LAKELAND VILLAGE COMMUNITY CLUB

Community Meeting

June 21, 2022

Date: June 21, 2022

Location: Community Club Meeting Room

President James Byrne called to order the meeting at 7:00pm. The meeting was held at the Community Clubhouse Meeting Room.

Board Members Present: James Byrne, Cindy Ross, Don Huibregtse, Peter Nash, Madison Barnard, Sylvia Banzon

Other Present: Laurie Swetkovich, 19 LLVCC Community Members.

Absent Board Members: Jason Ilarraza

LakeLand Village Community Club will be referred to as LLVCC for the remainder of these minutes.

**Introduction of Board Members**

LLVCC Interim President James Byrne welcomed the community members who attended the meeting and introduced board members. James informed the community that Laurie Swetkovich is leaving the employment of LLVCC to move to California with her family, and that the Board is appreciative of her 8 plus years of service. A farewell cake was provided to thank Laurie for her dedication and contributions to LLVCC.

James announced the annual garage sale and community picnic dates.

**Guest Speaker, Chief Ryan Spurling from the Mason County Sheriff’s Office**

Crimes in LakeLand Village – second least crime ridden community in the county. Our community’s limited access (two main roads in and out of LakeLand) helps reduce crime within LakeLand. Washington state averages 50,000 stolen vehicles a month, primarily ¾ ton trucks, unfortunately Sheriff Deputies cannot go after many of these criminals because of state law restrictions. Some state laws were fixed over the last year, including the ability to assist people having a mental crisis – officers can now use limited force to get these individuals help.

Sheriff department covers 1,000 square miles and 13 schools, and they receive approximately 150 – 160 calls daily to 911. There are currently five to seven deputies working at any time.

Chief Spurling encouraged participation in the Block Watch program. The Sheriff’s Office needs community support.

Jail space is one of the challenges faced by Mason County, and the fact that they can’t find staff to man the jails.

A member expressed his concern about the gate at Merton Creek Road being unlocked, and that there is routinely rapid gun fire heard coming from that direction. Randy Neatherlin, County Commissioner agreed to look into why the gate is unlocked. Chief Spurling reiterated that residents should call the police when they hear gunfire, as even if officers can’t respond they need to collect the data.

Randy Neatherlin, County Commissioner stated that the Highway 3 by-pass should receive funding next year and be completed by 2026.

**Professional Management Company**

Discussion took place about the possibility of securing the services of a professional Management Company for LLVCC. In addition to employee staff time, several Board members donate between 2 and 10 hours of their time a week to conduct LLVCC business, which is not sustainable. If a management company is hired, annual membership dues could increase to approximately $300 per year. Members at the meeting did not express concerns.

**Audit Firm**

Clarke Whitney, CPA, Inc. has been engaged to conduct the audit of LLVCC’s 2021-2022 financial records. Currently they are reviewing and testing records that were uploaded to their secure site. They have been working with Olympic Tax, and once their selected sample audit items are selected, they plan on conducting further reviews.

**Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting Adjournment: 8:09pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Ross

Cindy Ross, Treasurer