Present: Mayor, Patrick McNew; Councilmembers Jon Cabot, Chuck Poploskie, Dan Jenaras, and Dennis Mitchell; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Police Chief, Jim Prosser; Attorney, Dan Christ; Building Official, Brian Oppmann; Environmental Board Chair, Jim Hibbard; Road Commissioner, Karl Storrie; Clerk, Rosalie Lake

Visitors: Waterford Regional Fire Chief, John Lyman, Jordan Lyman, Deputy Assessor for the City of Troy, Kim Harper; Joe Hilger, Jim Cortez, Debbie McDowell, Officer Don McLellan

Mayor McNew opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Minutes of the meeting of June 9 were approved as submitted.

Mayor McNew introduced Waterford Regional Fire Chief, John Lyman, who then introduced himself as someone who knew he wanted to be a fireman from the age of 10. He spoke knowledgeably about the Waterford Department both past and present. The name of the department was changed to ‘Regional’ in 2012. They now have a contract with Lake Angelus until 2022. The Department responded to 11,249 alarms in 2014, 29 of which were from LA. There have been 9 calls so far in 2015 for LA. The Department currently has 132 personnel and hopes to increase that to 144 in August. The Waterford Department is the largest in Oakland County and the 5th largest in the State of Michigan. There is a staff of 46 persons who work at the old Pontiac station on Walton that serves Lake Angelus. The 750 gallon Lake Angelus engine resides there. Chief Lyman indicated that the trend now is for fire departments to cover EMS transport. When the Waterford Department took over the Pontiac Department in 2012, they hired 42 persons from Pontiac even though Waterford does not do all of the EMS in Pontiac. The Waterford EMS Academy trains Oakland County paramedics. Waterford has an excellent GIS system. The Chief talked about the attack plan in Lake Angelus because the City has no water (although some hydrants are available). All fire trucks are equipped with tablets. The Oakway Mutual Aid System is made up of eight fire departments in Oakland County that support each other with their facilities and equipment. The challenges in LA relate to the lack of water supply and narrow roads with low-hanging branches. Councilmember Mitchell asked for the Department’s 2014 Annual Report. The Chief will supply it for Jim Cortez to place on the website. Mr. Mitchell shared the Fire Deputy’s comment that shooting the fireworks from a barge is much safer than from the land. The Chief invited all to come to a fundraising pancake breakfast for the Police Department on September 12th. Mayor McNew thanked Chief Lyman for his presentation and complemented the fine work of the Department.

Resident Comments: Debbie McDowell spoke about the Little Free Library movement that is spreading all over the world. It is a small box to hold about 40 books for people to take and return freely without a check-out system. Mrs. McDowell hoped one similar to the mailbox could be placed in the City Hall parking lot. She would be willing to have it
built. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the Little Free Library to be placed on City property, the exact location to be determined later. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McNew replaced Board of Review Chair, Ray Siwiec, in introducing Kim Harper as a replacement for Assessor, Linda Burton who will retire at the end of 2015. Ms. Harper indicated that she has been Deputy Assessor in Troy for 27 years. She would work together with Ms. Burton until the end of the year when Ms. Burton’s contract with the City expires. Ms. Harper has worked on the reassessment of properties in Lake Angelus with Ms. Burton and will continue that work with her. She will also continue her work in Troy if she is appointed Assessor in Lake Angelus. Her appointment would be by a majority of Council.

Police Chief, Jim Prosser, gave the Activity Report for June. The Lake level is 950. The new patrol car has been delivered and is working well. The camera still needs to be installed in the car. Chief Prosser wished to attend a condensed version of the FBI Academy for small jurisdictions in September. The cost is $995 for six days. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve up to $1000 for the course. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Building and Permits: Building Official, Brian Oppmann, reported that a permit for the Cortez demolition has been issued. The Greenlee plans were presented to the Planning Commission on June 30th. They will require a variance(s) that, hopefully, can be considered at the August Council meeting. Builder, Bill Derocher, has provided 3D drawings as requested by the PC and the PC will review the plans again on July 28th and then send them to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Dr. Cabot inquired whether the Greenlees/Derocher are aware of the criteria for granting a variance. Mr. Oppmann indicated that there will be a number of areas where they will need to cut within 50’ of the Lake. Mr. Poploskie noted that these will be complicated plans for the ZBA to review. Councilmembers will need to spend some time reviewing the plans before the meeting. Joe Hilger noted that there are issues of erosion that have to be considered, as well. Jim Hibbard pointed out that the natural vegetation has been removed causing the erosion problems. Attorney Christ advised that the Council should wait to have conversation about the plans until the PC has reviewed them again and they are made available to the ZBA. Residents are welcome to express opinions at that time. Mr. Oppmann indicated that the DEQ wants the rocks at the shoreline to remain in the water to support vegetation and hold the shoreline. Work can be done behind existing rocks. Mr. Oppmann indicated that there is some activity on the vacant parcel on the east end of the Lake belonging to the Prokopps.

