



VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD HILLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 9, 2022

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- I Call to Order:** Village President Chad Rider via Zoom called the meeting to order at 7:30pm attending via Zoom electronic meeting procedure.
- II. Roll Call:** Clerk LoSasso conducted a roll call at this time. Present via Zoom were as follows: Village President Chad Rider, Trustees Bone, Wise, Zahorik and Ruhnke. Also present via Zoom were Village Attorney Lisa Waggoner, Chief Cordell, Treasurer Zabinski and Building Director Mike Flannigan. Trustee Salvo was absent.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was administered.
- IV. Moment of Reflection**
- V. Changes and/or Additions to Agenda:** None
- VI. Consider Minutes of the May 17, 2022 Regular Board Meeting**
Motion: Trustee Wise
Second: Trustee Zahorik
Discussion: None
Vote: Ayes: Trustees Wise, Ruhnke Bone and President Rider
Abstain: Trustee Zahorik
Absent: Trustees Salvo
Motion Carried
- VII. Consider Warrant Report Dated June 9, 2022 in the amount of \$39,310.27**
Motion: Trustee Wise
Second: Trustee Ruhnke
Discussion: None
Roll Vote: All ayes with President Rider
Absent: Trustee Salvo
Motion Carried
During this time the Clerk lost her computer connection to the Zoom meeting, however was able to rejoin the meeting via telephone.
- VIII. Consider Ratification of warrant dated June 9, 2022 in the amount of \$7,939.00**
Motion: Trustee Wise
Second: Trustee Bone
Discussion: None
Vote: Ayes with President Rider
Absent; Trustee Salvo
Motion Carried
- IX. Consider Acceptance of Financial Statements ending May 31, 2022**
Motion: Trustee Zahorik
Second: Trustee Ruhnke
Discussion: None
Roll Vote. All Ayes with President Rider
Absent: Trustee Salvo
Motion Carried



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- X. Public Forum:** Clerk LoSasso read 3 comments, which are attached. President Rider explained the steps in treating the lake weeds. Brandon Mulhall 23 Palisades asked about the possibility of dredging the lake. President Rider will look into this. Trustee Wise added that this on the table Bruce Wallace mentioned the early growth of weeds at the north end of the lake. Trustee Wise stated that the weed harvester would be back in 2 weeks to remove more weeds and the committee will be looking into weed management. Lori Bowden 6 Echo Hill asked if there was a bigger plan to maintain the lake weeds. Trustee Wise stated that weed maintenance is in the budget every year. Lake assessment is scheduled for June 17th. Carolyn Oakes asked when in person meeting will resume. President Rider commented we are following State protocol and the Governors extended order
- XII. President's Report:** President Rider thanked all the volunteers who have helped throughout the Village. All the Board members/Trustees greatly appreciate everyone's help.

XIII. Motion, Resolutions and Action Items

Public Safety

Motion to approve Resolution 22-06-01R Authorizing the execution of the McHenry County Major Investigative Assistance Team IGA

Motion: Trustee Bone

Second: Trustee Zahorik

Discussion: Trustee Bone explained this is for specially trained officer's to assist the Village with major crime investigations. Approved unanimously at committee level and included in Village budget.

Roll Vote. Ayes Trustees Ruhnke, Wise, Bone and Zahorik.

Absent: Trustee Salvo

Motion Carried

Lake, Park, Fen and Beach

Motion to approve Lake Weed treatment NTE: \$2,000.00

Motion: Trustee Wise

Second: Trustee Ruhnke

Discussion: Trustee Wise explained this expenditure was for the removal of weeds in the lake. The company required payment at time of service. This was authorized by President Rider. They removed 24,000 pounds of weeds.

Roll Vote. Ayes Trustees Ruhnke, Wise, Bone and Zahorik.

