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VILLAGE OF WOLVERINE LAKE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Magee called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Scott, Nedrow, Sienkiewicz, Magee, Duff, Stack

Absent: None

Others: Administrator Burd, Chief Ellsworth, Engineer Powell, Attorney Elowsky,
Treasurer Kondek and approximately 18 members of the public.

4. RC 3/8/2017 19858 CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. RC 3/8/2017 19859 ADDITIONS TO BUSINESS

Magee stated we need to add a 12. Pre. A., Lakes Area Safe Harbor Person of the Month.

MOTION by Stack, seconded by Duff to approve the Agenda, as amended.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

6. RC 3/8/2017 19860 1ST CALL TO THE PUBLIC – THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Magee opened the 1st Call to the Public.

Bob Malek, 1620 Thurston, stated there is an item on the agenda that comes before the second call to the public. He asked if there were questions from the public, could it be opened to the public. Magee stated yes.

Magee closed the 1st Call to the Public.

7. RC 3/8/2017 19861 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Magee stated he would like to remove the Minutes of February 8, 2017, as he has one small correction.

MOTION by Stack, seconded by Duff, to approve the Consent Agenda, with the removal of the Minutes of February 8, 2017, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES – Nedrow, Sienkiewicz, Magee, Duff, Stack, Scott

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Motion carried.

8. RC 3/8/2017 19862 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MINUTES – FEBRUARY 8, 2017.

Magee stated on page 9, Item J, where it says “With adjustments for inflation, we are really at about \$200,000” he would like to add the words “less than” before what that amount was.

MOTION by Stack, seconded by Duff, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2017, as amended.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

9. RC 3/8/2017 19863 RECEIVE AND FILE WRITTEN REPORTS.

Police Report for 2-17

Code Enforcement Report 2-17

Building Report of 2-17

Fire Report of 2-17

Park and Recreation, 2-20-17

Planning Commission, 2-23-17

Water Management Board, 3-1-17

MOTION by Stack, seconded by Duff, to receive and file written reports, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES – Nedrow, Sienkiewicz, Magee, Duff, Stack, Scott

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Motion carried.

10. RC 3/8/2017 19864 APPROVE WARRANTS

Approve Payables for the month of February in the amount of \$87,447.73.

MOTION by Stack, seconded by Duff, to approve Payables for the month of February in the amount of \$87,447.73, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES – Nedrow, Sienkiewicz, Magee, Duff, Stack, Scott

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Motion carried.

11. RC 3/8/2017 19865 PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

12. PRE A. RC 3/8/2017 19866 LAKES AREA SAFE HARBOR – PERSON OF THE MONTH.

A representative from Lakes Area Safe Harbor stated their mission is to provide education and resources in the Lakes Area for families affected by the current drug epidemic. They will fight to honor those we have lost in our community by looking to support, educate and ultimately save lives. Lakes Area Safe Harbor would like to recognize John Ellsworth as their Person of the Month. She stated John Ellsworth is a father, a husband, a leader and the Police Chief of Wolverine Lake. She stated he is dedicated to addressing the rising concern of addiction and overdose. Under his leadership, the Wolverine Lake Police Department has their officers trained to carry the life saving overdose antidote Narcan. Chief Ellsworth has responded personally to many homes where lives have been saved from this tragic epidemic. He speaks at events to help educate and prevent overdose tragedies from happening to others. She stated they are grateful for his leadership, compassion and dedication to providing resources and education and life saving training for his entire team.

Chief Ellsworth was presented with a plaque. He thanked everyone.

12. A. RC 3/8/2017 19867 2016 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – PHIL PETERS

Magee stated he has worked with Phil Peters on several projects in the past. He runs the Fishing Tournament, which requires a lot of work. He stated there are a lot of other Park and Recreation events that Peters participates and contributes to. He noted that he does all of these things even though he moved out of the Village a few years ago. He read the nomination letter submitted by Pam Kaznecki, a former Council and Park and Recreation member as follows: *I have known Phil for several years. Even though Phil no longer lives in the Village, he has a HUGE heart in supporting us. He works tireless at numerous Park and Rec functions; Snacks with Santa, Lunch with the Easter Bunny and Tuesdays in the Park. Phil also is key in our summer Fishing Tournament. He never looks for kudos or seeks the limelight. Phil is a wonderful, unselfish, unsung hero of Wolverine Lake.*

Magee presented Phil Peters with a plaque and congratulated him.

12. D. RC 3/8/2017 19868 COAL TAR SEALANT PRESENTATION – REBECCA ESSELMAN, HURON RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL.

Magee stated Council touched on this topic a couple of years ago. It has come to the Village's attention through a variety of things and wanted to get more information.

Ms. Esselman thanked Council for inviting her to speak. She stated they have been working on this issue at the Watershed Council for about two and a half years. It came across their desk because there was a project several years ago to increase awareness about this issue in the great lakes because research in the great lakes found such heavy pH contaminate loads in the sediments that were traced back to these sealant products. They picked up the issue and did

some sampling in the Ann Arbor area and found that they did indeed have sediments laden with pH contamination at levels that are alarming and consequential. She stated this is why they picked up the issue and they have been talking to communities as interest grows, sharing what they know about the issue and proposing some courses of action that will help the watershed and homes. She stated the coal tar seal coat products are the black liquid that is only applied to low traffic asphalt surfaces. Only, meaning all those residential driveways and most parking lots including churches, schools, public trails, etc. They are by and large seal coated with coal tar based seal coats. She stated there are several other bases for seal coat products. The asphalt based seal coat product was introduced in the article Council received, and has one, one thousandth the pH level contained in that line of seal coat products. That seal coat product is available through the major manufacturers in Michigan. So the same places that the applicators are going to pick up their coal tar seal coat, they can get the safer alternative and it is very comparable in cost. She stated there is an emerging set of products that are petroleum based. She stated this has muddied the waters a bit because to date most people have been regulating no coal tar but this emerging alternative is not coal tar but it is still high in pHs. Michigan has been promoting a new way to clarify what is a safe product and what isn't and that is by pH level rather than the base product. She stated they know most applicators are applying coal tar seal coat and while that product line is not available at the hardware store the average person does not do their own seal coat job. They call a company to do the job for them and 90% of those companies use coal tar seal coat. This is the source of how it's being applied throughout our community. It is recommended reapplying every two to three years. As cars drive over it and it gets rain and sun, it flakes off and ends up in the soil and ultimately in the waterway, or is tracked in homes on the bottom of shoes where it's then exposed to the contamination. The pHs that are contained in this seal coat product have been linked to cancer and several other human health impacts, such as reproductive and developmental. There has also been explicit links with impacts to aquatic life, bugs and fish. This is why they are asking communities to consider taking action on this. The earliest ban was in Austin, Texas 11 or 12 years ago. This was the first place the connection was made between pH levels and sediments and coal tar seal coat. Since then a growing number of communities have regulated this product including the State of Minnesota, the entire Washington DC area, San Antonio, Milwaukee and dozens of other smaller communities throughout the US. A new ordinance passes every three weeks or so.

Magee explained when Esselman says our communities; the Huron River Watershed Council is the administrator for storm water runoff plan. The Village is a member of the Huron River Watershed Council.

Esselman stated within the Huron River Watershed they have had six bans to date; Van Buren Township, Hamburg Township, the City of Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Clio Township and Dexter. They hope by education and ordinances they can both clean up local waterways and show the will of the people in the State of Michigan to get State level legislation passed. She asked if anyone had any questions.

Sienkiewicz asked if it was true when water runs over an asphalt road it picks up coal tar because it is in asphalt. Ms. Esselman stated she has not heard of asphalt roads being a big source of

pHs, it is a source, as is car exhaust, but coal tar is a major source, 50 to 75% of the pH in sediments can be traced back to coal tar seal coat. With just this one change it can make a real impact. Sienkiewicz stated there are far more miles of asphalt roads than there are driveways. Ms. Esselman stated she has never heard of roads being a major contributing source of coal tar.

Engineer Powell stated they are different products. He stated the seal coating is what they paint on driveways versus asphalt and the product in the asphalt is not an issue.

Scott asked how the ordinances address this issue, if applicators must register and how it is enforced. Ms. Esselman stated it is mixed depending on what the community prefers. She promotes the registration option within the ordinance because she thinks it's easier to notify a dozen or two applicator companies that this is what is expected then to make sure all of the residents are aware of it. She stated education is a big component of enforcement. You let your residents know and the applicator companies know. They recommend sending a letter to all of the large pavement owners, which the Watershed Council can help with, that this is a product that can be used. She stated she has brochures she can leave to be handed out. She stated information can be in people's water bills to notify them of the change. Powell asked if coal tar was banned all together, how long would the degradation process be to eliminate the pH levels. Ms. Esselman stated they last. She stated they do move through the system and flush out. She stated in Austin, where there has been a ban in place for 11 years, they did follow up testing after 10 years and they saw a 58% decline in pHs in the sediment. She stated it takes a little bit of time, but it does work. She stated one last thing regarding enforcement, if a suspected infraction is reported, there is a very quick field test where you put a scraping from the driveway into a solvent and depending on what color it changes it will tell you the base. Once there is an initial result contact can be made to the company or the homeowner to see if there is evidence of what was applied. Or it can be sent to a lab and tested. There is a way to know exactly what was put down and hold them accountable.

Engineer Powell stated coal tar seal coat is not used on any of the roads within the Village.

Magee stated this looks very similar to what we did several years ago with fertilizer applicators as far as registering.

MOTION by Nedrow, seconded by Duff, to request the Attorney to draft an ordinance based on the Ann Arbor ordinance regarding coal tar seal coating, as presented.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

12. C. 1. RC 3/8/20187 19869 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD – MOTION TO RECOMMEND COUNCIL APPOINT DEBORAH MALBIN TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD FOR A TERM ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2018.

Magee noted that Ms. Malbin was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

MOTION by Duff, seconded by Stack, to appoint Deborah Malbin to the Park and Recreation Board for a term ending on December 31, 2018, as presented.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

12. C. 2. RC 3/8/2017 19870 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD – MOTION TO REQUEST THAT COUNCIL RELEASE BUDGETED FUNDS FOR THE 2017 BUNNY LUNCH.

MOTION by Duff, seconded by Stack, to release budgeted funds for the 2017 Bunny Lunch, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES – Sienkiewicz, Magee, Duff, Stack, Scott, Nedrow

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Motion carried.

12. D. 1. RC 3/8/2017 19871 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION – RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 106-A103 TEXT AEMDMENT – DRIVE THROUGH BUSINESSES IN C-3.

Nedrow stated they had an applicant come before them a while ago who was looking into the possibility of putting in a coffee shop. It was where the car wash is and there was nothing in our ordinance addressing this. This is just an update to the ordinance.

MOTION by Scott, seconded by Stack, to introduce Ordinance 106-A103, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 1266, C-3 General Business District, of Title Four, Zoning, of Part Twelve, Planning and Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Wolverine Lake, by revising section 1266.02, special land uses, and adding Section 1266.10, businesses with drive-through windows, in order to enhance the regulations pertaining to businesses, with drive-through windows in the C-3 General Business District within the Village of Wolverine Lake, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES – Magee, Duff, Stack, Scott, Nedrow, Sienkiewicz

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Motion carried.

12. D. 2. RC 3/8/2017 19872 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION – RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL TO DENY REZONING 1585

GLENGARY FROM C-1, LOCAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO O-1, OFFICE BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Nedrow stated they had an applicant come before them, the dentist office on Glengary, which is in a C-1 District, which does not allow Dental Offices. They were looking into having it rezoned. Because of the Master Plan process they decided it would serve the community better and the applicant better to revise the ordinance and allow the dental office in the Commercial District.

MOTION by Duff, seconded by Stack, to deny rezoning request 1585 Glengary, from C-1 Local Commercial District to O-1, Office Business District, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES – Duff, Stack, Scott, Nedrow, Sienkiewicz, Magee

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Motion carried.

12. D. 3. RC 3/8/2017 19873 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION – RECOMMENDATION TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 106-A104, PERMITTED OFFICE USES IN C-1.

Nedrow explained this is the ordinance that will correct the problem for the dental office. He noted that they did look at surrounding communities ordinances as well.

MOTION by Nedrow, seconded by Duff, to Introduce Ordinance 106-A104, an Ordinance to add to the Subsection (E) to Section 1262.01, uses permitted by right, of Chapter 1262, c-1 Local Business District, of Title Four, Zoning, of Part Twelve, Planning and Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Wolverine Lake, in order to add Professional and General Office uses, and medical and dental offices and laboratories, as permitted uses in the C-1 local business district within the Village of Wolverine Lake, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES – Stack, Scott, Nedrow, Sienkiewicz, Magee, Duff

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Motion carried.

12. E. RC 3/8/2017 19874 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD – 2017 LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Magee stated this is before Council for adoption. He stated Council has had several discussions regarding the plan. Magee stated he was impressed with the process the Water Management Board went through in gathering information and listening to the residents. Scott stated there were two meetings that were taped and can be viewed on the website. They are looking forward to the residents supporting them this year and in turn they are going to keep them better informed.

Sienkiewicz stated he thought this was very thorough and a lot of work went into it. He asked about the weed side curb pick up. He was under the impression the Village was not going to do this and just include it in the regular yard waste pick up. Scott stated there still is some discussion but the general consensus is to use the process already in place, which is putting it with regular yard waste.

Sienkiewicz stated about 3 or 4 years ago the Water Management Board sunk habitat structures in the lake. He thinks the Board should make an effort to see if they are still there and what condition they are in. Scott stated they plan on doing this.

Scott stated the DEQ has been holding stake holders meetings on aeration. Their second meeting is coming up on April 10th in Kalamazoo and the Board has been invited to attend. He stated they would bring the information from that meeting back.

MOTION by Scott, seconded by Stack, to adopt the 2017 Lake Management Plan for the Water Management Board, as presented.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES – Stack, Scott, Nedrow, Sienkiewicz, Magee, Duff

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Motion carried.

12. F. RC 3/8/2017 197875 RECOMMENDATION FROM ENGINEER POWELL – PAVING OPTIONS.

Powell stated due to the extensive patching that was done last fall, the budget was short circuited a little bit and Council authorized the repaving of Oakview Street. As part of that bidding process Woodlawn was also bid, however, there was not enough budget to do that. In working with Kondek and Burd, the thought came up that we would be including some additional roads in the 2017-2018 budget which doesn't take effect until July 1. Council is going to be discussing and adopting a new budget in the next few months. If Council were so inclined to include some additional paving in next year's budget then a couple of options present themselves. The existing low bidder for this year, ASI Paving, has been willing to wait until after the July 1 to be in the next year's budget and be willing to add some additional roads at their current price later in the year. He stated the reason he is presenting this is because the contractor is willing to hold their prices.

Sienkiewicz stated he thinks Council really needs to consider this as we know what the cost is and have no idea what it would go up to. Paving is a priority and sometimes it is hard to even find a contractor.

MOTION by Sienkiewicz, seconded by Stack, to award the balance of the paving bid out already for 2016-2017 for Woodlawn Street, Woodlawn Court and Amarillo to ASI to happen after July 1; to add the minor roads Alberton, Wanda and Laguna Court to the ASI contract at the current bid prices to be paved in September and October; to add the major road Laguna Drive, to also be paved in September and October, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES –Scott, Nedrow, Sienkiewicz, Magee, Duff, Stack

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Motion carried.

12. G. RC 3/8/2017 19876 AMENIA PARK COST ESTIMATE

MOTION by Stack, seconded by Duff, to approve Phase I of the Amenia Park, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES – Nedrow, Sienkiewicz, Magee, Duff, Stack, Scott

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Motion carried.

12. H. 2. RC 3/8/2017 19877 DISCUSSION: CW-3 SOCCER PROPOSAL AND BASEBALL FIELDS AT CLARA MILLER PARK.

Burd stated they did meet with the baseball association and they are interested in the layout for the two fields at the edge of the athletic area. They do not have any sort of numbers as to what funds they might contribute to cover the cost; they were going to take the information to their Board. He stated this is the 4th month in a row this has been on the agenda. He noted while there is no timeframe Council has to abide by, there is a Master Plan for Clara Miller Park being created right now and the plan for that was to have it finished mid spring. They are looking to Council for guidance as to whether or not we want to include this in the plan. He noted the CW-3 representatives are here tonight as well.

Magee stated Council has looked at a lot of alternatives and the suggested layout is the one that works the best. We have talked to the Baseball Association and they are conceptually on board with the two fields as they are laid out. The potential 3rd field is something that has not been decided. He suggested Council could commit to the soccer fields, work something out with the Baseball Association and put them both in the Master Plan.

Sienkiewicz stated there is so much of Clara Miller Park that will no longer be usable to the residents. He stated the people who want to come in and use the equipment will have no place to park. He thinks one soccer field would be more than enough. He stated Council needs to let the residents who live there know about this proposal before any decisions are made. He thinks Council is squeezing too much in there and not taking into consideration the residents that live to the north and the south of that park.

Magee stated for both baseball and soccer, there are residents who participate with both sports. Sienkiewicz stated while that may be true, they don't live right there and have to listen to the noise from it every day. Magee stated there would be a Public Hearing before committing to anything. Sienkiewicz stated he would not put anything on the Master Plan until residents are notified.

Scott stated the soccer group needs two fields, one field would not be cost effective for them. He thinks Council needs to move forward with the process to find out final costs.

Sienkiewicz asked what the Village's contribution would be for the paving required for this project. Powell stated it would be around \$100,000.00. Sienkiewicz stated Council has been talking about road paving being a priority but we are going to put \$100,000.00 into this park. Magee stated while roads are a priority, so are parks. Sienkiewicz asked what percentage of the residents would be using this. He doesn't think spending money on planners before knowing if people even want it. He stated he is not against it, but the first thing that should be done is to find out if this is going to be accepted by the residents before any money is spent.

Stack stated the baseball fields are for practice only and are already there anyway. Scott noted that the soccer fields would not be used year round as well. He noted the Soccer Association would be contributing approximately \$200,000.00 to put in the fields and \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 to maintain them.

Magee asked Powell if the parking lot is getting close to being repaved. Powell indicated yes; but the \$100,000.00 would be additional. He did note if the Village does the road paving projects he would suggest saving the millings for this project. That would reduce the cost.

Sienkiewicz stated he wanted to reiterate that he is not against this. He stated he is not happy about committing money before asking the residents that would be most affected for their opinion. This would be a fourth of the acreage of Clara Miller Park that would be dedicated to soccer and baseball.

Magee stated the Village has had Public Hearings regarding park planning and this item has been on the agenda for four months. He hopes it is clear to everyone that it has been a matter of discussion. Sienkiewicz stated he still thinks a formal letter to tell them what is happening is mandatory.

MOTION by Stack, seconded by Nedrow, to open the discussion to the public.
All in favor.
Motion carried.

Bob Malek, 1620 Thurston, stated he was at the last meeting where this was discussed. He stated the people who live there do not have big fences because they enjoy looking over the park. He asked what happens to the community. He stated in all of the things posted about this, he has never seen where it showed the Village would be investing \$100,000.00 for the paving. He thinks it is great for the young people but he doesn't think our community warrants it. It is a Wolverine Lake Park. He stated he moved here 40 years ago and his family has enjoyed that park. The people to the south are not going to want to put up a stockade fence; he asked if the Village would help those people out and put it up so they don't have to hear the noise and lose the enjoyment that they have. He is not against children enjoying themselves; he does not believe our community warrants this.

Dave Renwick, 685 Amenia, stated he came here for a completely different reason. He stated Council's charge in this Village is to see to the maintenance of the health, safety and welfare of the residents. Parks are something extra. He stated it was said parks that are a priority in this Village; he stated parks are a priority for Commerce Township for everyone to use in the township. Clara Miller Park is for Wolverine Lake; the residents are the tax payers paying for it. He stated this is not a part of the health, safety or welfare of the Village and asking the residents to kick in \$100,000.00 is excessive. He came to address fund balance and this is just another excessive use of money that has been collected above and beyond what should have been collected. He stated the fund balance has been built up into an ungodly amount. The roads all need work but Council thinks residents really need a pocket park and really need soccer fields. He doesn't think we need this and this is not a part of the health, safety and welfare of this Village. He stated the tax payers should be given the opportunity to vote on if they want to contribute \$100,000.00 for soccer fields. The residents should be allowed to decide.

Dixie Gannon, 1851 Ladd Road, stated her kids have played soccer. She asked about other soccer fields that might be available.

Mike Scobie, 1405 Shankin, stated he is the CW-3 General Manager and wanted to clarify some things. He stated the concerns are valid. He stated their Youth 6 players practice in Wixom because there is no other field for them to use. The Youth 8 and 10 play in the outfield of baseball diamonds at a middle school. He stated the concept that there are a lot of soccer fields around is not correct. There is not enough. He stated they have two fields at Dodge Park, which are similar to what they are proposing here. They have been taking care of the fields there for many years. He stated they have no intention of taking over. In Commerce they have found value to having the soccer fields put in to Dodge Park. He stated they have tons of down time and anyone is welcome to use the space. He noted that there are two goals currently at Clara Miller Park that are not being maintained. He stated he lives in Wolverine Lake and would not be a part of something that disenfranchises the Village. He thinks there are benefits to what they are suggesting.

Scott asked about how many kids from the Village are a part of the organization. Mr. Scobie stated there are 75 kids from the Village that play for his organization with another 300 from Commerce Township. He stated he thinks baseball is around the same.

Malek asked if the fields at Dodge Park were in the middle of residential areas. Mr. Scobie stated Dodge Park is more isolated. Sienkiewicz stated his biggest concern is the residents. If their standard of living or their privacy is going to be affected in anyway, he thinks Council should go in a different direction.

MOTION by Duff, seconded by Stack, to close the discussion to the public.
All in favor.
Motion carried.

Magee stated he thinks Council is not far off procedurally. He thinks it would not be a bad idea to get preliminary ideas from CW-3 and present at a public hearing before putting in the Master Plan.

MOTION by Scott, seconded by Stack, to schedule a Public Hearing regarding Clara Miller Park, get input from the residents and then make decisions about going forward with the CW-3 Soccer Proposal and Baseball Fields, as presented.
All in favor.
Motion carried.

12. I. RC 3/8/2017 19878 DISCUSSION: NEW STREET NAME SIGN DESIGN OPTIONS.

Magee stated Council has been talking about replacing signs around the border of the Village.

Burd stated he is just hoping to present the design to see if everyone likes it before moving forward any further. He stated if you drive around other areas, everyone is moving to larger signs than the Village has. He is proposing larger signs that are blue with white letters which is acceptable to the guidelines. He stated the letters would be 6 inches in height where the current signs are 4 inches. Council talked about putting the logo on the signs along the perimeter of the Village. He stated he doesn't have an exact quote as of yet because it depends on the number of letters for each sign. He noted he can get a personalized quote. He stated the logo is \$9.00 per sign. Sienkiewicz asked if the larger signs are being mandated. Burd stated he is unaware of any mandate but the guidelines indicate communities can be opening themselves up to more accidents and law suits by not complying. He stated if you drive down Glengary you will see a stark difference in the legibility of Village signs versus Commerce. Sienkiewicz asked what the budget was for this project. Kondek stated \$3,000.00 Local and \$2,000.00 Major.

Stack asked how many exterior signs there are. Burd stated he doesn't have the exact number but believes it is around 40. He noted that currently there are Glengary signs on every cross street. It is being proposed to eliminate that and only have one sign on the cross streets.

Sienkiewicz asked if the Village would have to get new poles. Burd stated no, the existing poles would be used with need new brackets.

Burd stated he does not need a Council motion tonight, he just wanted to see if everyone approved of the design. All agreed to the design. Burd stated he will come back next month with more information and costs.

12. J. 1. RC 3/8/2017 19879 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM POLICE CHIEF ELLSWORTH – REQUEST TO SEND OFFICERS LIST AND MARASCO TO FIRST LINE SUPERVISION TRAINING IN TROY.

12. J. 2. RC 3/8/2017 19880 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM POLICE CHIEF ELLSWORTH – REQUEST TO SEND OFFICER LIST TO ADVANCED SUPERVISION FOR POLICE CLASS.

