VILLAGE OF LAKEVIEW COUNCIL MEETING

February 5, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

Mayor Elaine Fagan-Moore called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Heather Kegg was absent, Amby Wallace took minutes in her absence.

Roll Call: Elaine Fagan – Moore Guests:

Terry Brentlinger Dave Scott Shannon Reese

Sandra Knott Connor Kinsey Anna Louden

Mel Rotroff – Absent Gary Bias – Zoning Officer Monica Hurst

Amby Wallace Deputy Will Edgar Phil Wischmeyer

Pat Parish Norm Spring, Josh Oakley, Joe Ferryman Brenda Moots

Randy Kaehler Jason Smith, Brian Holder

Pat Parish made a motion to excuse Mel Rotroff, Terry Brentlinger seconded. Council approved unanimously.

Minutes from last meeting (January 16, 2024) stand as is.

Sandra Knott made a motion to pay the bills, Amby Wallace seconded. Council approved unanimously.

Pat Parish made a motion to approve the utility adjustments from (November 17 – December 15 and December 18 – January 18) Randy Kaehler seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mayor Elaine Fagan – Moore opened the floor up to the guests in attendance. Shannon Reese, Anna Louden, and Monica Hurst from the Logan County Visitors Bureau shared with council the ways that they are helping to bring events to and support the area with monies they get from their percentage of the Logan County bed tax. Their projects are solely funded by the money from the bed tax. They talked about how they can help the Village with the processes to implement a bed tax, which would help bring in money for the general fund of the Village of Lakeview. Mayor Elaine Fagan – Moore stated that she feels as good stewards of the community we as a Village should support this. She asked for a motion to explore further. Sandra Knott made a motion for Council to look further into the bed tax for the Village, Amby Wallace seconded. Council approved unanimously.

Phil Wischmeyer with the Lakeview Soccer Association spoke to Council members to get approval for a new kick wall that they would like to install at the Lakeview Soccer Fields. The 6x16 kick wall will be double sided and painted. Mr. Wischmeyer also let the council know that if approved, the Soccer Association would assume all maintenance along with the cost for materials and paying for the wall’s construction. Pat Parish made a motion to approve the kick wall, Randy Kaehler seconded. Council approved unanimously.

Norm Spring, Lakeview Fire Chief brought the resignation of fire fighter Jesse Kean. He resigned due to moving out of the area. Pat Parish mad a motion to approve his resignation, Terry Brentlinger seconded.  
Norm Spring also brought an application to join the department from Chad Kean. Mr. Kean has all of his qualifications and has over 28 year of experience in fire service. He will be able to use the equipment that was bought for his son (Jesse Kean). His physicals and background checks are all up to date and he is also employed by the IL EMS. Terry Brentlinger made a motion to approve new firefighter Chad Kean, Sandra Knott seconded. The council approved unanimously.

Norm Spring touched base on a couple of projects that were part of last year’s list. He told Council that he will be having the company who installed the ice guards come back out to inspect the roof once we have better weather. He is shooting for a March date. The second item was the repair to the garage doors at the Fire Department. He would like to look into further options before any decision is made. Pat Parish agreed that we needed to explore this further since the information we received in the past wasn’t very clear.

Norm Spring’s last item for council was to ask Council if they would support putting a levy on the ballot for a new pump truck. Pat Parish said that he would support a new pump truck as Lakeview needs a new truck, but he didn’t feel that he could support a truck for 1.4 million dollars. He feels that there are some unnecessary items on the truck being discussed, and that they should go back and see if they can change some items. He believes that a good truck can be bought at a lower cost. Pat Parish requested that the Council discuss this in more detail before moving ahead. Amby Wallace asked if we should table it for tonight’s meeting and set up a meeting to discuss it further, Council agreed.

Gary Bias, Lakeview Zoning Officer had approximately 8 phone calls & 0 zoning permits issued. The Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for a meeting on February 13,2024 for a conditional use permit.   
He also stated that Dave Scott had met with Durnells on the annexation and had gotten the signatures needed. An individual they needed to sign has now refused, so Gary Bias needs the council’s approval to do another survey in order to get the 51% needed. Dave Scott recommended that the council approve the additional work.

Gary Bias spoke with Paul Matthison about vacating the easement on North Oak Street and the neighbor is not willing to move forward, so the item has been put on hold. He let Mr. Matthison know that he can come to the council to discuss it further if he’d like.

Comstor contacted Gary Bias and would like to add a billboard where the water station is located. Gary Bias asked them to get the state’s approval due to the proximity of St. Rt. 33. He also let them know that they would have to apply for a variance because they need more sign frontage than Lakeview’s zoning allows.

Deputy Will Edgar with the Logan County Sheriff’s Department let the council know that there haven’t been many calls in the Village. Most of his calls have been due to warrants and narcotics in and around the township.

Mayor Elaine Fagan – Moore asked to go into executive session (pursuant to ORC 121.22, section G1, employee discipline). Dave Scott asked that Norm Spring, Josh Oakley, Joe Ferryman, Connor Kinsey, and himself be included in the executive session. Mayor Elaine Fagan Moore agreed.

Sandra Knott made a motion to return to regular session at 8:01 pm, Amby Wallace seconded. Council approved unanimously.

Randy Kaehler made a motion to put Lakeview Fire Chief Norm Spring on paid administrative leave, effective immediately, pending investigation, Sandra Knott seconded. Council approved unanimously.

Dave Scott said that he can wait until the next scheduled meeting to discuss his items.

Committee members also agreed to discuss their items at the next scheduled meeting.

Mayor Elaine Fagan – Moore said that she needed to ask the council if they would like her to take the past Mayor’s positions as FEMA and EMS representative. Council agreed unanimously that the new Mayor will hold these seats.

Mayor Elaine Fagan – Moore then provided the reading of the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO: 2024-02

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION BY THE BOARD OF LOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR A CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST AND/OR THE ONE TIME STRATEGIC COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND (OTSCIF) REQUEST FOR THE URBANA-BELLEFONTAINE CONNECTOR OF THE SIMON KENTON TRAIL: TO PAVE A FINAL COURSE OF HOT-MIX ASPHALT; PERFORM WORK TO RESOLVE GEOMETRIC AND DRAINAGE ISSUES; AND, ADD A BIKE PATH RAILING WHERE WARRANTED BY THE TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM.

Pat Parish made a motion to pass Resolution No: 2024-02, Amby Wallace seconded. Council approved unanimously.

Dave Scott said he did have one item that council needed to be aware of, the survey of the South Main development. Dave Scott said that he contacted Cale Jacobs to let him know that the survey was done, and the annexation is ready. Mr. Jacobs told Dave Scott that there was never any discussion of a development. He said all that was discussed was that a home could possibly be built there. Amby Wallace asked to clarify that it was never to be a housing development as Council was asked by Mayor Ryan Shoffstall to vote on getting the survey paid for by the Village in the amount of $3,700.00. She felt that Lakeview should be reimbursed since it was taxpayers money used for this misrepresentation. Dave Scott said that Mayor Elaine Fagan – Moore wanted him to bring this to council since it was the past Mayor who had Council vote on this.

Mayor Elaine Fagan – Moore wanted to remind everyone who hasn’t taken the Sunshine Law training to please do so. She also asked Council to make sure they are checking their emails throughout the day as there are important emails being sent out.

Sandra Knott made a motion to adjourn, Terry Brentlinger seconded. Council approved unanimously.

The next council meeting will be **Tuesday**, February 20, 2024.