



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE****Monday, April 4, 2022****7 p.m.**

Council did not reconsider Res. 22-2022.

The payment of claims dated Mar. 21, 2022, was accepted as distributed.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**Mayor Hovey:** Stow City Council did approve the \$200,000 toward Englewood sewer costs. We've already signed a memorandum of understanding with Stow's administration. That's it.

**Mr. Robert Heydorn, Village Solicitor:** Mr. Heydorn was not present, and gave no report.

**Chief Jamie Norris, Chief of Police:** The Silver Lake Police Association's Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 p.m. for kids 12 and under. That's all.

**Mr. Mark Lipan, Service Director:** The waterline replacement on Outlook has started, and they're already about halfway done. It should be complete by the end of the month. They're doing good. I'm going out to bid for the paving on Monday, April 11, 2022, and the bid opening will be on Monday, May 2, 2022. The gas company has started landscaping on Edgerton. We received our new chipper and it's working great. The mulch is out; please come get some. The primary election is on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, so we'll be setting up before that. I won't be at the next meeting; I'll be on vacation.

**Mr. Sean Housley, Clerk-Treasurer:** Our delinquent taxfiler letter campaign has been very successful this year. We're looking at calendar year 2019 and earlier. We've sent out 117 letters, and of those, over 40% have responded. We've collected \$15,000 from these delinquent accounts, and we're still expecting around \$29,000 more. Summit County Dept. of Sanitary Sewer Services billed us for sewage treatment for Feb. 2022. In 2021, we paid \$52,000 for Jan. and Feb. This year, we've paid \$75,000 for sewage treatment. That's a 42.6% increase, possibly because of increased rainfall. It's the Feb. bill that had the major increase, from \$24,000 in 2021 to \$46,000 in 2022. I'm considering challenging the bill, asking some questions. I've started talking to Mr. Heydorn about his interpretation of our contract.

Last meeting, I put some yearend financial statements [FS] before Council. I'd like to summarize. Council has a regulatory cash basis FS and a cash basis basic FS. The regulatory FS is what auditors opine on, and what banks, lenders, etc. want. The basic FS just shows the roll-up of all the funds on the regulatory. The general fund's end cash balance was \$2,900,000 in 2021; it was \$2,500,000 in 2020. That's mostly because of the federal monies we've received these past few years. A sizable portion of the general fund cash will be going toward the Englewood Project. The proprietary funds' cash balance has grown from \$700,000 in 2019 to \$829,000 in 2021. They're pretty close to breaking even. For the first time last year, the sewer fund actually had a healthy cash balance. There's some notes and definitions in the regulatory FS. There's a summary of our deposits and investments, scheduled fund advances, and debt. We're going to be audited this year. If they find fault in how we used federal money, there's always the chance we'll be required to pay that money back.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

Mr. Church opened the floor for discussion regarding Chautauqua Drive. At the Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, Council requested copies of EnviroScience's examination of Chautauqua. Council was provided

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these. On Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>, Council also discussed purchasing certain properties and using them for drainage. Mr. Church inquired about the cost of that. Mr. Lipan answered engineers were seeing whether that was even a viable solution. It was reiterated that raising the road would make it more passable, and not cause flooding in residents' basements. The possibility of removing the fill on the aforementioned properties was brought up. Mr. Church requested an estimate for installing a retention pond. Mr. Lipan said the Village owning those properties would allow another waterline to be put in. Currently, there was only one waterline for the entire colony allotment. If there was a break from Kent Rd. to Elmbrook Dr., everyone's water would be affected. Mr. Church invited any Chautauqua residents in the audience to speak. It was determined Chautauqua's flooding had been an issue for years, and though little had been done before, Council wanted to solve this problem. A resident suggested a ditch or trench, and Mr. Lipan said he would examine the resident's property for that possibility. Mr. Church reiterated his determination to explore all options, but said there might not be a solution.

There being no further questions or comments, Council adjourned at 7:31 p.m. The next regular Council Meeting will be on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 7 p.m.

APPROVED:




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William M. Church, President of Council

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Sean M. Housley, CPA, Clerk-Treasurer  
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