Absent: Trustee Salvo

Motion Carried

XIV. Communications from Trustees, Department Heads and Consultants

Trustee Wise: Road plan estimates are in and will be discussed at the next committee meeting. Getting estimates for dry well repairs. Looking for snowplow estimates. Garbage proposal in from current provider and waiting for 2 more. Second weed harvesting in South bay scheduled. Lake evaluation scheduled for end of June and lake treatment recommendation will follow.

Trustee Ruhnke Timbers installed at park. Mulch to be laid at the end of the month. Beach staff is keeping the beaches clean. Efrain to maintain the baseball field. Next meeting end of June.

Trustee Bone: Prairie Grove police department has reached out to our police department to discuss how we can work together and discuss strategies each department uses. Will be discussing traffic signs at next meeting.



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Trustee Zahorik: Waiting for budget requests

Attorney Waggoner: Gave update on 5311 Greenview. Tax buyer petitioned for tax deed. Court date set for November.

Chief Cordell: Submitted reports. Thanked Jeff Elston for work done in Police Dept. Office.

Building Director Flannigan: Gave update on empty lot on North Shore.

Clerk LoSasso: Reminded residents vehicle stickers must be purchased by June 30.

Treasurer Zabinski: Filed for AARPA funds usage of monies.

XV. Executive Session: None

XVI. Other Business:

XVII. Adjourn. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at **8:36pm**

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Cheryl R. LoSasso, Village Clerk.

Cheryl LoSasso

From: CAROLYN OAKES [mailto:coakes5401@aol.com]>
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2022 2:27 PM
To: Cheryl LoSasso
Cc: Mary Salvo; Chad Rider; Kelly Ruhnke; Kristina Zahorik; Mandy Bone; Mark Wise
Subject: Public comment for 6/9/2022

Could we please get an update on 5311 Greenview? Thank you!

Thank you,
Carolyn Oakes
5401 Oak Park Road

PUBLIC FORUM JUNE 2022 BOARD MEETING

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concern for the state of our lake, particularly the South Bay. I realize that weeds can be considered normal, as it is a natural body of water. However, the current back bay is completely overrun with weeds and looks more like a swamp than a lake. The weeds are so bad algae is growing on them and any recreational use including kayaking and paddle boarding of the lake is severely limited.

I think that it is imperative that we allocate more funding to manage our lake. The yearly weed spraying is a great stop gap measure to manage the invasive weed species and I believe it should continue. However, this also creates a compounding cycle of decaying weeds causing more muck, making the lake shallower and thus making it easier to grow even more weeds.

As a lake front property owner, we are doing our part to maintain the health and longevity of our lake. We have eliminated the use of fertilizers and all chemicals in our yard. We also ensure there is ample vegetation in key places to prevent erosion and help filter run off. Additionally, we have taken measures by mechanically pulling as many weeds as we can. However, we are only one house, and the lake is far beyond these small measures having a meaningful impact

I was very disappointed that the lake weed harvester was not contracted to manage the back bay. The north side of the lake does not have a serious issue, yet. However, it seems as though all the resources are directed at the north side instead of managing the back bay. Adequate management of the back bay would inevitably result in an improvement to the north bay as well. It appears the village only cares about the north bay and has resigned to neglect the south bay until it turns into a swamp.

To be clear, I would like the village to increase its commitment to the entire lake and stop neglecting the south bay. I think that we should contract the Lake Weed Harvester to finish the entire back bay in addition to our yearly weed spraying. Additionally, I think it is time to invest in a lake management company that can provide us with a long term, comprehensive solution to manage our communities most precious asset.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and commitment to our village.

Stacey Fiorito

3 W Woodland Rd.

Cheryl LoSasso

From: Abby Callard <abbycallard@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2022 1:36 PM
To: Cheryl LoSasso
Subject: Public Comment for 6/9 Board Meeting

I first wanted to thank the village for addressing part of the weed problem in the lake. I'm encouraged to see that approving more money toward weed control is on the agenda for tonight. That being said, I would love to see the village be more proactive around communicating this type of action. I know there were a lot of questions/comments/concerns floating around on social media, and I think a quick email from the village would have provided some clarity.

Abby Callard
110 Birch Lane