

**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF LAKEPARK COUNCIL MEETING  
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC  
REGULAR SEESION**

**7:00 P.M.**

**JULY 14, 2015**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor David Cleveland called the Regular Session July Council meeting to order.

**INVOCATION:** Mayor David Cleveland gave the invocation.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Angie Figiel – 5607 Ginger Lane – Thanked Council and the residents of Lake Park for supporting the Lake Park Piranhas Swim Team. For the 6th year in a row, the Piranhas won the Sportsmanship Award while having an undefeated season against 9 other teams in Division 6 of the Greater Charlotte Swim League. The Piranhas placed 2nd in the All-Star Meet, accomplishing their best season ever. With 81 swimmers and over 50 families involved, the swim team reaches community youth from ages 6-18 and involves family participation to create its success. There is an old swim quote that says “If you have a lane, you have a chance.”

Mayor David Cleveland thanked the Piranhas Swim Team for giving Lake Park such a positive name in the division and congratulated them on another winning season.

Judy Taul – 3801 Alden Street – requested two shade fans to block the sun in the Community Room.

Amee Warren – 6600 Conifer Circle – shared her frustration with the HOA and the Village. She has been trying to get a fence since April 2, 2015. She has three pit-bulls and has requested a 5 foot semi-private fence on a corner lot. The original approval letter from the HOA approved an ornamental fence like the neighbors. A fence to match the neighbor’s will not be safe for her dogs. Ameen is currently undergoing rabies shots since a dog came onto her property and attacked one of her dogs. The dog had not been vaccinated. Ameen is trying to be a responsible dog owner and would appreciate the Village’s consideration to allow her to install a fence taller than the 42 inches.

Mark Phillips shared that he is the Planning Board liaison and he will see what he can do to help her. Mark Phillips also suggested that she attend the next Planning Board meeting.

Pastor Gregg Faulkner – 5503 Frederick Street – has been a resident of Lake Park for over 15 years. He is a Pastor with Central Church of God and has been the president of a chamber of commerce prior to going into the ministry. During his time with the chamber of commerce, he can understand the potential economic impact of beer and wine sales. As a Pastor, he has been actively involved in addiction struggles. Pastor Faulkner hopes that the beer and wine referendum will be voted down by the citizens of Lake Park.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Sandy Coughlin made the motion to approve the June 9, 2015 Budget Public Hearing and the June 9, 2015 Regular Session Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Pam Jack seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** Delete: Planning Board. Sandy Coughlin made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

**HOMETOWN HERO:** Mayor David Cleveland presented Kris and Brian Kirwan with the 2015 Hometown Hero award. Kris has served on the Parks and Recreation Commission and Brian organized a Union Academy group of his peers to do clean-up in the Village.

**SECURITY REPORT:** Deputy Brett shared that there were 70 calls for service during the month of June and 205 self-initiated calls during the month. We had 11 alarm calls, 2 burglary vehicle, 5 discharge of fireworks, 4 property damage vandalism mischief and 3 animal control calls.

**STORMWATER:** Mayor David Cleveland shared that on Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, the residents along the Hoover Channel Restoration Project were invited to an informational meeting at the Community Center. John Ross with Eagle Engineering did a presentation concerning the restoration and scope of the project.

Mayor David Cleveland introduced Juan Blue with Eagle Engineering. Mr. Blue has been working on the Hoover Channel Restoration Project and provided an update to Council concerning the restoration. The restoration will be based upon calculations for a 25 year storm. The channel will be 4 foot in width with sloping side banks. Mr. Blue recommended that the project be done in late September, early October in order to get grass to grow in the channel. The channel will need to be maintained by the individual homeowners and residential grass clippings and debris cannot be placed in the channel.

Mayor David Cleveland shared that the next step is to complete the survey of the entire channel. Eagle Engineering will then develop bid packages. Once the bids have been received, Council will need to approve the expenditure before work can begin.

Ben Christenson – 3603 Arthur – wanted to know how the channel will be blended into the yards. Mr. Blue replied that the channel will be sloped back into the yard. If there is a line of



trees within the channel then they will need to be removed. If there is a tree on the bank of the channel then we will need to evaluate the tree on an individual basis.

Mrs. Robins – 3618 Esther – asked what would happen if a homeowner was not maintaining their part of the channel. Mayor David Cleveland responded that the Stormwater Administrator has the authority to issue fines for obstructing the channel.

Cheri Clark shared that there are two stormwater repairs that need to be made in the Village. One is in front of 6305 Olsen Lane and the other is close to 4104 Logan Circle. To repair the curb inlets and replace the asphalt would be \$3,000. Sandy Coughlin made the motion to approve the stormwater repairs. John Barnes seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG):** Richard Matens, Executive Director with Union County Human Services discussed the CDBG program. It is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. Beginning in 1974, the CDBG program is one of the longest continuously run programs at HUD. The CDBG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to 1209 general units of local government and States. In order to receive funds you must have at least 200,000 residents. Recent census data shows Union County has approximately 230,000 residents. Due to the number of residents living in municipalities, Union County must first demonstrate participation on the part of the majority in order to begin the year-long application process. The CDBG entitlement program allocates annual grants to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. Over a 1, 2, or 3-year period, as selected by the grantee, not less than 70 percent of CDBG funds must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

Pam Jack, John Barnes and Mark Phillips did not think that participation in the program would benefit the Village. Sandy Coughlin expressed support for the program since we are part of Union County, Lake Park relies upon County services (water, sewer, police, etc.) and it does not cost anything to the Village to support the County in their request. David Cleveland shared that since the CDBG did not require 100% participation, the Village would not be keeping the county from receiving the grant. John Barnes made the motion to decline participation in the CDBG. Pam Jack seconded the motion. Vote 4 to 1 with Sandy Coughlin voting no. The Village of Lake Park will not participate in the CDBG program.

**FINANCE OFFICER’S REPORT:** Cheryl Bennett shared that there may be a few more adjustments but at this point there is a net surplus of \$2,700. The Village has not funded the reserves for the 2014 – 2015 budget. At the end of the year, water/sewer t is over budget.

	Jun 15	Jul '14 - Jun 15	Budget	% of Budget
General fund				
Income				
Property Taxes				

Ad valorem current year	1,273.99	536,530.69	535,880.00	100%
Utility ad valorem	0.00	6,776.96	7,000.00	97%
Motor vehicle tax	6,663.31	61,661.64	51,118.00	121%
Ad valorem prior years	0.00	2,106.77	1,000.00	211%
Prior years motor vehicle tax	123.11	1,430.24	0.00	100%
Penalties and interest	121.17	2,252.88	1,600.00	141%
Late List Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
<b>Total Property Taxes</b>	<b>8,181.58</b>	<b>610,759.18</b>	<b>596,598.00</b>	<b>102%</b>
<b>Other Taxes</b>				
Stormwater Fees- current year	0.00	43,315.00	42,830.00	101%
Stormwater fees - prior years	0.00	120.00	0.00	100%
Cable franchise-from Time Warner	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
<b>Total Other Taxes</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>43,435.00</b>	<b>42,830.00</b>	<b>101%</b>
<b>State Shared Revenues</b>				
Sales and use tax	12,756.60	131,372.18	156,000.00	84%
Telecom. Franchise	887.35	2,522.91	2,500.00	101%
Elec. franchise tax	35,535.09	79,263.74	70,000.00	113%
Video Prog. (Cable from State)	10,381.07	21,134.63	20,600.00	103%
Piped Gas	6,002.12	8,308.84	8,500.00	98%
Solid Waste Disposal Tax	0.00	2,251.95	2,500.00	90%
<b>Total State Shared Revenues</b>	<b>65,562.23</b>	<b>244,854.25</b>	<b>260,100.00</b>	<b>94%</b>
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Revenue</b>				
Program Fees	50.00	1,522.25	1,300.00	117%
Facility Rentals	195.00	3,010.00	4,000.00	75%
Daily swim fees	4,846.00	14,179.00	9,000.00	158%
Season pass pool fees	8,080.00	48,750.00	47,000.00	104%
<b>Total Parks &amp; Recreation Revenue</b>	<b>13,171.00</b>	<b>67,461.25</b>	<b>61,300.00</b>	<b>110%</b>
<b>Other revenues</b>				
<b>Zoning Permits</b>				
Engineering services charged	0.00	0.00		
Zoning Permits - Other	50.00	850.00	500.00	170%
<b>Total Zoning Permits</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>850.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>170%</b>
Approp. Fund Bal. Stormwater	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Commercial Waste Coll. Extras	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Approp. Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	122,466.00	0%
Civil Penalties	50.00	820.00	400.00	205%
Investment revenue	71.56	870.01	700.00	124%

Miscellaneous	0.00	814.65	1,000.00	81%
<b>Total Other revenues</b>	<b>171.56</b>	<b>3,354.66</b>	<b>125,066.00</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>87,086.37</b>	<b>969,864.34</b>	<b>1,085,894.00</b>	<b>89%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>87,086.37</b>	<b>969,864.34</b>	<b>1,085,894.00</b>	<b>89%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>General Government</b>				
<b>Other Expenditures</b>				
Economic Development	0.00	3,858.21	6,000.00	64%
Contingency	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0%
<b>Stormwater Expense</b>				
Advertising	0.00	0.00	100.00	0%
Dues and Permits	0.00	175.00	1,100.00	16%
Prof. Fees - Engineering	4,030.25	6,372.75	10,000.00	64%
Repairs & Maint. Services	15,000.00	16,731.49	28,930.00	58%
Cap.Outlay- Pet Waste Stations	0.00	0.00	2,700.00	0%
<b>Total Stormwater Expense</b>	<b>19,030.25</b>	<b>23,279.24</b>	<b>42,830.00</b>	<b>54%</b>
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>19,030.25</b>	<b>27,137.45</b>	<b>49,830.00</b>	<b>54%</b>
<b>Planning and Zoning</b>				
Pers. Serv. Office	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Zoning Admin. Services	866.66	10,399.92	10,400.00	100%
Code Enforcement Services	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0%
Consulting Fees	146.25	357.50	2,000.00	18%
Legal Services	0.00	560.00	3,000.00	19%
Advertising	0.00	94.52	200.00	47%
Office Expense	75.00	75.00		
Postage	0.00	1.19	150.00	1%
Supplies	0.00	9.00	500.00	2%
Training	0.00	0.00	500.00	0%
<b>Total Planning and Zoning</b>	<b>1,087.91</b>	<b>11,497.13</b>	<b>19,750.00</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>Gen. Govt. Personal Services</b>				
Adm Assistant	0.00	0.00	500.00	0%
Clerk/Tax Collector	5,044.00	60,528.00	60,528.00	100%
Council	2,987.50	11,950.00	11,950.00	100%
Finance Officer	1,306.92	15,683.04	15,683.00	100%
Mayor	1,085.00	4,340.00	4,340.00	100%
Payroll Expenses	882.30	8,010.11	8,065.00	99%
<b>Total Gen. Govt. Personal Services</b>	<b>11,305.72</b>	<b>100,511.15</b>	<b>101,066.00</b>	<b>99%</b>



<b>Professional Fees</b>				
Engineering Fees	0.00	0.00	400.00	0%
Auditing Services	0.00	5,100.00	5,100.00	100%
Legal Services	0.00	12,145.75	15,000.00	81%
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17,245.75</b>	<b>20,500.00</b>	<b>84%</b>
<b>Supplies and Materials</b>				
Office	121.55	3,323.10	3,800.00	87%
<b>Total Supplies and Materials</b>	<b>121.55</b>	<b>3,323.10</b>	<b>3,800.00</b>	<b>87%</b>
<b>Services</b>				
Advertising	32.34	32.34	200.00	16%
Membership and dues	0.00	4,202.00	4,267.00	98%
Bank charges	95.39	890.38	890.00	100%
Elections	0.00	0.00	270.00	0%
Insurance/bonds	0.00	7,293.17	7,550.00	97%
Miscellaneous oper. exp.	183.03	183.03	400.00	46%
Newsletter/website/flyers	330.51	5,147.71	5,750.00	90%
Printing & Delivery Newsletter	261.45	2,009.20	2,300.00	87%
Postage	0.00	421.07	500.00	84%
Property Tax	0.00	1,248.98	1,249.00	100%
Tax collection	204.82	2,620.91	2,900.00	90%
Telephone	441.38	4,310.77	4,311.00	100%
Training	0.00	125.00	800.00	16%
Travel	86.20	491.33	1,200.00	41%
<b>Total Services</b>	<b>1,635.12</b>	<b>28,975.89</b>	<b>32,587.00</b>	<b>89%</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>				
Community Center HVAC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Sidewalk repairs	0.00	22,879.00	23,000.00	99%
Clock Tower Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Reserve for Capital Replacement	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0%
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>22,879.00</b>	<b>33,000.00</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>33,180.55</b>	<b>211,569.47</b>	<b>260,533.00</b>	<b>81%</b>
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>				
<b>Parks/Rec. Supplies &amp; Materials</b>				
Flags	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Janitorial /Cleaning Supplies	0.00	0.00	400.00	0%
Food/Provisions - events	102.09	1,563.17	2,260.00	69%

NNO Food/Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Pool Supplies	458.97	1,810.41	3,000.00	60%
Park Materials & Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Benches, Tables, Etc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
<b>Total Parks/Rec. Supplies &amp; Materials</b>	<b>561.06</b>	<b>3,373.58</b>	<b>5,660.00</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Parks/Rec Services</b>				
Pool Attendant Salaries	513.00	900.00	750.00	120%
Water/Sewer	1,803.76	5,957.88	4,672.00	128%
Natural Gas	26.74	807.54	1,000.00	81%
Comm. center maintenance	225.83	8,758.95	8,930.00	98%
Pool management fee	25,425.00	50,415.00	49,540.00	102%
Pool Operations	2,344.87	9,607.93	11,100.00	87%
Seasonal Decorations	348.00	13,836.98	14,840.00	93%
Events Services	250.00	998.86	998.00	100%
<b>Total Parks/Rec Services</b>	<b>30,937.20</b>	<b>91,283.14</b>	<b>91,830.00</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>Maintenance of Common Areas</b>				
Landscaping	16,850.00	145,200.00	145,510.00	100%
Park maintenance	15,419.46	39,830.10	47,875.00	83%
Pond maintenance	11,535.00	18,399.28	29,000.00	63%
Electric Maintenance	1,708.38	5,093.09	6,000.00	85%
Repairs of Common Areas	0.00	479.26	2,000.00	24%
<b>Total Maintenance of Common Areas</b>	<b>45,512.84</b>	<b>209,001.73</b>	<b>230,385.00</b>	<b>91%</b>
<b>Parks/Rec Capital Outlay</b>				
Council chambers video system	499.05	1,755.49	2,000.00	88%
Reserve for pool re-plastering	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0%
Benches, Tables etc.	2,108.00	2,608.00	4,000.00	65%
Pool Renovations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Flags and Banners	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Security System/Camera System	0.00	2,979.00	4,000.00	74%
<b>Total Parks/Rec Capital Outlay</b>	<b>2,607.05</b>	<b>7,342.49</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Total Parks &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>79,618.15</b>	<b>311,000.94</b>	<b>357,875.00</b>	<b>87%</b>
<b>Public Services/Safety</b>				
Electric bills	9,035.12	98,879.03	106,000.00	93%
Street Signs	1,015.00	1,895.00	2,000.00	95%
Waste Collection	30,454.64	182,345.04	198,000.00	92%
Law enforcement	40,371.50	161,486.00	161,486.00	100%

<b>Total Public Services/Safety</b>	<u>80,876.26</u>	<u>444,605.07</u>	<u>467,486.00</u>	<u>95%</u>
	193,674.9		1,085,894.0	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>6</u>	<u>967,175.48</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>89%</u>
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<b>Net General Fund</b>	<u>106,588.5</u>	<u>2,688.86</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100%</u>
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<b>Powell Bill</b>				
<b>PB Income</b>				
<b>Fund Bal. from Powell Bill</b>	0.00	0.00	171,000.00	0%
<b>Interest - Powell Funds</b>	20.92	314.29	100.00	314%
<b>Powell Bill Revenue</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>96,780.56</u>	<u>94,000.00</u>	<u>103%</u>
<b>Total Other Income</b>	20.92	97,094.85	265,100.00	37%
<b>PB Expense</b>				
<b>Street Exp. - Powell Bill</b>	209,497.5			
	<u>0</u>	<u>258,078.75</u>	<u>265,100.00</u>	<u>97%</u>
	209,497.5			
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>258,078.75</u>	<u>265,100.00</u>	<u>97%</u>
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<b>Net Powell Bill</b>	<u>209,476.5</u>	<u>-160,983.90</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100%</u>
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<b>Net Excess of Rev. over Exp.</b>	<u>316,065.1</u>	<u>-158,295.04</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100%</u>
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**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Mayor David Cleveland and Cheri Clark will work together to help create the ad for the administrative assistant Council approved in this year's budget. Sandy Coughlin made a motion to advertise the administrative assistant's position. John Barnes seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous.

