

**VILLAGE OF WOLVERINE LAKE  
COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Nedrow called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Scott, Nedrow, Sienkiewicz, Dumont, Duff, Yourke, Malek  
Absent: None  
Others: Administrator Smith, Treasurer Kondek, Engineer Powell, Mark Giromini, Chief Ellsworth and two members of the public.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No one from the public had any discussion for the Work Session.

**RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT OF THE US CONSTITUTION, GIVING WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE.**

Administrator Smith noted that this is due by June 3<sup>rd</sup> and it is a great opportunity to celebrate this event.

**MOTION** by Duff, seconded by Sienkiewicz, to approve a resolution to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment of The U.S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote. Motion carried.

**SOIL EROSION FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE.**

Jeff Rondeau has agreed to come back and do soil erosion permits. Administrator Smith looked at other communities for fee comparisons. The previous fees were \$75 and more extensive projects will require additional fees.

**MOTION** by Duff, seconded by Malek, to increase Soil Erosion fees to \$300 for demolition, new construction and additions.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Scott, Nedrow, Sienkiewicz, Dumont, Duff, Yourke, Malek  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Motion carried.

**FY 2019/2020 BUDGET**

Treasurer Kondek noted that since Council met two weeks ago the budget has changed. As he goes through the budget, there will be an opportunity to discuss any questions. The budget will be presented during a public hearing at the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>. A little more personal property tax has been added, primarily utilities. State shared revenues have increased.

Solid waste fees go up 3% per year, it's contractual. GFL has backed off their price increases for recycling, but will accept less recyclable items. The walkway to Council chambers may be revamped and the cost is yet to be determined. Village Hall is also looking into new filing cabinets. There has been a 12% increase from Wixom for record keeping.

The salaries of DPW are appropriated into 4 different funds. There is time data provided by DPW that is compiled and their wages are expensed in each of these funds.

Water usage is not metered on the community well system with the exception of CAYA. There is an extra charge for line flushing. Sienkiewicz suggested looking into this by sending it to the Admin. Committee.

There is maintenance needed for the Greenaway Drain. Powell noted that an initiative could be started to establish a SAD for the cleaning of the drain; typically it would be based on land area. It would go from Wynn Berry Lake through Walled Lake and into the Village. The Village is looking to get it's portion done in August of this year. There is maintenance needed on the berm by the dam; it's dropped a foot. Clay cap would be added to the top.

Kondek discussed the budget for proposed roadwork within the Village. Kondek will work with Powell on that budget figure.

There was discussion about the maintenance necessary for the lake walkway along Benstein. Powell spoke with someone about the structural preservation wood that was used. It's meant to last approximately 100 years, but if it's treated of course it will last longer. Powell has researched some environmentally friendly after market preservatives for the walkway. The Village will need to decide what tier to use. A walk along the pathway is necessary to see what maintenance is needed. Sienkiewicz would like to see this investigated aggressively due to the age of the pathway.

There was some discussion about why the Village pays a company to maintain the landscaping around the monument signs. Administrator Smith wondered why DPW does not take care of this.

Treasurer Kondek met with the Park and Recreation Board to discuss their budget and the activities are pretty much the same. Activities are well attended and popular.

The Water Management Board has an increase and they are asking for studies regarding lakeshore erosion and sediment testing. Sienkiewicz doesn't think all the tax payers should be paying for lake front owner benefits. Scott asked if we should be studying what lake levels should be. Powell noted when he first became the Engineer there was an assumed elevation where Council wanted the lake and it was 918.25. Based upon that elevation a gauge was placed near the dam and the Village tries to maintain the base lake level there. As far as Powell knows, that level hasn't changed in 25 years. In the last few weeks the lake has been higher due to higher than average rains and measures haven't been put in place to lower it. Scott noted that anyone is welcome to come to the Water Board meetings to discuss these issues. Kondek noted that about 48% of the value of taxes are paid by lakefront owners. Dumont asked if these studies are necessary to go forward with a SAD and if so, maybe the SAD can pay

back the fees through that SAD. This is a discussion of the budget and this would have to be approved by Council before the Village could go forward.

Kondek discussed a proposed park building that would be similar to the concessions building in Hickory Glen Park. It would be necessary to tap into the sewer. This cost could be approximately \$100,000. It could also be rented out. Sienkiewicz doesn't see the need for this.

Malek asked why the Village is spending an extra \$12,000 on a Tahoe versus an Explorer. Chief Ellsworth said there aren't any issues with the Tahoes like Explorers. Duff said this exact thing was discussed during the last Council meeting and wanted to move on with the budget discussion.

Mr. Nedrow noted that Kondek always makes this an easy process and thanked him.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Dumont, seconded by Duff, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

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Michael Smith, Village Clerk  
Sherri A. Ward, Recording Secretary

Brian Nedrow, Village Council President