MINUTES OF THE LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 2007

Present: Councilmembers Lee McNew, Bill Lembke, Gail Haines, Karl Storrie and Jon Cabot; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Attorney, Dan Christ; Police Chief, John Roehrig; Clerk, Rosalie Lake

Visitors: Ginny Leever, Gretchen Adler, Heidi Hoyles, Joan Jones, Michelle Drake

Mayor Pro-Tem, Lee McNew opened the meeting at 7:35 and asked the Clerk to swear in the newly elected Council members, Bill Lembke, Jon Cabot, and Karl Storrie. Thanks to Carol Betts for serving as notary.

The Clerk called for nominations for the office of Mayor. Councilmember Haines nominated Lee McNew. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Mrs. McNew accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk called for nominations for the office of Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Cabot nominated Bill Lembke. Councilmember Haines seconded. Mr. Lembke accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McNew asked for approval of the Minutes of the meeting of October 9, 2007. Minutes were approved as corrected. Clerk Lake reported on behalf of Environmental Board Chair, Leon Pedell that an open community meeting of the Environmental Board would be held on December 4, 2007 at 6:30 pm at City Hall to hear proposals and discuss weed management in the Lake. All residents are invited to attend.

Comments from Residents: Mayor McNew questioned whether residents’ comments should be held at the beginning or at the end of the meeting. Gretchen Adler felt that comments should be presented at the beginning of the meeting so that residents would not necessarily need to stay to the end of the meeting to be heard. Councilmember Storrie felt that meetings should be disciplined and time limits should be set for comments. Councilmember Cabot wished to start the meetings at 7 pm and mandate an ending time. Mrs. Adler felt that the meetings should be run like a town hall meeting and everyone who wishes to speak should be allowed time to comment. Mr. Cabot moved that the meetings begin at 7 pm and end at 9 pm. Councilmember Haines seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Comments from residents will remain on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting with a time limit of three minutes per individual. Issues of greater length should be placed separately on the agenda. Mr. Storrie suggested that there be a cap on a subject with three minutes allotted to each individual wishing to comment. A resident may speak twice to the same issue after everyone has spoken. Heidi Hoyles noted that the agenda may need to be drawn up according to what needs time for discussion at each meeting. Attorney Christ was asked to suggest scenarios for a format between 7 and 9 p.m. to be discussed at the next meeting.
Chief Roehrig gave the Police Department report. He believed that 8-10 deer have been taken by bow hunters on City property. Officer Vallad is leaving the Department for a position in Las Vegas. He will be replaced by Dan DeMeester. The new police car is ready with graphics installed. The Chief explained the solicitation complaint. Discussion ensued about whether individuals or groups are allowed to solicit. It was generally felt that, for the occasional event that occurs, the police could handle cases individually. Mayor McNew asked the Chief to explain actions taken regarding the boat demonstration by Decks and Docks. There was no definitive ordinance that prevented it. Attorney Christ indicated that the City can limit conduct at the boat launch on City property, but it cannot limit activity on the water. Councilmember Haines felt that the Council needed to consider an ordinance to control boats on the Lake not owned by residents. Councilmember Cabot felt that the use of the boat launch has become lax and that a sticker should be required on boats after they have been inspected. The Council directed the Police Department to lock the boat launch. Chief Roehrig indicated that many boats are not registered. Mr. Cabot felt that registration should be required at the time a boat is launched. This issue will be discussed again in the spring. Mayor McNew asked about the value of the old Durango to which the chief indicated that $4500-$7000 might be expected. The time limit for the advertisement has not yet expired but the Clerk has not had any response to date.

Mayor McNew confirmed Council appointments: Mr. Cabot will be the Council liaison to the Environmental Board. Mrs. Haines will oversee the website and keep track of legislative issues. Mr. Lembke will continue as vice-chair of the Planning Commission and as City Property Manager. Mr. Storrie will talk with George Drake about assuming the management of roads.

Roads: Councilmember Lembke indicated that the culvert on Gallogly Road had been installed on the day of the meeting. $1600 had been allotted for the project, but it cost $1700. Very few contractors were willing to bid on it. Councilmember Haines moved to approve the additional $100. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Lembke thanked the friend of Heidi Hoyles and Mike Schaller who was a great help to the project.

Planning Commission: A meeting was held to review the plans submitted by Dennis and Sharon Mitchell, 204 Gallogly Rd. (former Timoff residence). All alterations planned were in concert with the ordinances.

City Property: There have been references in the Oakland Press indicating that the Pontiac School District still owns the property at the south west corner of North Lake Angelus Road and Baldwin. This property was purchased back from the School District by the City years ago. The Clerk will communicate with Pontiac about this.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes, reviewed the warrants for October and the profit and loss statement. Payments for the Police vehicle, Workmans’ Compensation, and the Fire contract create an appearance of imbalance but they are expected payments for this time of the year. The Balance Sheet appears healthy. Councilmember Haines moved to
approve the financial reports noting those over $500. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#void EFT to State of MI for $608.97 #14660 to Waterford Twp for $43,074.35
#14665 to Wireless Resource for $2744.64 #14667 to Nicolette Jenaras for $1000
#14674 to Hafeli, Staran for $1020.26 #14686 to Michael Dell for $9711.10
#14690 to State of MI for $531.31 #14697 to Voyager Fleet for $649.75
#14698 to Oak. County Radio for $919.65 #14702 to Thomas Wheeler for $1000
#14704 to Progressive EA for $3000 #14658 to Linda Burton for $1000
#14674 to Hafeli, Staran for $1020.26 #14704 to Progressive EA for $3000
A bill from Hubbel, Roth and Clark was received for $1229 for the study of the location of Gallogly Road. George Drake will work on this issue with the person who takes on the management of roads. Councilmember Cabot noted that verbal agreements for work should not be made without a contract. A contract has been received for the new building inspector, Leon Genre. It is the same agreement as previously. Mrs. Frakes has received a letter warning of the impact of reduced property values. She feels that there is enough buffer in the budget to cover any loss of funds.

A paycheck to Larry Miracle has never been cashed. Officer Miracle has donated it to the Police Department. Winter tax bills will go out at the end of November. Mrs. Frakes questioned whether local road funds could be used to pay for the culvert on Gallogly Road. Attorney Christ thought so but will get a definitive answer on how the funds can be used by Lake Angelus.

Legal: The Boating and Safety Rules need to be retrieved from the website and updated with the latest rules revision and then published in the “Angelus”. The Clerk will take care of this.

Additional Business: Councilmember Lembke reported that dead trees have been removed along Old Baldwin. There are three more dead trees at the circle. Mr. Lembke can get 5 to 6 foot trees for $70, planted. He proposed to get six trees for $420. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the expenditure for the tree project. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Lembke also indicated that he could have the City Hall wired for the use of a generator. This was prompted by the loss of power during the November election.

There being no further business, Mayor McNew adjourned the meeting at 9:04 pm and confirmed the next regularly scheduled meeting for December 11, 2007. A Special Council meeting was scheduled for November 29, 2007 for a transitional opportunity with Councilmembers Emeriti Pierre Beaudet and George Drake. This meeting will be posted as an open meeting by the Clerk.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Lee McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk