

**Lake City Borough Council**

**2350 Main Street**

**February 13, 2023**

**Call to Order:** President Gollmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was audio recorded by Mayor Graves.

**Roll Call:** Ginger L. Cinti, Christopher G. Byers, Thomas Eberle, Raymond H. Fisher, Mary G. Gollmer, Jenny L. Potter, Alan J. Watkins, and Mayor Andrew J. Graves were present.

**Appointed Officials Attending:** Edward J. Betza/Solicitor, Joshua Blystone/Street Crew, Stacy L. Kibler/Borough Secretary, Scott Sackett/Street Crew, Adam Sweed/Street Crew, and David Wierzchowski/Police Chief.

**Visitors Attending:** Ellen Avalon, Carri Burger, Juston Cannon, Christine Haaf, Gregg Mitcho, Tim Olesnanik, Josh Sturgeon, and Marvin Waxham.

**Tree Removal:** Christopher Byers motioned, Jenny Potter seconded, to approve the tree removal request for Andrew Graves located at 1678 Cherry Street. All approved. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** Jenny Potter motioned, Thomas Eberle seconded, to approve the January 9 and January 23, 2023, Minutes. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Bills for Approval:** Christopher Byers motioned, Jenny Potter seconded, to approve the February Bills, and Ratifications. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Payroll Ratifications:** Christopher Byers motioned, Jenny Potter seconded, to approve the payroll ratifications. All agreed, except Alan Watkins, who abstained, because of a personal conflict. Motion carried.

**Transfer Resolution:** Ginger Cinti motioned, Christopher Byers seconded, to accept a fund transfer resolution. All Agreed. Motion carried. The resolution allows the Treasurer to transfer \$75,000 from water fund to sewer fund for receipts owed.

**Police Hiring:** Wage and Personnel did not have a recommendation for the open police position. Wage and Personnel will meet on February 14, 2023, to decide on a recommendation for hiring a new officer.

The Solicitor will prepare a police candidate interviewing policy.

**Lake City Fire Company:** presented Council with a report on their equipment, properties, fundraising efforts, their need for municipal support, why a fire tax should be supported, a capital project list, and budget. Council will review the report. There will be a joint emergency service meeting on February 28, 2023, beginning at 5:00 at

the Girard Township Municipal Building.

**Ordinance:** Council requested more information before deciding on implementing new ordinances.

**Water Bill:** Anson Thornton, of 10271 Northpark Drive, asked Council to consider adjusting the water and sewer bill he received in November 2022. Raymond Fisher motioned to charge the resident for half the increase. The motion failed with a lack of second. Mr. Thornton will not receive an adjustment.

**Carri Burger:** of 2250 Rice Avenue, presented Council with a list of complaints at the last meeting regarding the business next to her property. The list of complaints included a building with a collapsed roof, vehicle graveyard, tires, and broken fence. Raymond Fisher motioned, Thomas Eberle seconded, to send three separate ordinance violation letters to 2272 Rice Avenue. All voted no, except Thomas Eberle, Raymond Fisher, and Alan Watkins. The motion failed.

**Water System:** The Engineer for the City of Erie looked at extending the City's water main along State Route 5, beginning at Lord Road, and extending to the borough water line at Ferrando Drive, approximately 4.38 miles of 12-inch water main, at an estimated price of six million dollars. Council decided this was not a viable option. The Secretary will contact the city, and other companies, for a proposal to purchase the water system.

**GIS Mapping:** Alan Watkins motioned, Christopher Byers seconded, to accept the proposal from LSSE to set up the GIS mapping, excluding the overlay. All agreed. Motion carried.

**County Aid:** Raymond Fisher motioned, Thomas Eberle seconded, to accept the County Aid Resolution. All agreed. Motion carried. The 2023 County Aid allocation is \$8,019, for streetlighting expenses.

**Seal Coating:** Council was not interested in joining a joint seal coat bid (tar and chip) with sixteen area municipalities.

**Maple Donuts:** is requesting permission to use a current retention pond as part of their new fire suppression system for the building expansion. Council requested additional information on what safety precautions will be taken if they permit the current retention pond to be used as part of their fire suppression system.

**Condemn Property:** Council decided not to hire a company to evaluate the habitability of property on Clifton Drive.

**AA Meeting:** A local AA Group asked Council to consider renting the Community Center to the group at a rate of \$25 -\$50 a month. The meetings would take place two days a week for an hour. Council was not in favor.

**Handbook:** Raymond Fisher motioned, Christopher Byers seconded, to update the funeral leave in the Employee Handbook to include grandparents for employees hired after January of 2015. All agreed, except Alan Watkins who abstained with has a personal conflict. Motion carried.

**Sweed Evaluation:** Ginger Cinti motioned, Christopher Byers seconded, to increase Adam Sweed's wage by three percent. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Recessed:** President Gollmer recessed the meeting at 8:20 p.m., for personnel matters.

**Adjourned:** President Gollmer reconvened the meeting at 8:38 p.m. and immediately adjourned.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Stacy L. Kibler**

**Borough Secretary**