no extra cost to the Village's dental plan.

Trustee Stephan, seconded by Trustee Davis, moved to approve the renewal of Principal Dental Plan beginning October 1, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$24,245.28 annually. Voting Aye: Trustees Davis, McMahon, Odom, Rexroat, and Stephan. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Ritchie. Motion declared carried.

REPORTS: Chief Roth commented that the Police Department is undergoing a department reconstruction and the project should be finished by the end of October.

President Serwatka commented that the Village has received a sizable number of applications for the vacant Administrative Officer position. There are a few promising individuals being considered.

Trustee McMahon expressed that he was disappointed that he did not receive a call or an email regarding Ms. Meister's resignation. He was not informed of Julie Heather Meister's departure by President Serwatka. He received neither an email nor a phone call as did the other Trustees. He found out by accident when he called in to speak with Ms. Meister on September 1st. He was informed of Ms. Meister's resignation by Clerk Janice Hansen when he called into the Village.

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After receiving President Serwatka's informational emails on August 4th, 14th, and 16th, he did not receive an email announcing this resignation. The residents should not be lead to believe he was properly informed. Trustee McMahan also requested an explanation as to why President Serwatka appeared at an employee's home late in the evening.

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Stephan, seconded by Trustee Rexroat, moved to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: Trustees Davis, McMahan, Odom, Rexroat, and Stephan. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Ritchie. Motion declared carried. The Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Janice S. Hansen
Village Clerk

Approved: _____ Dated: October 10, 2017