

A Regular Meeting of the Sylvan Lake City Council was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014; opening at 7:33 p.m. Mayor Zubrzycki presided over the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Lorenz, Meskin, Zubrzycki, Cassar (7:39 p.m.), Dzenko

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Martin, Clerk Dryden and Attorney Schultz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Dzenko, to approve the City Council Agenda for January 8, 2014, as submitted.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Meskin, seconded Lorenz, to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2013, regular meeting, as submitted.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Dzenko, to approve the voucher report for January totaling \$225,980.46, as submitted.

Dec Payroll	\$ 52,873.08	Check #'s	11557-11566 DD1846-DD1863 EFT783-EFT793
Accts Pay-Dec	<u>\$ 95,837.69</u>	Check #s	47381-47406 EFT 677 (E) ACH 678 (A) ó 682 (A)
Totaling	\$ 148,710.77		

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

### ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

Zubrzycki received the DPW, Police and Attorney's reports for December and asked that they be placed on file.

Meskin asked if they are going to receive a yearly summary for Police Department and DPW. Martin reminded him he said he is working on it and they will be receiving a yearly report. He explained it takes about 3 hours per month to generate. He is making sure January-June 2013 is done the same way he does it.

Cassar came into the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Zubrzycki asked for an estimate when the report would be ready. Martin is hoping for the end of the month.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports.

### BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Jim Endres expressed a job well done to the DPW and John Martin.

Jeff Zumbach thanked City Council and the City in assisting in the fundraising for the kids. Articles on their efforts were in the Beacon and The Patch.

Megan Zumbach shared she didn't know the meeting had moved locations. Martin informed her it happened at 3:00 p.m. today. It was put on the website and a notice on the Community Center door. Zumbach apologized for being late.

### CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Martin hoped everybody had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's holiday. We've certainly seen a lot of changes in the weather over the past few weeks. He is not looking forward to the warm up and rain that is coming. A great recipe for flooding with all this snow, very frozen ground and then have it melt and rain.

The snow and cold weather took its toll on Sylvan Lake. The DPW did a great job keeping the streets cleared much better than most of the surrounding communities. Some of them still haven't been

plowed.

**Police**

**PD-001-14**

The Police participated in two great showings of holiday spirit and volunteerism. We had 4 officers participate in the Shop with a Hero at Meijer in Oxford. Each officer was with a young person while they shopped for Christmas presents. Closer to home, some of our officers had the privilege of helping some of the more needy families in our area by working with the Sylvan Lake Lutheran Church. The City already had somewhat of a relationship with the Church because we used their facility for our meetings. Several of our residents or relatives of residents attend the church as well. The Church and Police participated in a holiday outreach to five local families with a total of 16 children, providing food and gifts. It was wonderful to see this partnership.

**SAW Grant**

We still don't have any information on the SAW grant and he will let Council know as soon as he hears anything.

**Planning Commission**

**ZP-001-14**

Planning commission will be meeting February 8. He is hoping to have a public hearing for Larco on the agenda but is still waiting for information from them for their special land use. We have reviewed the documentation that was received, but will not write a recommendation until we receive all that is required.

**Seawall**

**PR-001-14**

Martin had a meeting with the engineer from Schleede Hampton and HRC to discuss a seawall design. Councilman Cassar and Mayor Zubrzycki also attended the meeting. They are going to create a design for steel seawall.

**Water Mains**

**WA-001-14**

We did have 3 water main breaks over the cold snap.

**Community Center**

**CC-001-14**

Martin reported the water line broke in the ceiling of the Community Center. There have been issues with the waterlines since the building was constructed. To him it is a construction issue. Every year the pipes freeze and we have the contractor come back and work on them. This was very frustrating to have happen. The DPW was in the Community Center around noon setting up for this meeting. When they went back at two, there was water on almost the entire floor.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Cassar thanked everyone for coming and wished them a Happy New Year. He thanked the police for

their fundraiser and the DPW for doing a great job on clearing the streets. He shared a couple Council members did share their gratitude to the DPW in an email. Cassar asked for an update on the generators. Martin reported the one on Beverly is connected but they are still waiting on the one at Telegraph.

Dzenko also thanked everyone for coming and stated he wrote an email right away in the morning stating the DPW did great job cleaning the streets early.

Lorenz dittoed all Council's comments.

Meskin stated the roads are as good as they are going to get. Meskin asked if the generator on Beverly was done today. Martin stated it was connected a couple days ago. He questioned the house two doors down from Memorial Park and at what point it becomes a blighted structure. Martin replied it would have to have a year with no activity. He is watching it closely. Meskin stated the Borin house has siding ready to fall off. Martin is watching this too. Meskin asked if there is going to be an ordinance for setback on Lakefront homes. He knows Planning Commission started it, but then it stopped. He asked how Council can get Planning Commission to finish this. Zubrzycki stated at the Planning Commission meeting no one was willing to make a motion. Martin agreed there was no direction given on getting more information or what they wanted to do. He feels there should be something. Martin would like to have City Council request it be put back on the agenda for Planning Commission if they would like to see something done. Attorney Schultz stated Council can prepare their own recommendation and send it to Planning Commission.

