LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2014

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

Visitors: Independence Township Supervisor, Andrea Schroeder; Starr Foster, Jim Howlett, Linda Daniels, Officer Don McLellan

Mayor McNew opened the meeting at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Minutes of the meeting of March 11, 2014 were approved as corrected.

Comments from Residents: Starr Foster discussed the problems related to the invasive plant phragmites, such as the crowding out of native plants, rapid spread, and flammability. She recommended that the City undertake a yearly maintenance program and develop an ordinance related to invasive species. She acknowledged that phragmites is a problem that is not going to go away. It needs to be treated early and then treatment needs to be maintained. Treasurer, Julie Frakes, indicated that there was $1000 in the Environmental Board budget that could be used before June 30th. Councilmember Cabot felt the issue needs to start with the Environmental Board with Mrs. Foster’s aid. Councilmember Mitchell will present it to the Board.

Independence Township Supervisor, Andrea Schroeder, introduced herself as a candidate for the 43rd District seat that is presently held by Gail Haines who is term-limited. She shared her interests and accomplishments. She remained for the whole of the meeting.

Police Chief, Jim Prosser, gave the Department report for March. A number of coyotes have been spotted. Payment is being processed by the Federal government for the Kevlar vests. The Chief hoped that the boating rules would continue to be posted in the ‘Angelus’. He presented a list of the top 12 safety issues on the Lake as observed by the Reserve Officers. A discussion about boat inspections and boat stickers ensued. Only seven stickers were issued last year. Dr. Cabot felt that the Department should not be passive about boat inspections and should issue stickers. Residents should expect to be approached by the officers for an inspection.

Building and Permits: Building Official, Brian Oppmann, indicated that things were much busier this year than last. The Cortezs will build an entirely new house on their site on the Island. The Shea’s exterior stairwell was approved. Site plans will be reviewed at the April meeting for the Poploskie’s deck and for an addition to the Wegrzyn’s home. There is no news from the Knyszs on North Lake Angelus Road. Tom Gitter will be starting his project soon. Mr. Oppmann had had a number of calls from residents thinking about renovations.

Clerk, Rosalie Lake, presented the METRO Act Permit Application received from Fibertech Networks, copies of which had been circulated among the Councilmembers and Attorney Christ prior to the meeting. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the request for the METRO Act Permit. Councilmember Mitchell seconded. There was a question of whether the right-of-way requested was actually within the City’s jurisdiction. Jim Howlett explained the setting of the
City’s boundary with Auburn Hills along the middle of Old Baldwin Road. Mr. Christ said that the burden of jurisdiction was on the company and that the City could bring the question to the company’s attention in the City’s response. Mr. Mitchell also wished to be sure that the City would be named as an additional insured by the company. The motion carried unanimously. Linda Burton had indicated to Ms. Lake that the Board of Review had had only a few meetings and they had gone well. Ms. Lake will contact her and ask for the Minutes of the meetings. The Ordinance work being done by American Legal is progressing. The first NoHaz collection will be on May 31st at Oxford Middle School. At the previous meeting, it was noted that the properties on both sides of the 20 Foot Strip at Walton Blvd. had changed ownership since letters had been sent to all property owners adjacent to the Strip in 2008. Mrs. Frakes identified the new owners and it was decided that the Clerk should send a letter to them notifying them of the City’s ownership of the Strip. There may be other new owners and the City may wish to notify all adjacent owners again at a future time.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, presented the quarterly financial reports including all funds. The Profit and Loss sheet showed a projected budget target at 75% and the actual at 70.8%, however, the Mayor had in hand the invoice from the Waterford Fire Department. The Balance Sheet is $9000 behind last year’s. Mid-year budget adjustments will be done at the May meeting. Mrs. Frakes noted that it had been a boon month in the Local Road Fund as a refund had been received from the RCOC and money was received from the State for winter road repair. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the financial reports noting those warrants above $500. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#19174 to Oakland Press for $606.79  #19188 to Voyager Fleet for $831.92
#19189 to Hafeli, Staran, Christ for $1650.87  #19193 to OC Sheriff for $1839
#19194 to Code Enforcement for $1085  #19208 to Code Enforcement for $622
#19211 to Code Enforcement for $765  #19214 to MI Unemploy Com for $1092.01

Budget worksheets were due to Mrs. Frakes by this meeting. At the May meeting the revised budget for 2013/2014 will need to be acted upon and the proposed budget for 2014/2015 will be reviewed. The settlement of 2013 taxes has been done. The Building Department is in the black this month. Mrs. Frakes requested approval of $469 to renew the annual Quickbooks payroll subscription. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the expense. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Pontiac and Waterford School Districts have three year tax collection agreements with the City which are expiring. For the last number of years, the amount charged per parcel was $3.50. Councilmember Cabot moved to charge $4 per parcel under the new agreement. Councilmember Mitchell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney, Dan Christ, had provided copies of a draft of the Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan. The Plan must be sent for approval to the Michigan Department of Transportation prior to final Council approval. Councilmember Cabot moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter accompanying the draft to MDOT. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Frakes asked Mr. Storrie to redouble efforts to obtain permission to increase the transfer of funds from Major Road Funds to Local Road Funds from 50% to 90%.

Roads: Road Commissioner, Karl Storrie, hosted the annual meeting of Mayor McNew and the Oakland County Road Commission (RCOC) to discuss road related priorities in the City. A
focus of the meeting was the deplorable condition of North Lake Angelus Road. Both immediate and long term solutions need to be identified as it is not possible to pave the road.
The area at the end of Lake Angelus Lane where it meets North Lake Angelus Road is a pond without an apparent drainage solution on the Road. RCOC thinks that removing 25’ of pavement at the end of the Lane and putting in gravel would help the drainage issue and would make a transition up to the Road. Councilmember Jenaras felt that the Road is too high at that point and dirt needs to be pushed down the Road. He wished to share his thoughts on the drainage problem at future meetings with the RCOC. Mayor McNew felt that the RCOC members were reasonable and willing to problem solve.
Mr. Storrie is seeking two additional bids on the shared use path. He was not sure he could meet the expenditure deadline for the entire project by the end of the fiscal year, but ensured the minimum required expenditure of $1500 for non-motorized improvements would be made by the June 30th deadline.

Environmental Board: Councilmember Mitchell presented the weed herbiciding contract from Aqua-Weed which incorporated the changes requested. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the contract pending Attorney Christ’s review of it and authorize Mayor McNew to sign it. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Funds have been designated to oversee the herbiciding process and review water sampling.
Linda Daniels presented the goose management contract. A question had been raised at the prior meeting about the use of an outboard motor on the Lake at the time of the egg destruction. Everyone felt that the Council could make an exception to the Ordinance for this specific purpose. Mayor McNew signed the contract with Goose Busters.
Gary Baum and Don Clapham are moving forward with the Shores Road Sewer Project.

Councilmember Poploskie indicated that Billington Service that provides lawn maintenance for the City has offered a contract at the same price as last year. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the contract. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mitchell indicated that planning for the fireworks display on the 4th of July would be complete by the May meeting. He also noted that Waterford Fire Chief, Ron Spears, is scheduled to attend next month’s Council meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 13, 2014 at 7 PM.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Patrick McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk