MINUTES OF THE LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 13, 2012

Present: Mayor, Lee McNew; Councilmembers David Haines, Jon Cabot, Dan Jenaras, Chuck Poploskie; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Attorney, Dan Christ; Police Chief, Jim Prosser; Building Official, Brian Oppmann; Road Administrator, Karl Storrie; Clerk, Rosalie Lake

Visitors: Waterford Fire Department Chief, Ron Spears; Dick Lund, Jim Howlett, Margaret Meisner, Sgt. Kevin McDaniel

Mayor McNew opened the meeting at 7 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Minutes of the meeting of February 14, 2012 were approved as submitted. Mrs. Mc New displayed the materials for the New Resident Packet. She, also, reminded everyone of the schedule for the Board of Review meetings on March 14th and 17th.

Mayor McNew introduced Ron Spears who became the new Chief of the Waterford Fire Department on January 1st. Chief Spears described the Fire Department as the largest in Oakland County, now a regional Department serving Waterford, Lake Angelus and Pontiac with 105 firefighters. Lake Angelus is surrounded on all sides by their services. All fire trucks carry the same equipment in all districts they serve. The acquisition of equipment is being done through a state grant. EMS coverage is excellent with backup hazmat teams centrally located. The Chief displayed the new Waterford Regional Fire Department logo that will appear on all fire trucks with the three community names. It is now the third largest Fire Department in Michigan. Dr. Haines expressed that he was pleased with the Department and looked forward to continued service. He asked where first response would come from for EMS. The Chief explained the various areas of coverage for Lake Angelus and described the equipment carried on EMS vehicles and fire trucks. The time of service is much improved by acquiring the Pontiac facilities. The ISO rating results are expected within 60 days, but should be improved. A meeting is to be held on March 23rd with the Chief at the Main Station in Waterford. The Council and those attending thanked Chief Spears for his presentation.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the 2012-2015 Police Dispatch Service Agreement between Oakland County and the City of Lake Angelus was presented. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Jenaras seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A Resolution opposing House Bill 5304 which would eliminate Public Act 51 Transportation Funding to the City was presented. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Karl Storrie indicated that there was to be a meeting of the Transportation Committee the following day and it was hoped to get a copy of our Resolution to Ralph Ochs, Mayor of Wolverine, and to Paul Opsommer, chair of the Transportation Committee in time for that meeting.

Police Chief, Jim Prosser, gave the Department report for February. He noted a theft at the Lashier’s property on Old Baldwin which is under renovation. The Chief introduced Kevin
McDaniel, recently appointed Sergeant. He indicated that Randy Willms had left the Department due to scheduling issues caused by transitions in the Department. Mayor McNew hoped that retired and experienced officers would be hired. Chief Prosser said that he is hiring Jimmie Myers who is a new officer, but is in his 50s and has been an active Reserve Officer in the City. He does not need benefits. Sgt. McDaniel indicated that it was hard to find retired officers. Many still need benefits and some are most interested in writing tickets. The Chief indicated that after he hires Mr. Myers, he will be looking for one other officer. The Mayor inquired about the Police Department website. Sgt. McDaniel said he was still working on it. It is up and running now, but there are still transitions to be made.

Councilmember Poploskie provided a quote of $661 annually for liability insurance for Valerie Pement who cleans the Police Station and City Hall. The question debated was whether the City should pay this amount for liability insurance for a very part time worker. The option was to put this person on the payroll, which all agreed was not a preferred solution. Councilmember Cabot moved that the City pay for the liability insurance for Valerie Pement. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. After some further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission: Building Official, Brian Oppmann reported on the Chase/Kresge grading plan approval at the Planning Commission meeting on March 5th. The work should begin soon. The Chases are redesigning their house, making it smaller. The plans should be ready in a few months. The Lashiers have had to put in new pilings at their site on Old Baldwin Rd. A Certificate of Occupancy was never issued to the Bess family at 830 Lake Angelus Shores. The last permit was issued in May of 2004. They will be required to renew the permit so that issues with the renovation can be resolved. Mr. Oppmann is continuing to monitor fees. He will probably not recommend changes this year. He and Treasurer Frakes have gone back through the records trying to determine whether building costs are reflected in the fees.

City Property: Mayor McNew had agreed to contact Pontiac City Manager, Louis Schimmel, about moving boundary lines between the two cities. Instead, communication ensued between the Mayor, Councilmember Cabot and the Mayor of Pontiac, Leon Jukowski, who was helpful in suggesting a plan for moving the boundary lines. It may be a touchy issue at this time in Pontiac as the City is going through a number of transitions. The Mayor suggested a meeting with Pontiac City Council member, Randy Carter, and Pontiac neighbors Gerry Campagnoni and Art Mobley to gain support for accomplishing the boundary change. Mayor McNew will work with Louis Schimmel when the appropriate time comes.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, presented the Financial Reports. In reviewing the warrants, she explained that 8 checks that were mailed on February 14 were never received. There were also two absentee ballots mailed by the Clerk on the same day which were not received. Mrs. Frakes will notify the post office about the matter and replace the checks. On the Profit and Loss sheet the budget target was 66.7%; the actual was 58.9%. The Balance at the end of the month was $1,276,481. Mrs. Frakes indicated that the return on investments at the bank was .02%, while the sweep account return was .43% and wondered whether a change should be made. The general feeling was not to move funds at this time. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the

#17650 to Voyager Fleet for $918.10  
#17656 to Linda Burton for $1061  
#17671 to Code Enforcement for $510  
#17680 to Code Enforcement for $1170  
#17684 to Code Enforcement for $1557.50

#17651 to Janz and Knight for $7545  
#17669 to Hafeli Staran for $2353.65  
#17673 to OC Sheriff for $1762.67  
#17684 to Code Enforcement for $1557.50

Mrs. Frakes has closed out the tax accounts with the County, but is not able to settle until Linda Burton updates her records. Councilmember Haines remained concerned about Ms. Burton’s performance. Board of Review Chair, Ray Siwiec, continues to feel that she is very valuable. Telephone calls for Ms. Burton come through the Clerk’s office and are referred to Ms. Burton, but it is difficult after that to know when action has been taken. The Clerk will ask Ms. Burton for copies of the Board of Review Minutes.

Mrs. Frakes asked everyone to fill out Budget Sheets and return them at the April meeting.

Environmental Board: Mayor McNew noted that Board Chair, Linda Daniels, had informed her that there has been some clearing on trails on City property. Council Liaison to the Board, Jon Cabot presented a Resolution granting permission for Mrs. Daniels to submit the “2012 Canada Goose Nest Destruction Application” to the DNR and authorizing Mayor McNew to sign it. Councilmember Haines moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Roads: Road Administrator, Karl Storrie, indicated that the total of Tri-Party funds available was $132,000. In the next 24 months, $83,000 will be spent, the rest being retained for future use. He made a case for spending it all on maintaining Gallogly Road and North Lake Angelus Road, including funds available in 2012. The letter to the Road Commission committing the funds and the accompanying Resolution will be revised by Mayor McNew to reflect this. Councilmember Haines moved to approve the Resolution, as revised, to utilize Tri-Party funds for maintenance projects on the two roads. Councilmember Poploskie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Storrie will take care of the chloriding agreement with Oakland County. He has approached the Road Commission to try to start the program in April, instead of May, but has not received a response yet. Mr. Storrie, also, will take care of the 2012 Tri-Party request for projects.

Insurance: Councilmember Cabot indicated that a claim of $1100 has been paid for damages caused to another vehicle by the Lake Angelus Police car.

Councilmember Haines will communicate with AcePyro regarding the Fireworks deposit.

Mayor McNew has given a letter from the Michigan Municipal League to Attorney Christ regarding personal property tax elimination for his review.

There being no further business, Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will occur on April 10, 2012 at 7 pm.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,