**NOVEMBER REFERENDUM:** Mayor David Cleveland shared that there have been a lot of rumors circulated regarding the proposed beer and wine referendum - most of them false. For example, "The Mayor is trying to railroad beer & wine sales in the Village" and "Michael Konarzewski, the owner of the corner Town Center property, is planning to open a bar in the Village". A lot of these rumors have been spread to try and scare residents into opposing a beer & wine referendum. Let me restate my original reason for bringing this issue before Council as I originally said in an e-mail to Council before the last Council meeting:

"For discussion purposes I have added the November Referendum to the Agenda regarding the sale of beer and wine in the Village. I received a call a couple of weeks ago from a prospective businessman who is interested in the old Southern Kitchen location to open a restaurant in the Village. One of his first questions was whether or not we allowed beer and wine sales and, if not, what would it take to allow this. I have received the same question from numerous residents over the past few years so I asked Cheri Clark to contact the Union County Board of Elections regarding what would be required to put a referendum on the November ballot. They stated that it would either require a petition from 35% of the residents or approval from the



Village Council to put it on the ballot. Regardless of where we personally stand on this issue I do think that perhaps the time has come to allow the residents to vote on this matter. Many of the surrounding communities now allow their restaurants to sell beer and wine, and Union County is also considering putting the question on an upcoming ballot.

This e-mail was sent to Council prior to the June meeting so they would be better prepared to discuss this and other issues on the Agenda. Mayor David Cleveland apologized to the many residents who were bombarded with calls and e-mails regarding this issue before Council even had an opportunity to discuss it.

As part of the discussion at the last Council meeting, the decision was made that we should conduct a poll of the residents to determine their level of interest in allowing beer and wine sales in the Village. A notice was put in the June newsletter encouraging residents to partake in the poll. Every attempt was made to make this notice and the poll unbiased so that we could get a true pulse of how the community felt about allowing beer & wine sales in the Village. The poll e-notification was sent out to residents on June 26<sup>th</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup>; however, only one vote per resident was allowed. On their own, the HOA did an e-blast asking residents to send e-mails to Cheri Clark and/or Pam Jack expressing their opinion on the topic. Cheri Clark responded to each of the e-mails she received from the HOA's e-blast and requested those residents to sign up for e-notification and to take the official Village poll. This would avoid duplication of responses.

Cheri has the result of the Village's poll as of 5:00 today:

189 residents in favor of putting a referendum on the ballot (89%)

23 residents not in favor of putting a referendum on the ballot (11%)

At the last Council meeting there was some concern expressed about the wording in the proposed resolution that would be required in order to place a referendum on the ballot. I have changed some of the wording in that resolution to more accurately reflect Council's stance.

Sandy Coughlin stated she appreciated the line being removed about Economic Development in the proposed resolution.

Pam Jack shared that our country was built on freedom and that it is not up to the Council to decide whether or not beer and wine is sold in the Village, it should be up to the residents.

Mark Phillips stated that the total participation in the survey falls short of the 35% of residents needed on a petition. Lake Park was built as a Village of yesteryears. The Economic Development Commission does not support the referendum.

Sandy Coughlin stated that passage of the referendum is no indication that a restaurant is moving into the Village.

Mayor David Cleveland agreed that even though there is guarantee of a restaurant in the Village, the referendum at least opens the door. Mayor David Cleveland also stated that the residents should decide whether or not they want beer and wine sold in the Village.

Several residents spoke up in favor of giving the residents the right to vote on the referendum.

Attorney Ken Swain shared that the ballot would state that the referendum is to permit the “on premises” sale of malt beverages by Class A hotels, motels and restaurants only; and to permit “off –premises” sales by other permittees.

FOR

AGAINST

To permit “on-premises” sale only of unfortified wine.