12. J. 3. RC 3/8/2017 19881 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM POLICE CHIEF ELLSWORTH – REQUEST TO SEND OFFICER BEAUDRY TO L.O.C.K. UP CLASS: CONTROLLING LARGER COMBATANTS.

Chief Ellsworth stated these requests are pretty straight forward and all with budgeted funds.

MOTION by Duff, seconded by Sienkiewicz, to send Officer List and Marasco to First Line Supervision training in Troy, \$325.00 per officer, total of \$650.00 from budgeted training funds; to send Officer List to Advanced Supervision for Police class, \$375.00 from budgeted training funds ; and to send Officer Beaudry to L.O.C.K. UP class: Controlling Larger Combatants, \$400.00 from budgeted training funds, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES – Sienkiewicz, Magee, Duff, Stack, Scott, Nedrow

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Motion carried.

12. K. RC 3/8/2017 19882 2nd CALL TO THE PUBLIC – APPROXIMATELY 9:00PM OR AT THIS AGENDA ITEM (WHICH EVER COMES FIRST). THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL REGARDING VILLAGE BUSINESS.

Magee opened the 2nd Call to the Public.

Karl Schierlinger, 1066 Lakeview, stated he has some concerns with his neighborhood and the island that is blocking the canal. Magee stated the Village attorney has looked into this issue. Attorney Elowsky stated she has been looking into this and will follow up with him regarding this.

Dave Renwick, 685 Amenia, stated he doesn't understand all of the discussion for putting in soccer fields. He stated residents pay a tax to Commerce Township for parks. Residents pay a tax on top of that to Wolverine Lake; seems kind of duplicitous. If residents are going to have a

Village park, then have a Village park. Why are residents paying taxes to Commerce Township for big parks and then trying to turn Clara Miller into a big park. He stated it doesn't make sense.

Renwick stated he is here to discuss Council's excessive and unnecessary trash pickup fee. According to all unbiased authorities; fund balance for a government entity of the Village's size should be kept at between 20 and 30% of the yearly budget. He asked Treasurer Kondek if that was true. Treasurer Kondek stated as far as the rule of thumb, over the last few years the 25% number has been invoked more than any other amount. Renwick stated the trash fee was never put to a public vote for the people, it was just pushed through by Council on the idea that it would be reviewed. Since 2008 the Village's fund balance has never fallen below 45%. He stated Council keeps talking about financial hardship but the Village has never fallen below 45%. He stated currently the fund balance sits at 84%. He stated that is 4 times what it should be. If the Village's rubbish and leaf pick up cost are about 11% of the budget then the unreserved fund balance in 2008 would have had 30% of fund balance plus over a year's worth of trash pickup. In 2009, 30% of fund balance plus over 2 years of trash pickup. In 2010, 30% of fund balance plus 3 years of trash pickup. In 2011 the Village ended up with a 30% fund balance plus over 4 years worth of trash pickup. In 2012, 30% fund balance plus over 6 years of trash pickup. The amounts that the fund balance jumped to were as high as 107%. He stated that is atrocious. The Village is at a point where we have 5 or 6 years worth of money sitting in fund balance that could pay trash collection fees. He stated Council needs to be fair to the tax payers. He would urgently request that Council seriously reconsider the trash pickup fee and either abolish it starting with this year's budget or return the excess funds that are sitting in fund balance.

Bob Malek, 1620 Thurston, asked about the final costs of the Amenia Park project. Magee stated the cost for the paving, parking and pathway already approved was \$13,450.00, the design was \$3,480.00, and what Council passed tonight was \$10,805.00 for a total of around \$28,000.00. Malek asked about the new street signs. He asked if the Village has gone out for bids or if we are going with just one company. Burd stated no not yet but will get numbers from several companies. Malek asked about Spring Lake Heights and stated there are a number of retention basins that are loaded with debris. He asked that the DPW check into these areas. Burd stated he would follow up on this. Malek thanked Council for all of the work done on the roads.

Magee closed the 2nd Call to the Public.

12. L. RC 3/8/2017 19883 INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 139A-1.

Magee stated this is pretty straight forward and is just to codify the ordinances.

MOTION by Stack, seconded by Duff, to introduce Ordinance 139A-1, an Ordinance to approve the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as part of the codified ordinances for the Village of Wolverine Lake, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES – Magee, Duff, Stack, Scott, Nedrow, Sienkiewicz

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Motion carried.

12. M. RC 3/8/2017 19884 PROCEDURE FOR FILLING COUNCIL VACANCY AND SCHEDULING INTERVIEWS.

Magee stated the Village has five applicants. Burd stated the deadline was 5pm today. He stated at this point we need to decide when to do interviews. Magee stated this room was going to be used for the Citizens Police Academy on the 4th Wednesday. Chief Ellsworth stated it may cause an issue with parking. All agreed the 3rd Wednesday would work.

In terms of process, it has been a few years since Council had an opening. Generally there are prepared questions and Council has an opportunity to ask questions. He thinks with 5 applicants, Council should interview them individually.

Burd asked if anyone who could not attend in person, is Council going to allow for call in interviews. Attorney Elowsky stated it is fine to accept called in interviews. All agreed.

MOTION by Stack, seconded by Duff, to set a Special Meeting to interview the 5 Council applicants for Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 7:00pm, as presented.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

12. N. RC 3/8/2017 19885 EVALUATION FORM FOR 1 YEAR REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATOR.

Magee stated he is collecting the evaluations and he needs them by next Wednesday at the latest.

12. O. RC 3/8/2017 19886 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REVIEW AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

MOTION by Stack, seconded by Duff, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Wolverine Lake's approved budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 be amended according to the attached schedules and that the Treasurer be directed to make the necessary amendments on the financial records to implement those changes, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES – Nedrow, Sienkiewicz, Magee, Duff, Stack, Scott

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Motion carried.

12. P. RC 3/8/2017 19887 SET TOPICS FOR THE MARCH 22, 2017, WORK SESSION.

Magee noted that a Special Meeting for interviews has already been scheduled.

13. RC 3/8/2017 19888 PENDING BUSINESS

None

14. RC 3/8/2017 19889 UPDATE FROM CHIEF ELLSWORTH.

Chief Ellsworth stated today was the busiest day in the Village of Wolverine Lake since the day he has been here. From 7:00am to 6:00pm they had 24 calls for downed power lines. As of 6:00pm DTE reported 650,000 homes without power. It is going to be a colder weekend this weekend as well. He asked folks to check on the elderly and Oakland County will be opening warming shelters. He stated he was honored to receive the Person of the Month award from Lakes Area Safe Harbor. He noted again that the Citizen Police Academy will be on March 22nd. He stated he will be looking for a couple of marine officers and will be advertising soon.

15. RC 3/8/2017 19890 UPDATE FROM TREASURER KONDEK

Treasurer Kondek stated the budget preparations have begun for the varies committees.

16. RC 3/8/2017 19891 UPDATE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Burd stated today was a very challenging day and thanked our police officers and DPW for their hard work. He stated the Village did have a little bit of damage in that a piece of the privacy fence was blown over. The DPW will repair that soon. He stated the Easter Bunny Lunch will be on March 26th at 1pm. He congratulated Phil Peters noting he does a lot of work on events like this.

17. RC 3/8/2017 19892 COUNCIL COMMENTS

Stack congratulated both Phil Peters and Chief Ellsworth and thanked them for all of their work. He wished everyone a happy and safe St. Patrick's Day.

Duff expressed the same.

Scott stated he and Phil Peters worked together for a few years and congratulated him and noted his hard work. He wished everyone a happy and safe St. Patrick's Day.

Nedrow congratulated both Phil Peters and Chief Ellsworth noting he also congratulated Joann Sullivan for her award. He wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day.

Sienkiewicz congratulated all. He stated everyone needs to be safe on the water as it is cold.

Magee stated the St. Patrick's Day bus sold out quickly and he hopes everyone has a safe happy time.

18. RC 3/8/2017 19893 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Nedrow, seconded by Duff, to adjourn the meeting at 9:43pm.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Nathan Burd, Village Administrator
Sheila Nicholas, Recording Secretary

John Magee, Village President

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