

# Lakeview Area News

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## TOWN TOPICS

This week is Winterfest at Lakeview High School. We will have an article and pictures in next week's paper with winners, theme days and royalty.

Griffith Builders of Lakeview won the bid to renovate the old Bollinger's building into the new Village of Lakeview Municipal Complex (working name). Congratulations, Griffith Builders.

Last week a young man brought in pizza for our Lakeview police officers. They neglected to get his name and would like to thank him. If this is you or if you know who he is, let Lakeview PD know. We have been running articles on encouraging people to perform 100 acts of kindness This is one of those acts. Thank you.

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## Winter Forecast

Thurs., partly cloudy, high 26, low 10; Fri., cloudy, high 27, low 10; Sat., mostly cloudy, high 27, low 9; Sun., pm snow showers, high 29, low 25; Mon., mostly cloudy, high 33, low 29; Tues, mostly cloudy, high 37, low 26.



## Lakeview Schools' New Resource Officer



Resource Officer Noah Tarrant

By Linda Huckins

Lakeview Community Schools have a new resource officer. Officer Noah Tarrant replaced Officer Jon Ludwig in that position effective Monday, February 15. Officer Tarrant will divide his time between the elementary, middle, and high schools making sure students have a safe learning environment and assisting teachers and staff with any issues that may arise.

Officer Tarrant said that his goal is to build a rapport with students so

they will feel safe to come to him with any problems or just to talk.

"In this climate of anti-police sentiment," he said, "it is more important than ever to engage in community policing." He wants to communicate with and have a rapport with the community. "I'd rather educate than just give out tickets."

He recognizes the challenges of these times with COVID. He knows how local businesses are struggling and people can't do what they usually do in a timely manner. For ex-

ample, he mentioned that the Secretary of State office is overloaded and people can't get their car registrations renewed as fast as they used to. He said he tries to be understanding in those situations.

Police Chief and Lakeview Village Manager Darin Dood said, "I am proud to say that the Village of Lakeview and the Lakeview Community School District are the only school system in our county to have a School Resource Officer. It is a great partnership where both entities are sharing the financial responsibilities and are both reaping the reward of the positive effects that this position generates within our community."

Officer Tarrant refers to himself as a "social guy" so when you see him around town, stop and greet him or just wave.

Currently Officer Tarrant lives in the Mt. Pleasant area with his wife and son. He is hoping to move closer to Lakeview soon.

We wish Officer Tarrant good luck in his new position as Lakeview Community Schools' resource officer.

## Going beyond the Call of Duty



By Linda Huckins

Last Tuesday, the day started at 4:00 a.m. for Lakeview's DPW workers (Brian Bucholtz, Scott Englund, David Jensen, and Scott Smith) and they were still going strong at 6 p.m.

It all began with plowing at the airport and then plowing the streets and sidewalks around the village. While clearing

local streets, they discovered water seeping up through the snow and went to investigate.

It was a broken water main on Ninth Street and Richardson.

These men, who had already put in a full day's work and were tired, took on the challenge of fixing the broken water main and they did it without complaining.

"I am thankful to have good employees who are willing to stick with it until the job is done," said Village Manager Darin Dood. "The guys did a great job."

Dood expressed his appreciation for the DPW workers by bringing them pizza at the job site.

The manager explained that the pipe that broke was one of the oldest in the village, at least 70 years old, and was made of cast iron. The workers replaced it with plastic and buried it below the frost line.

Pipes that run from the curb stop to residences are the responsibility of the home owner. Pipes that run from the curb stop to the street are the village's responsibility, and that was the case with Tuesday's break. Dood said that he is in the process of writing a grant to update the village's infrastructure, such as old pipes.

Be sure to thank our DPW workers when you see them around town.

## Lakeview Village Council Meeting



By Melissa King  
Village Clerk

Village of Lakeview  
Regular Council Meeting,  
February 9, 2021

President Steve Case called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Steve Case, Dominic Trevino, Emily Griffith, Greg Saxton, Lane Leppink, Kate Behrenwald, and Chris Fryover. **Members Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Village Manager and Police Chief Darin Dood, Brian Bucholtz, Scott Smith, and Melissa King.

**Agenda Approval:** Saxton moved and Fryover seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** Harold Wolf, 9619 4 Mile Road, Lakeview, MI. He is the president of the Canadian Lakes Association. The association is working on a 2021-2022 Directory that reaches over 1000 homes. He feels it would be beneficial to advertise the Lakeview businesses in the Canadian Lakes area. Manager Dood will present this information to the DDA to see if they would like to purchase an ad in the directory.

**Standing Items**

Fryover moved and Leppink seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes from January 12, 2021 as presented. Motion carried.

Fryover moved and Behrenwald seconded to approve the 208 S. Lincoln Committee minutes from February 2, 2021 as presented. Motion carried. [This committee oversees the new complex renovation project.]

Saxton moved and Fryover seconded to approve the January bills in the amount of \$87,574.10 as presented. Motion carried.

**Reports**

Manager Dood presented the Lieutenant's report in his absence. He feels it is important for council members to encourage the

community to contact the local police when they see something suspicious.

DPW Supervisor Brian Bucholtz reviewed his report with the council. Bucholtz stated that all equipment has a folder that has the maintenance that was done on each item. He explained the usage of the snow blower at the airport runway regarding the runway lights.

Officer in Charge Scott Smith did not add anything to his report.

Manager Dood reviewed the museum's portion of his manager's report. The only item that needs to be addressed before the lease is signed is the furnace. There is a leak in the exhaust. We received a quote for \$250 to sleeve the exhaust to take care of the issue. Going forward, the museum will take care of the maintenance and costs of the building. The lease will start March 1, 2021.

**Existing Business**

Public Hearing on the proposed 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget and the 2021-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. Leppink moved and Fryover seconded to open the public hearing at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried.

No public comments.

Behrenwald moved and Griffith seconded to close the public hearing at 7:18 p.m. Motion carried.

**Resolution #2021-02**

Saxton moved and Griffith seconded to adopt Resolution #2021-02, the proposed Fiscal Year Budget and the 2021-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. Motion carried.

**Budget Amendments**

Griffith moved and Behrenwald seconded to approve the budget amendments for Fiscal Year End 2020-2021. Motion carried.

**New Business**

*Resolution of Appreciation*

Manager Dood applauded VFW 3701 Commander Stacy Roberts and Quartermaster Jessica Wright on their work turning around post 3701. As a result of their leadership and community efforts, they won a national award for "Post of the Month". [see Lakeview Area News, February 4, 2021 for details.]

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