

**VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 22, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

The Village Board Meeting was held in-person at Crosspoint Lutheran Church, 8505 RedTail Drive, along with Zoom viewing. It was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Stavropoulos. Present at Crosspoint Church were Trustees Augustine, Babischkin, Barron, Berman, Fischer, and Runge. Also present were Village Manager Jean Heckman, Village Attorney Daniel Bolin, Village Clerk Jeanette LoBosco, Director of Public Works Gary Zickuhr, Chief of Police Mike Roth, and a few members of the public.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Prior to action being called, Trustee Berman asked for clarification relative to Page 6 of the Accounts Payable period not updated. Village Manager Heckman explained September G/L is still open. This report message will disappear once the month is closed.

The following were considered and enacted on a single motion by Trustee Runge, seconded by Trustee Barron:

Request Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. November 8, 2022 Village Board Meeting

Request Approval of Bill Lists

1. Accounts Payable Invoices Dated November 23, 2022 in the Amount of \$190,563.75

Roll call vote: Ayes: Trustees Augustine, Babischkin, Barron, Berman, Fischer, and Runge.
Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion declared carried.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2022 – (R34) A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE BANK ACCOUNT OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD AT BMO HARRIS BANK: Village Manager Heckman summarized multiple bank accounts were opened several years back due to FDIC coverage requirements. The current account held at BMO Harris has no activity other than interest accrual requiring monthly account reconciliations. She recommended closing the account and depositing and consolidating the funds into a higher yielding account.

Public Comment: None.

Trustee Babischkin, seconded by Trustee Augustine moved to approve Resolution No. 2022 – 34, a Resolution to close the bank account of the Village of Lakewood at BMO Harris Bank, account ending in 303.

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Roll call vote: Ayes: Trustees Augustine, Babischkin, Barron, Berman, Fischer, and Runge.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
Motion declared carried.

CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATED 2022 PROPERTY TAX LEVY: Village Board members discussed the following items in order to be acted upon at the December 13, 2022 meeting.

Consideration of the Estimated 2022 Village of Lakewood Tax Levy in the Amount of \$1,731,133: Village Manager Heckman corrected a percentage breakdown found in the last paragraph on Page 2 of the cover memo to read “*Nearly ~~68%~~ 65% of each expense dollar is used for public safety (police and fire), 35% 25% to public works (i.e. street paving and snow removal), and 10% to general administration.*”

She addressed moving the budget process timeline. By doing so, a draft budget is able to be provided as a tool to help during the tax levy discussion. In addition, it was noted a draft budget for RedTail Golf Club was not include as they are not part of the tax levy. Also, not addressed is the Utility Tax Rate as that is independent from the Tax Levy.

She provided a recap of the information included in the packet, noting the recommendation to consider a 2% increase is due to offset the noticed received by the City Crystal Lake regarding an increase for fire protection services.

Public Comment: None.

As a result of the discussion held during Chief Roth’s Department Report, staff was directed to provide the Board with a scenario reflecting an increase of the Tax Levy by 5%; a maximum amount allowed by state statute.

Consideration of the Estimated 2022 Village of Lakewood Tax Levies

SSA #2 Brighton Oaks	\$ 1,000
SSA #3 Westlake Woods, also known as Diasio’s Resubdivision	\$ 6,500
SSA #4 Hidden Lakes	\$ 7,560
SSA #5 Reserves of Lakewood	\$ 2,000
SSA #6 Worthington Homes/Cambria Subdivision	\$ 500
SSA #7 Woodland Hills and Autumn Ridge	\$ 500
SSA #8 Turnberry Lakes	\$ 37,500

Village Manager Heckman highlighted the changes effecting the totals. An increase proposal to SSA #8, Turnberry Lakes, is due to an increase in the cost of weed treatment. Additional chemical treatments were performed and two Grass Carps are to be added to Lake 4 to help regulate the condition of the lakes. Grass clippings in the lakes are causing algae blooms.

Public Comment: None.

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PRESENTATION OF UPDATE REGARDING STATUS OF TURNBERRY GOLF CLUB ORDINANCE ISSUES:

President Stavropoulos stated there are no updates to report. There has been no communication received from either the owner or his legal counsel.

Public Comment: None.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS: Chief Roth invited Sgt. McGrath to speak about the meeting he attended recently held by McHenry County Sheriff-Elect Tadleman and States Attorney Kenneally regarding the proposed SAFE-T Act legislation that is scheduled to be implemented January, 2023.

An extensive interactive dialogue was held addressing comments and concerns between Chief Roth, Sgt. McGrath, and Board Members.

In response to the burden police departments will be facing as a result of the proposed SAFE-T Act, consensus of the Board was to be proactive by offering a competitive salary compensation. Direction was given to staff to provide the Village Board scenarios reflective of an increase. (see agenda item *Consideration of the Estimated 2022 Village of Lakewood Tax Levy in the Amount of \$1,731,133*)

Director Zickuhr reported the public works department is taking advantage of mild weather by continuing with road patching and repair projects. Public Works equipment is ready for the winter weather.

He commended Adam Sheahan, Wastewater Operator, for his incentive in pursuing a Commonwealth Edison Grant. The grant award of \$1,500 allowed for converting the lights in the wastewater treatment plant to energy efficient LED bulbs.

Village Manager Heckman reported the following updates:

- A pet chip scanner was received from Animal Control at no charge
- The payroll conversion has been postponed until January, 2023
- Village Hall is a donation collection site for the Marine Toys for Tots program
- Cocoa and Cookies with Cops and Santa is cancelled
- A Christmas light recycling tote is outside Village Hall entrance
- Information has been sent to the grant writer to begin, including an administrative project for the police department

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Barron, seconded by Trustee Babischkin moved to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote: All Ayes.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion declared carried.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeanette LoBosco
Village Clerk

Dated: December 13, 2022