

**VILLAGE OF CENTRAL LAKE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Pro Tem Michelle Fox.

ROLL CALL: CHAPMAN, DRAKE, FOX, TSCHIRHART, PATTON, RING

ABSENT: TYLER

Motion by Drake and supported by Ring to approve the amended agenda of April 12, 2023.

Voice Vote: All Vote AYE. Motion Carries.

Motion by Patton and supported by Chapman to approve the amended minutes of March 8, 2023.

Voice Vote: All Vote AYE. Motion Carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Dave Dery
 - Questions and concerns were raised about what residents and businesses were on the Village's water and sewer system.
- Mr. Jarris Rubingh- Antrim County Commissioner
 - Rushton road is to be repaved from Ellsworth to Central Lake Township this summer.
 - Property value in the area has gone up 21% since 2022. The increase from 2021 to 2022 was 9%.
 - Northern Lakes Economic Alliance reported that the number of workers in Antrim County has dropped 1% every year, for the past ten years.
- Mrs. Meg Yanalunas
 - Questioned the soil testing that is currently occurring on the previous Dover property on the corner of Moyer and Cameron.

REPORTS

- Police Report – Scott Barrett – Submitted
- DPW Report – Jon Shooks- Submitted
- Water & Sewer Committee Report- Kipp Drake
 - Update on sewer system infrastructure plans
- Tip of the Mitt- Anna Watson
 - Reported the dangers of septic systems in relation to the environment.

Motion by Ring and supported by Patton to approve the payment of prepaid bills in the amount of \$54,735.42 and Payroll in the amount of \$31,504.39 for a total of \$86,239.81

Roll Call Vote: All Vote AYE. Motion Carries.

OLD BUSINESS

- Thurston Park Lease
 - Heirs have been found but have not been contacted yet.
- Car Wash Update

- Plans to be submitted to the Village.
- Thurston Park Campground WIFI at a Maximum Cost of \$4,979.19
 - To be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Chapman and supported by Ring to approve of the event permits as presented by the Chamber/ DDA.

Voice Vote: All Vote AYE. Motion Carries.

- Sewer and Water Rates
 - Water rates will need to be increased for the USDA to consider us for grants and funding. They would like to see the rates at \$40/ month. This rate is comparable to The Village of Bellaire.
 - On April 13, 2022, the council voted to increase the water rates to a base rate of \$34.25 per quarter and \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons of water used. The previous clerk never put this into effect. It will be implemented in the next billing cycle.
- Dover Property
 - Soil testing is currently being done. The property is considered classified as a brown field.
- Paper Folder/ Envelope Stuffer
 - The previous clerk, Andrew Smith, made an unauthorized purchase with the cost being \$6,595.99. An investigation is currently ongoing. The paper folder/ envelope stuffer is now in the Village's possession.
- North Street Closure on Tuesdays from June 20th- August 29th from 4:30pm- 8:30pm.
 - The council requested that Chamber/ DDA submit a formal permit request.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Patton supported by Drake to approve of Kathryn Ring's common area caretaker contract for a total of \$4,470 to be made in monthly installments of \$745.

Roll Call Vote: Motion Carries.

Aye: Patton, Chapman, Fox, Tschirhart, Drake.

Abstain: Ring.

Motion by Patton supported by Drake to approve payment to Link Engineering Services, LLC for \$4,815 for bridge preventative maintenance services rendered.

Roll Call Vote: All Vote AYE. Motion Carries.

Motion by Tschirhart supported by Patton to approve of website creation for \$3,000 and website hosting for \$55/ month.

Roll Call Vote: Motion Fails

Nays: Patton, Chapman, Ring, Fox, Tschirhart, Drake.

Motion by Tschirhart supported by Patton to approve of website creation for \$3,000 and website hosting for \$55/ month for two years.

Roll Call Vote: All Vote Aye. Motion Carries.

Motion by Patton supported by Ring to approve a budget amendment for department 990: debt services for an increase of \$51,961.25.

Roll Call Vote: All Vote Aye. Motion Carries.

Motion by Ring supported by Drake to approve of the replacement of the sidewalk on the North side of State Street west of the bridge including the driveway approach for the two houses for a total of \$25,500.

Roll Call Vote: All Vote Aye. Motion Carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Jarris Rubingh- Antrim County Commissioner
 - Suggest the Village reach out to the Village of Ellsworth to discuss our sewer system and water rates.
 - Suggests a checks and balances system of the council reviewing the accounts monthly.
 - The Northern Lake Economic Alliance and the village could allow for a business to gradually raise their taxes if they erect a new building.
- Miss. Kelly Young
 - Supports a checks and balances system. She suggested that the Village investigate a third-party treasury oversight organization.
 - Spoke concerns for businesses not paying their share of rates in relation to water and sewer.
 - Asked the board to investigate homesteaders and their current septic systems. She is concerned for the local environment as a taxpayer.

Motion by Fox supported by Patton to adjourn at 8:53 PM.

Voice Vote: All vote AYE. Motion Carries.