#### **S-001-14**

Zubrzycki also wished everyone a happy New Year. He stated the Parks & Recreation Committee did a great job with along with Santa. He thanked Santa for being so good with the kids. He also agreed the DPW did a great job with the roads. Zubrzycki questioned Martin's comment on thawing. Martin is hoping the city won't have an issue. He explained anytime there is this much snow, the ground is frozen, it starts raining and there is nowhere for the water to go. The pumps will work and keep up with the water going into them. One of the problems is some of the water won't be able to get to the storm drains with the snow and they are frozen.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Fee to be on Boat Dock Move List

#### **BD-001-14**

Mayor Zubrzycki reviewed last year brought challenges for the boat dock move list. City Hall has been managing this for many years and now residents are becoming very passionate about where they want to be. Martin further explained there are people who feel they should be on the list and they already moved so they were taken off and now they are upset. The move list is difficult to manage and ten times more time consuming than the wait list. He wants to work on a policy for this and charge a fee.

Meskin asked if two residents who have dock spaces want to exchange their spots, can they. Martin stated they cannot because other people that have been waiting to move may want that space that has been waiting to move. Zubrzycki asked council to think about it and this will be discussed at the study session. Also he would like to ask the Boat Dock Committee to review the policy, for their own purpose, regarding residents putting in their docks.

b. Mayoral Appointment to the Board of Review **A2-001-14**

Mayor Zubrzycki thanked Megan Zumbach for her previous three years of service and reappointed her to the Board of Review for a three year term ending January 31, 2017.

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Cassar, to confirm Mayor Zubrzycki appointment of Megan Zumbach to the Board of Review.

Yes: All  
No: None

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c. Mayoral Appointment of Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals **A2-002-14**

Mayor Zubrzycki stated this is an alternate position and they would only be used to hear appeals if a regular board member are not available. Mayor Zubrzycki appointed Pamela Todoroff to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending September 30, 2016.

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Dzenko, to confirm Mayor Zubrzycki appointment of Pamela Todoroff to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Yes: All  
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

d. Mayoral Appointment to the GWBCCC **A2-003-14**

Mayor Zubrzycki appointed Jim Endres to the Greater West Bloomfield Cable Communications Commission for three years, term ending June 30, 2017.

Moved by Meskin, seconded Cassar, to confirm Mayor Zubrzycki appointment of Jim Endres to the Greater West Bloomfield Cable Communications Commission.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

e. Banking Institutions for 2014

**F—01-14**

Moved by Dzenko, seconded Cassar, to approve the banking institutions for 2014 as presented for possible investments.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

f. Planning Commission Recommendation

**ZP-002-14**

Martin stated he can put something together for Council to recommend to Planning Commission.

Megan Zumbach and Jim Endres explained what the problem was and why they couldn't come to a resolution on this topic.

Cassar is still concerned with the line of sight.

Moved by Meskin, seconded Cassar, to have Martin put something together on the setbacks for line of site on lake front properties, for Planning Commission to review and make a recommendation to City Council.

Yes: All

No: None

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**NON-ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Security for Ferndale Park, Restroom and Boat Launch
- b. Seawall
- c. Boat Dock Fee Schedule
- d. Community Center Parking Lighting
- e. Noise Ordinance
- f. Sale or Lease of City Real Property
- g. Community Center Storage and Furniture

There was nothing new to report on these items.

**SC-001-14**

Dzenko shared Walled Lake Schools has opening for enrollment. He provided an email to the city and asked if anything went out on this. He believes Monday is the deadline for applying.

**PR-002-14**

Lorenz shared he sent out a bunch of emails to some of the grant companies for getting money to go to a natural shoreline. They all had lots of reasons for not doing it. He feels the grant money is off the table. Council thanked him for trying.

**FD-001-14**

Meskin stated he would like to attend the Fire Board Meeting if everyone is still ok with that. Council agreed they were. Martin reminded Council that now would be the time to start working on their letter to notify West Bloomfield that Sylvan Lake may possibly withdraw. He believes the letter needs to be to them by July.

Lorenz asked what the status with the Fire Department cost. Meskin stated they should have costs for dispatch soon. Martin stated he has costs for dispatch and fire services. They dropped from last year. Fire is based on the rate of inflation.

Jeff Zumbach shared a story of the Fire Department helping a resident on Avondale and saving her from having to go to the hospital. He feels they are worth every penny. Meskin stated it isn't always how much we pay but is it equitable. Lorenz agreed with Meskin the split is not fair. Zumbach feels there is more than just equitability. West Bloomfield knows our community already. If it comes down to money, is Council willing to risk life on money. Zubrzycki stated they need to look at alternatives. Lorenz asked anyone who doesn't have a copy of the fire agreement to get a copy to be informed.

**NEWSLETTER AND CABLE INPUT**

Lock your cars and doors.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Meskin, seconded Cassar, to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting.

Yes: All

No: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Dennise Dryden, City Clerk