Clerks Report: Jim Cortez, the City’s webmaster, noted that there have been well over 100 corrections that needed to be made on the City’s website over the last few years. Although IGD charges only $85/ month, there may be other companies out there that can do a better job for the City. Mr. Cortez will research alternatives. Only the current budget will be published on the guest side of the website.
The Clerk reported that only one petition is presently being circulated for the City Council for the November election, that of present Councilmember Dan Jenaras. Councilmembers Cabot and Poploskie are retiring. The August election is a Special Election for the Pontiac School District. It is for voters in that district only, on August 4th. The members of the North Oakland County Hazardous Waste Consortium (NoHaz) were asked to write a letter of support to the Oakland County Commissioners for continuing the NoHaz program beyond its expiration date of 2015. The letter of support for the program did not obligate any community for continued participation. Clerk Lake wrote the letter and Mayor McNew approved it as the due date was prior to the next Council meeting.

Sinking Bridge Drain and Collier Road Development: Mayor McNew, Councilmember Mitchell and Jim Howlett walked the area with Randall Ford of Hubble, Roth and Clark. Mr. McNew read a communication from Mike McMann of the Water Resources Commission from June 22nd. He will try to get information from the developers of the property. The RCOC has passed the issue to the WRC. There are differing views on the cause of the problem with the drain, whether it is the pitch or the height of the drain and how to plan for drainage through an established wetland.

City Property: Property Manager, Chuck Poploskie, complemented all those who worked on the tennis court clean-ups, particularly Bruce Brissette. The courts area has never looked better! Also Berm clean-up has been done, dead tree removal and fence repair accomplished. Ken Zemke and Bob Bailey will need about $500 for work on the dam.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, presented the financial reports for June, 2015, the end of the quarter and the fiscal year. The Balance Sheet shows an increase of $147,000 from last year. The target in Profit and Loss was 100%, but the actual was 89.6% because there were no improvements to the Barn or Police Station and the weed control program was less costly than expected. There was a net profit in the Contingency Fund of $665. The Local Road Fund would have adequate funds for supergraveling, but Road Commissioner Storrie will not be allocating them soon. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the financial reports noting those warrants over $500. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#20136 to Billington Services for $1470    #20137 to Restore Lake Sciences for $4400
#20140 to Public Agency Trng for $590     #20143 to ACE Pyro for $9000
#20145 to Voyager Fleet for $594.1       #20148 to Hafeli Staran, Christ for $1690.65
#20150 to James Prosser for $632.50      #20154 to Code Enforcement for $537.50
#20167 to Code Enforcement for $1385      #20168 to Aqua Weed for $11,814
#20169 to HubbleRothClark for $1197.56   #20171 to OC Sheriff for $1968.67
#20174 to Staples for $528.29            #20180 to Nye Uniform East $1223.82
#20189 to Priority One Emerg for $6231    #20210 to Bruce Brissette for $1124.39
#20211 to Phillip Robbins for $555.10    #20213 to Billington Services for $1595
Summer taxes have been paid on 19 parcels. Two CDs are maturing. One for $85,000 will be renewed at the Private Bank for 18 months at .7% and the other for $120,000 at PNC for 13 months at .4%.

Councilmember Cabot moved to extend the meeting until 9:15 PM. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Board: Councilmember Mitchell indicated that the weed treatment was complete but it will take 7-8 weeks to see results. Jim Hibbard spoke about the 85NL strain of avian flu. There is no transmission to humans.

Fireworks: Many kudos for the fireworks! There is always a large fireworks display on Lake Oakland on the Saturday before the 4th of July. It was at the same time as our event this year because the 4th was on a Saturday.

Insurance: Mayor McNew and Councilmember Cabot met with MMRMA representatives. The City received a refund this year and so pays very little for insurance.

There being no further business, Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on August 11, 2015 at 7 PM.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Patrick McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk