

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK COUNCIL MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
REGULAR SESSION

7:00 P.M.

APRIL 8, 2014

ATTENDING: Mayor David Cleveland
Council Members: Sandy Coughlin, Mark Phillips, Fabian Szarko and John Barnes.
Finance Officer Cheryl Bennett
Village Administrator Cheri Clark
Attorney Ken Swain

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor David Cleveland called the Village of Lake Park April Regular Session Council Meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor David Cleveland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Susana Szarko – 3809 Alden Street – expressed her concerns about waste collection carts and yard debris being at the curb on Fourth of July, Thanksgiving etc from both an aesthetic and safety standpoint.

Judy Taul - 3801 Alden Street – expressed her concerns about people not having a fishing permit and removing fish from the VOLP. Judy Taul would also like to see each pond posted with the name of pond and pond rules.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: John Barnes made the motion to approve the March 11, 2014 Regular Session Council Meeting minutes. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Sandy Coughlin made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. John Barnes seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

PURPLE HEART PRESENTATION AND RESOLUTION: Mike Stubbs, Commander of Chapter 634 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) along with six other member of the MOPH (Armand Tetu, Tom Farebrother, Steve Zenes, Michael Moore, Dale Helms and Tommy Nicholson) shared what it means to be a recipient of the Purple Heart. Chapter 634 has 141 members located in a four county area including Union County.

David Cleveland read the Village of Lake Park Proclamation into the minutes.

Village of Lake Park, NC

Proclamation In Honor of the Military Order of the Purple Heart

WHEREAS: The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration still in present use and was initially created by George Washington in 1782, as the “Badge of Military Merit”; and,

WHEREAS: The Purple Heart was the first American Service Award made available to the common soldier, and is awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and,

WHEREAS: The mission of The Military Order Of The Purple Heart, chartered by an act of Congress, is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families; to promote patriotism; to support related legislative initiatives; and, most importantly, to make sure we never forget the sacrifices made by those so decorated; and,

WHEREAS: There have been many former Village of Lake Park residents who made the ultimate sacrifice in giving their lives in the cause of freedom, and the numerous combat-wounded veterans who currently reside within the Village of Lake Park , and in Union County , and as Purple Heart awardees who contribute to their community in countless ways; and,

WHEREAS: The Village of Lake Park in Union County, North Carolina falls within the purview of Chapter 634 of The Military Order of the Purple Heart, and wishes to pledge its strong support for this noble organization and for those who put their lives at risk in service of their Country and their fellow citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED AND RESOLVED, that the Village of Lake Park, North Carolina, by the affirmative action and declaration of its Village council does hereby bestow honor and gratitude upon the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Charter 634, and proudly supports the recognition of the Village of Lake Park as a “Purple Heart City in the State of North Carolina.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Village to be affixed this 8th day of April, 2014.

Signed _____ SEAL Attest _____

Mayor David Cleveland

Cheri Clark, Village Clerk

Sandy Coughlin made a motion to adopt the Proclamation In Honor of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Mark Phillips seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

OATHS OF OFFICE: Cheri Clark administered the Oath of Office to David Cleveland to become the Mayor of Lake Park. David Cleveland then administered the Oath of Office to Sandy Coughlin to become Mayor Pro Tem.

SECURITY REPORT: There were 4 alarm calls during the month of March. There were a total of 110 calls in Lake Park during the month of March. There were 7 - 911 hang ups or misdials, 4 improperly parked vehicles, 1 animal lost stray unwanted or bites, 3 noise complaints and 2 traffic stops.

Mayor David Cleveland shared that former Mayor Kendall Spence requested that Council release Citation 445 for abandon vehicle since the Village had not issued any other warnings concerning the ticket and the tag was less than 30 days out of date. The vehicle was sold two days after the citation was issued. Sandy Coughlin made the motion to waive the citation. John Barnes seconded the motion. Vote – 3 to 1 with Sandy Coughlin voting no.

VACANT COUNCIL SEAT: David Cleveland stated that Council has four very qualified individuals that have expressed interest in the vacant Council seat. All four of the candidates were invited to the Council meeting and asked to introduce themselves to Council.

Wayne Daniels – 6507 Courtland Street – has lived in Lake Park for 11 years. Wayne and Brenda have been married for 42 years and are retired. They have three grown children and seven grandchildren. His background is in retail management and his hobby is fishing. Wayne is involved in several charitable organizations and for the last 17 months has served on the Parks and Rec Commission.

Janey Doerner – 6201 Creft Circle – has lived in the Lake Park for 8 years. Janey currently works for the Literacy Council of Union County as the Adult Basic Education Program Facilitator four days a week. She has served on the HOA Board for three years and has served on various committees including Fall Festival and the Village Homes One Landscape Committee. Janey expressed her love and passion for Lake Park.

Guy Eboh – 4006 Lake Park Road – has lived in Lake Park since 1999. Guy and his wife Sylvie have three children and he is a banker. Guy was born and raised in the Congo. He moved to Charlotte in 1989; a graduate of Queens College and is currently working on his masters. Guy has served in the Congolese community as Vice President for two terms, coach's soccer for Indian Trail Athletic Association and has coached basketball at Porter Ridge. Guy would like the opportunity to give back to his home away from home.

Pam Jack – 6701 Mimosa Street – has lived in Lake Park for almost 15 years. Pam retired from the Union County Public School System as the Director of Media and Technology for the entire school system in 2010. She is a grandmother, passionate gardener and active member of

the Philadelphia Presbyterian Church. Pam has served as President of Lake Park Garden Club, and member of the HOA Landscape Committee for the Carefree Homes sections of Lake Park. Pam's interest in serving on Council is to help facilitate better and faster communication among our fellow residents.

David Cleveland stated that one candidate will be selected to serve until November 2015 at which time there will be an election for another two year term. For the individuals that are not selected, he asked that they please seek other opportunities to be involved. There will be openings on Parks and Rec and Planning Board later this year.

David Cleveland discussed with Council how they would like to proceed with the selection of the new Council member. Council decided to fill the position at the May Council meeting with the Oath of Office being at the end of the Council meeting. Mark Phillips made a motion to select the new Council member at the May meeting with the swearing in at the end of the Council meeting. John Barnes seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. Council will need to decide which method will be used to select the new Council member by nomination or motion.

WASTE COLLECTION: Sandy Coughlin introduced Jennifer Herring our Waste Pro Account Rep to Council. Sandy Coughlin shared that due to the close timing it had been challenging getting the word out to residents. The Village used both the website and newsletter to inform the residents. Sandy Coughlin e-mailed to Council last week a copy of the proposed contract with Waste Pro.

Changes to the contract included Lucas Landscaping and the VOLP no longer sharing the cost of yard debris from Lucas Landscaping due to the price increase for both Lucas Landscaping and the VOLP in the new contract. The price for yard debris service went from \$250 to \$1290 a month. Lucas Landscaping will go back to handling their yard waste.

Per the RFP, a price for white goods was requested; however a cost for bulk items was not; therefore in order to have bulk items removed from the Village there will need to be an addition to the contract. White Goods will be picked up each week for no additional charge. There are a few more holidays honored by Waste Pro that will move the pickup day to Friday such as Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Sandy Coughlin made a motion to adopt this contract as presented tonight. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Under discussion John Barnes asked how we would notify residents of the waste collection changes to our contract. Sandy Coughlin stated that we will be providing information in the newsletter, website and word of mouth.

Mark Phillips asked what our options for twice monthly bulk waste would add to the contract.

Lake Park reviewed the following four options:

1. VOLP pay \$25 for bulk item pick up/per call when requested.
2. VOLP pay \$0.50 per household each month for weekly Bulk waste pickup.
3. VOLP pay \$0.20 per household each month for once a month Bulk waste pickup the second Thursday of each month.

4. VOLP pay \$1,500 per quarter, \$6,000 a year for pick up two days during each quarter.

Sandy Coughlin stated that at \$0.50 per household per month, the contract would increase \$7,200 a year. The call ahead \$25 per pick up is a totally unknown quantity. Mark Phillips asked if later in the contract we could change bulk waste pickup if it was Council's pleasure. Sandy Coughlin stated that we could; however we need to provide an adjustment period for residents to become accustomed to the change before making any decisions. David Cleveland stated that the difference being discussed is \$0.20 per household/per month once a month pickup versus \$0.50 per household/per month weekly pick up.

Sandy Coughlin stated that prior to this contract Council had budgeted \$203,000 per year. Our contract for the first year will be \$195,861. For 2019, the contract with a CPI adjustment of \$0.0209 (average increase for the last 5 years) the cost for waste collection will be \$212,756. The VOLP will spend over a million dollars for waste collection in the next five years.

David Cleveland asked how Waste Pro would handle Special Events. Sandy Coughlin stated that waste collection for special events would not change. The organizer of the special event will contact Waste Pro for additional trash carts and port-a-lets. There is no additional charge for the waste carts. Waste Pro has volunteered to provide free port-a-lets for the Fourth of July. Vote – Unanimous.

Sandy Coughlin thanked the Waste Collection Review Committee, Brad Treece and Jennifer Herring for all of their work on the contract, cart distribution and the transition to Waste Pro. John Barnes thanked Waste Pro for a smooth distribution and transition. David Cleveland thanked Sandy Coughlin, Attorney Ken Swain, Chris Yeager and Cheri Clark for all of their work on the waste contract.

PLANNING BOARD: Mark Phillips shared that the Planning Board did not meet in March. The next Planning Board meeting will be April 15th at 7 p.m.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT: Cheryl Bennett stated that revenues and expenses look good and the 2013 tax ad valorem is 99%. Cheryl Bennett also reminded Council that Budget Workshop is April 29th at 7 p.m. Cheryl Bennett requested numbers as soon as possible. Cheryl Bennett requested a motion for a budget transfer since Lake Park has exceeded its' legal budget for the year. Sandy Coughlin made a motion to move \$5,000 from Contingency to Legal Fees. Mark Phillips seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. Council directed Cheryl Bennett to pay the interim waste company for March. Waste Pro will start their service on April 3rd.

The VOLP has received from Time Warner notification that the cable franchise for the Village has expired and that going forward the state is the franchise authority for the VOLP; therefore the Village will no longer receive direct payment

	<u>Mar 14</u>	<u>Jul '13 - Mar 14</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
General Fund				
Income				
Property Taxes				
Ad valorem current year	3,744.86	528,989.52	535,510.00	98.78%
Utility ad valorem	0.00	7,035.88	7,800.00	90.2%
Motor vehicle tax	0.00	51,438.54	53,878.00	95.47%
Ad valorem prior years	0.00	789.26	2,000.00	39.46%
Prior years motor vehicle tax	0.00	4,164.18		
Penalties and interest	133.66	1,500.10	1,202.00	124.8%
Total Property Taxes	<u>3,878.52</u>	<u>593,917.48</u>	<u>600,390.00</u>	<u>98.92%</u>
Other Taxes				
Stormwater Fees- current year	450.00	42,920.00	43,130.00	99.51%
Stormwater fees - prior years	0.00	60.00		
Cable franchise-from Time Warner	0.00	1,781.00	2,800.00	63.61%
Total Other Taxes	<u>450.00</u>	<u>44,761.00</u>	<u>45,930.00</u>	<u>97.46%</u>
State Shared Revenues				
Sales and use tax	14,796.94	82,406.23	150,000.00	54.94%
Telecom. Franchise	532.00	1,340.00	2,400.00	55.83%
Elec. franchise tax	14,211.92	35,107.80	70,000.00	50.15%
Video Prog. (Cable from State)	5,179.68	10,463.26	20,850.00	50.18%
Piped Gas	3,316.00	4,406.00	8,500.00	51.84%
Solid Waste Disposal Tax	0.00	1,438.10	2,400.00	59.92%
Total State Shared Revenues	<u>38,036.54</u>	<u>135,161.39</u>	<u>254,150.00</u>	<u>53.18%</u>
Parks & Recreation Revenue				
Program Fees	240.00	951.25	1,700.00	55.96%
Facility Rentals	405.00	4,660.00	3,000.00	155.33%
Daily swim fees	0.00	4,906.00	8,000.00	61.33%
Season pass pool fees	0.00	780.00	48,000.00	1.63%
Total Parks & Recreation Revenue	<u>645.00</u>	<u>11,297.25</u>	<u>60,700.00</u>	<u>18.61%</u>
Other revenues				
Commercial Waste Coll. Extras	0.00	900.00	1,800.00	50.0%
Approp. Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	92,461.00	0.0%
Civil Penalties	30.00	180.00	600.00	30.0%
Investment revenue	0.00	339.64	9,000.00	3.77%
Miscellaneous	77.30	864.60	1,000.00	86.46%
Total Other revenues	<u>107.30</u>	<u>2,284.24</u>	<u>104,861.00</u>	<u>2.18%</u>

Total Income	<u>43,117.36</u>	<u>787,421.36</u>	<u>1,066,031.00</u>	<u>73.87%</u>
Expense				
General Government				
Other Expenditures				
Economic Development	25.00	1,081.94	5,000.00	21.64%
Contingency	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.0%
Stormwater Expense				
Advertising	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.0%
Dues and Permits	0.00	175.00	1,100.00	15.91%
Prof. Fees - Engineering	437.50	837.50	10,000.00	8.38%
Repairs & Maint. Services	540.00	5,700.93	28,930.00	19.71%
Cap.Outlay- Pet Waste Stations	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Stormwater Expense	<u>977.50</u>	<u>6,713.43</u>	<u>43,130.00</u>	<u>15.57%</u>
Total Other Expenditures	1,002.50	7,795.37	58,130.00	13.41%
Planning and Zoning				
Zoning Admin. Services	300.00	7,500.00	10,000.00	75.0%
Code Enforcement Services	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.0%
Consulting Fees	0.00	727.50	2,000.00	36.38%
Legal Services	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.0%
Advertising	0.00	79.60	200.00	39.8%
Postage	21.78	29.93	300.00	9.98%
Supplies	72.69	427.62	1,000.00	42.76%
Training	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Planning and Zoning	394.47	8,764.65	27,500.00	31.87%
Gen. Govt. Personal Services				
Adm Assistant	0.00	430.00	500.00	86.0%
Clerk/Tax Collector	4,850.00	43,650.00	58,200.00	75.0%
Council	2,987.50	8,165.83	11,950.00	68.33%
Finance Officer	1,256.67	11,310.03	15,080.00	75.0%
Mayor	1,085.00	3,255.00	4,340.00	75.0%
Payroll Expenses	<u>801.67</u>	<u>5,764.46</u>	<u>6,835.00</u>	<u>84.34%</u>
Total Gen. Govt. Personal Services	10,980.84	72,575.32	96,905.00	74.89%
Professional Fees				
Engineering Fees	181.25	181.25		
Auditing Services	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	100.0%
Legal Services	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,272.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>41.81%</u>

Total Professional Fees	181.25	11,453.25	20,000.00	57.27%
Supplies and Materials				
Office	194.23	1,923.44	3,300.00	58.29%
Total Supplies and Materials	194.23	1,923.44	3,300.00	58.29%
Services				
Advertising	0.00	59.70	200.00	29.85%
Membership and dues	0.00	3,886.00	4,036.00	96.28%
Bank charges	0.00	601.98	800.00	75.25%
Elections	0.00	2,506.32	3,710.00	67.56%
Insurance/bonds	0.00	7,641.74	7,650.00	99.89%
Miscellaneous oper. exp.	0.00	240.00	400.00	60.0%
Newsletter/website/flyers	65.00	458.03	750.00	61.07%
Printing & Delivery Newsletter	110.00	990.00	2,600.00	38.08%
Postage	0.00	42.36	500.00	8.47%
Tax collection	0.00	1,751.69	1,808.00	96.89%
Telephone	239.42	2,183.20	3,000.00	72.77%
Training	34.00	434.00	800.00	54.25%
Travel	0.00	714.49	1,200.00	59.54%
Total Services	448.42	21,509.51	27,454.00	78.35%
Capital Outlay				
Reserve for Capital Replacement	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.0%
Total Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.0%
Total General Government	13,201.71	124,021.54	243,289.00	50.98%
Parks & Recreation				
Parks/Rec. Supplies & Materials				
Janitorial /Cleaning Supplies	0.00	93.64	500.00	18.73%
Food/Provisions - events	0.00	549.95	2,260.00	24.33%
NNO Food/Supplies	0.00	729.82	0.00	100.0%
Pool Supplies	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.0%
Total Parks/Rec. Supplies & Materials	0.00	1,373.41	5,760.00	23.84%
Parks/Rec Services				
Pool Attendant Salaries	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.0%
Water/Sewer	85.72	2,435.37	4,400.00	55.35%
Natural Gas	132.42	648.24	1,000.00	64.82%
Comm. center maintenance	2,166.80	5,900.50	12,400.00	47.59%
Pool management fee	0.00	17,053.50	48,570.00	35.11%
Pool Operations	0.00	4,246.46	11,100.00	38.26%

Seasonal Decorations	0.00	11,259.60	12,200.00	92.29%
Events Services	<u>0.00</u>	<u>140.00</u>	<u>140.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total Parks/Rec Services	2,384.94	41,683.67	90,560.00	46.03%
Maintenance of Common Areas				
Landscaping	10,525.00	100,425.00	140,700.00	71.38%
Park maintenance	3,975.00	21,561.28	35,750.00	60.31%
Pond maintenance	104.00	6,235.00	43,380.00	14.37%
Electric Maintenance	71.80	3,829.22	5,000.00	76.58%
Repairs of Common Areas	<u>33.18</u>	<u>1,658.82</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>82.94%</u>
Total Maintenance of Common Areas	14,708.98	133,709.32	226,830.00	58.95%
Parks/Rec Capital Outlay				
Council chambers video system	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.0%
Reserve for pool re-plastering	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.0%
Benches, Tables etc.	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.0%
Security System/Camera System	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Parks/Rec Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	32,000.00	0.0%
Total Parks & Recreation	17,093.92	176,766.40	355,150.00	49.77%
Public Services/Safety				
Electric bills	7,432.43	72,225.84	103,000.00	70.12%
Street Signs	0.00	1,111.52	2,000.00	55.58%
Waste Collection	0.00	136,922.00	203,000.00	67.45%
Law enforcement	<u>39,898.00</u>	<u>159,592.00</u>	<u>159,592.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total Public Services/Safety	47,330.43	369,851.36	467,592.00	79.1%
Total Expense	77,626.06	670,639.30	1,066,031.00	62.91%
Net General Fund	-34,508.70	116,782.06	0.00	100.0%
Powell Bill				
Other Income				
Interest - Powell Funds	34.66	179.00	100.00	179.0%
Powell Bill Revenue	<u>0.00</u>	<u>95,533.79</u>	<u>90,000.00</u>	<u>106.15%</u>
Total Other Income	34.66	95,712.79	90,100.00	106.23%
Other Expense				
Street Exp. - Powell Bill	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,218.00</u>	<u>90,100.00</u>	<u>5.79%</u>
Total Other Expense	0.00	5,218.00	90,100.00	5.79%

Net Powell Bill	34.66	90,494.79	0.00	100.0%
Net Excess of Rev. over Exp.	-34,474.04	207,276.85	0.00	100.0%

STORMWATER: Cheri Clark shared with Council that four additional Stormwater matters have been identified and reviewed by Eagle Engineering. J.B. Preslar has reviewed the additional sites and engineering repair specification and provided a quote for the additional repair work - \$6,000. The yard repairs on Lincoln Court have to dry out before we can address the repair in order to minimize the construction zone. Sandy Coughlin made the motion to approve \$6,000 for Stormwater repairs. John Barnes seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

PARK AND RECREATION BUSINESS: Fabian Szarko shared that Lucas Lawn & Landscaping has completed the Russell Park Pond Restoration project. Approximately 45 - 50 truckloads of silt were removed from the pond. The project came in at \$24,705 which was \$4337 under budget. This project was funded by Stormwater.

Lucas has completed the spring refresh of hardwood and pine straw mulch throughout the Village as covered by their landscaping contract.

P&R approved a quote from Lucas Landscaping for \$870 to remove the Juniper and select Youpon at the Queens & Hoover common area and to install Bermuda sod to this area. The funding for this project, which has been completed, came out of Park Maintenance.

Lucas Landscaping has provided a quote for \$2565 to install seven pallets of Bermuda sod to control erosion along the south bank of Normandy pond on both sides of the Logan Circle walkway. Fabian Szarko made a motion to approve this project which will be funded by Pond Maintenance. Sandy Coughlin seconded the motion. Vote - Unanimous.

The flag pole behind the wall at Veterans Pond which was donated by the Garden Club has been installed by Conder Flag. The Sages have also agreed to donate a decorative bench for this area, and the P&R Commission approved the purchase of one additional bench for \$500 at the February P&R meeting. At the April P&R meeting P&R voted to approve the purchase of two additional decorative benches for the ponds in the Garden District. Council may also want to consider the purchase of two more benches at this time for the front porch of the Community Center. This would bring the total of decorative benches to five for \$2500 which would be paid for out of the P&R Capital Outlay budget. \$4000 was included in this year’s budget for benches or picnic tables. Fabian Szarko made a motion to approve \$2500 for five decorative benches. John Barnes seconded the motion. Under discussion, Mark Phillips asked if the benches were the Charleston style or custom decorative style. The benches are the custom decorative style and will be place as follows: 2 on the Community Center front porch, 1 at Veterans Pond in front of the flag pole and 2 in the Garden District along the ponds and any Charleston benches at the ponds will be relocated to empty pads in the Village.

Banner Signs has provided a quote for replacement US, State, and Village flags for \$2413.13. Fabian Szarko made a motion to approve this quote which would be funded by Park Maintenance. Council may want to appropriate \$2500 from Park Maintenance to a new line item under Supplies & Materials to cover this expense. Mark Phillips seconded the motion. Sandy Coughlin asked how many flags P&R was purchasing. The quote is for 9 US Flags, 6 NC flags and 12 Lake Park flags. Vote – Unanimous.

The Girls on the Run 5K race is scheduled for Saturday, April 26th.

The P&R Commission is sponsoring a Spring Litter Sweep to be held on Saturday, May 3rd from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Interested parties should meet at the Community Center at 9:00 AM for area assignments and supplies.

Cathy MacArthur's term on the P&R Commission expires at the end of April. We need to advertise the opening for a two year term in the next newsletter.

The P&R Commission approved the P&R Budget for FY2014/2015, and this has been submitted to the Village Finance Officer.

STREETS: David Cleveland shared that the curb and gutter repairs on Creft Circle at Faith United Methodist Church has been completed. The Church has removed the gravel and reseeded the area.

David Cleveland shared that we have received a quote from Banner Signs to straighten and repair street signs in the Village - \$600 to come out of the Street Sign line item. Sandy Coughlin made a motion to approve \$600 for street sign repairs. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. Banner Signs also provided a quote for regulatory signs that need to be replaced in the Village - \$2,154. Funds would come out of the Powell Bill line item. Fabian Szarko made a motion to approve \$2,154 for regulatory sign improvements and repairs. John Barnes seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

WEBSITE: Mark Phillips shared that the Village has a new email provider. Email addresses will not be affected by the change in provider. If Council or any of the Commissions have a question about the changes, please let Mark Phillips know.

PUBLIC SERVICES (Street Lighting): John Barnes shared that Union Power has repaired the street lights in the Village. John Barnes noted that the tree pruning and removal has made a significant difference in the lighting especially on the sidewalks.

John Barnes shared that this year ten geese nests (50 eggs) have been added this spring. Our current geese population is around 100 to 150 geese. Due to the decrease in the geese population, the Village is seeing an increase in the Mallard duck population. John Barnes thanked the Council members and P&R members that assisted with the adding.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Sandy Coughlin summarized the proposal for the EDC Town Center Sidewalk Enhancement project and the goal of attracting and slowing down

walkers. The walkways at Town Center are nine feet wide and offer virtually no shade. James Ross previously had provided design assistance and suggestions such as additional shrubs in round planters, moving the Volodko benches to back up to the building and replacing the grids at the base of the two trees with live flowering annuals. In order to relocate the benches, an encroachment agreement between the Town Center owners and the Village will need to be on file with the Register of Deeds in Union County.

The pilot round planter received mixed reviews in 2013 so Lucas Landscaping proposed seven semi-circle stone block planters placed at intervals adjacent to the building. The project will be completed in two separate phases May/June and July/August. The quote includes the landscaping company providing the necessary watering in the first year to ensure the establishment of the plants.

The success of Lake Park's economic vitality, benefits the whole community. The proposed changes have evolved over time as the EDC sees the turnover typical of small businesses follow a similar pattern in our village. Advancing the attractive nature of the commercial core as a cheerful, welcoming and safe gathering place is an important, progressive and constructive contribution to mutually beneficial economic strength in our community.

Sandy Coughlin made a motion to apply \$3800 from the EDC's 2013 -2014 budget to install up to 4 planters. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Under discussion, Mark Phillips stated that he has a philosophical difference of opinion with spending public money to enhance private property. Sandy Coughlin stated that the enhancements are not just on private property but public property as well. Mark Phillips also stated that he did not feel that the enhancements would bring in additional businesses. Sandy Coughlin shared that the idea is to encourage people to come to the Town Center. Mark Phillips also expressed his concerns about the long term maintenance and who would be providing the maintenance. Sandy Coughlin stated that Lucas Landscaping would provide the watering and plant maintenance for one year and then the Town Center owner would provide the maintenance. John Barnes stated that it is beneficial to the businesses and to the town to have an inviting Town Center. Cheryl Bennett expressed concerns about expending public funds on private property. Sandy Coughlin stated that it is definite joint venture. The initiative needs to start with the Village. Vote: Three to one with Mark Phillips voting No.

COMMUNICATION: The deadline for articles and information for the April newsletter is Friday, April 11 at 5 p.m. Topics to be included waste collection holidays, Purple Heart, Girls on the Run, Litter Sweep, P&R, Memorial Day celebration, Pool Memberships, New Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem and Fishing Permits.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mark Phillips thanked everyone for attending the Council Meeting and shared that he is looking forward to working with our new Mayor David Cleveland and Mayor Pro Tem.

Fabian Szarko congratulated both David Cleveland and Sandy Coughlin and stated that he is looking forward to continuing to work with both of them in their new roles on Council.

John Barnes stated that he appreciates all of the service that both David Cleveland and Sandy Coughlin provide to the Village of Lake Park.

Sandy Coughlin stated that the Historic ad hoc committee did meet and they have come up with a process for selecting items from particular years to show the development of Lake Park. Once the committee has something to share with Council, Sandy will update Council.

David Cleveland shared that he attended the Mayor Orientation Class at the School of Government two weeks ago. The main thing that stuck in his mind is the fact that if a Council is doing their job well, you are not in the news. David thanked Council for being respectful to each other and treating each other professionally.

ADJOURN: John Barnes made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Coughlin seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor David Cleveland

Village Clerk, Cheri Clark