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AGAINST

Pam Jack made a motion to enter into the Resolution on the Sale of Malt Beverages and Unfortified Wine within the Corporate Limits of the Village of Lake Park, North Carolina. John Barnes seconded the motion. Vote: 3 to 2 with Sandy Coughlin and Mark Phillips voting no.

**PARK AND RECREATION BUSINESS:** Mayor David Cleveland shared that the Park & Recreation Commission is pleased to report that we came in approximately \$25K under budget for FY2014/2015.

The front entrance waterfall feature has been completed by Lucas Landscaping. Due to the hot weather, the planting of shrubs and flowers around the waterfall has been postponed until this fall.

Pressure washing of playground equipment, the Churchill entrance area, and various benches, picnic tables, and sidewalks in the common areas was completed last month.

Three decorative benches were delivered last month. The one located on Creft Circle by Veterans Pond was donated by Girls on the Run of Union County. The other two are located in the Town Center Park and the park behind Ms. Dee Dee’s, respectively. The two new composite benches for the Russell Park playground were received last week and should be installed this month. One of those benches was donated by the Lake Park Garden Club.

The up-lighting for the American flag at Veterans Pond should be installed this month by Baucom Electric.

Microphones and a mixer were purchased for the Council Chambers. They are being used for the first time this evening. Sean Lowther donated the amplifier and speakers to complete this sound system.



Fabian Szarko shared that the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration was held on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in Russell Park from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Common Heart kicked off the day's events with a 10K race at 7:30 AM followed by a 5K race, a 1K race and a kid's firecracker dash at 10:00 AM. The annual children's parade began at 11:00 at the Community Center led by the Grand Marshall, Ed George. Hotdogs, chips and drinks were available in the park along with free watermelon. DJ Dizzle entertained and games were held for the children. The Home Town Heroes for 2015 were announced – Kris and Brian Kirwan. Approximately 125 residents attended the festivities. P&R would like to thank all of the residents who made this event such a success.

National Night Out will be held in the Town Center Park on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Please contact Fabian Szarko if you would like to volunteer to help with this event. Fabian Szarko made a motion to close Meeting Street from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM on August 4<sup>th</sup> for National Night Out. Sandy Coughlin seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Sandy Coughlin shared that the EDC toured all 13 decorative signs in the Village. The EDC will be discussing sign content at the July meeting. The EDC website mylakepark.com is down right now because the original hosting service subscription expired before the project was ready to go live.

**PUBLIC SERVICES (Sidewalks, Waste Collection & Street Lighting):** Mayor David Cleveland shared that Council budgeted \$33,400 for sidewalk repairs in the Village. Sandy Coughlin made a motion to approve the Precision Safe sidewalks bid of \$33,400. Pam Jack seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Sandy Coughlin, Mayor Cleveland and Cheri Clark met with Waste Pro last week. The discussion centered on carts being upside down, broken carts and damage to curb and gutter. Waste Pro decided to remove all automated trucks and to go back to rear loaded truck with crews. Bulk items are still being placed at the curb each week rather than just on the second Thursday of each month. The Village needs to continue to educate residents on sorting landscape debris, garbage and recycle in order to reduce our carbon footprint.

John Barnes shared that the new street light at the corner of Lake Park Road and Conifer Circle at the Howard's monument has been installed. All of the floodlights at Howard's monument have also been tightened.

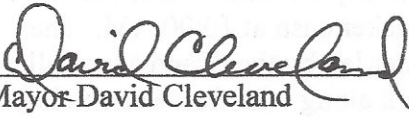
**COMMUNICATION:** The deadline for articles and information for the July newsletter is Friday, July 17, 2015 at 5 p.m. Topics to be included: P&R items, National Night Out, Recycling, Positions on Planning Board and Board of Adjustments, Garden Club, Swim Team, Beer and Wine referendum and Sidewalk Repairs.

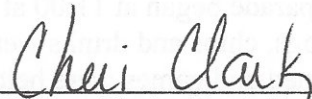
**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** David Cleveland thanked all the residents that participated in the online and e-mail polls concerning the Beer and Wine referendum.

**ADJOURN:** Pam Jack made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.



Respectfully submitted,

  
Mayor David Cleveland

  
Village Clerk, Cheri Clark