



# MEETING MINUTES

## GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION



Held: April 23, 2018

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:25 P.M. in the Grand Rapids Town Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Rachel Smith – Present	Jody Donsbach – Present
Jeremy Treen – Present	Mark Sarkan – Present
Bob Krabill – Present	Bill Steck - Present

**EMPLOYEES:** Chad Hoffman and Kristel Beyer

**VISITORS:** Chuck Thomas and Steve Kryder

**MINUTES:** Krabill made a motion, seconded by Donsbach to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 9, 2018 as submitted.

**BILLS:** Smith made a motion, seconded by Donsbach to approve the bills dated April 7 – April 20, 2018.

Votes were:	Treen – yes	Sarkan – yes	Smith – yes
	Krabill – yes	Steck – yes	Donsbach – yes
			<b>MOTION APPROVED</b>

Mayor Berry stated approval of bills have passed.

Administrator said the Gearhart Plumbing invoice is for boring under the road for a water tap. We will need to look at our tap fees, he will get numbers together to discuss.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:**

Chuck Thomas discussed the Annual Applebutter Fest Application with the requested map. He stated nothing has changed from last year.

Sarkan made a motion seconded by Steck to accept the Application from the Applebutter Committee Grand Rapids Historical Society for the 2018 Applebutter Fest.

Votes were:	Sarkan – yes	Smith – yes	Krabill – yes
	Steck – yes	Donsbach – yes	Treen – yes
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Chuck discussed that at the end of the last few Applebutter Fest years their reporting has not been accurate. Their fiscal year was October 1st to September 30<sup>th</sup>. This year he requested a different layout it will now be March 1<sup>st</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup>, they are doing well

but now they are experiencing continuing increase in governmental responsibility (Sheriff, trash and EMS).

Historical Society is going through the graduation pictures upstairs in the Town Hall and redoing them because they are getting mildew on them. They would like to work with the Village to get the Town Hall used more, this would help alleviate costs for the elevator lift. The Historical Society needs the lift for them to use the Town Hall. They would like to possibly start a Rhythm on the River series during the winter months using the Town Hall. Chuck asked if someone wanted to rent the Old Fire Station could they get a one-day permit for a Wedding reception to allow the consumption of alcohol. He knows the Arts Council does it for the Jazz Fest for Beer and Wine. Mayor stated we could look into it. Administrator said we would have to revisit the Lease Agreement.

Steve Kryder said the Historical Society is putting together a walking tour from the Information Booth throughout town. They are working with a student from the school on this. Steve invited Council to the Civil War Reenactment at Otsego School starting at 9 am the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May. Steve said they are going through their collection of documents, they are concerned with old documents and pictures not being preserved. They are working with the archives at BGSU, they will take the originals and put on a disk over a period of time. Administrator said they become the owners of the documents then. Steve said yes but we will have access to them. Treen asked if people can be denied the documents. Steve said no its public record. Chuck said a person from N. Carolina sent a letter in that he found, it was from the 1800's that was sent to someone in the Village. Treen asked what their opinion is on the next step on utilizing the Town Hall more. Steve stated starting with a committee meeting to get the conversation started. Sarkan said Chuck and him have had conversations on the issue. He will be talking to all the business owners and how they feel that if more use of the Town Hall will benefit their business. Steve said usually we have someone on Council as a Applebutter Fest liaison and who would like to do that. Bill Steck volunteered to be the liaison for the Applebutter Fest. Bob Krabill said if he would be available he would also attend the meetings.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Received notification that farmers are complaining about the signs on Rt 65, they cannot fit between the mailboxes and the signs when a car comes. They asked if these signs could be moved back to the fence. Administrator stated he would check with ODOT. Mayor stated someone else drove through the park and he had the Sheriff go visit them. The resident stated there is a right of way access back there. The Sheriff stated there is not a right of way access there, if they wanted they could come in front of Council to discuss.

Mayor attended a Providence Township Meeting last Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>. After he attended the meeting he was contacted by the Fire Chief of Providence Township. Mayor gave Council the letter to review. Mayor told Council he attended the meeting as the Mayor not a Fireman to discuss them using our Fire Hydrant without the proper

notification. He asked them not to use our hydrants until we get everything cleared up but if there is an emergency, call Grand Rapids Fire Department or the Village to help with use of the hydrant. Mayor said the Grand Rapids Fire Department did not receive a call on the fire, his attendance at the meeting may also help the communication issue from Neapolis Fire Department to Grand Rapids Fire Department. Donsbach asked if there was a reason that Grand Rapids Fire Department was not called out. Mayor said that Providence stated they did but the Lucas County Log sheet states otherwise. Two years ago there was a fire and Neapolis was the last to use our hydrant, they left their hose on it with the hydrant open. It froze our hydrant and took two days to thaw it out. We are lucky that it didn't burst and destroy the area around it. Mayor asked them if they have had hydrant training, they stated no and the Mayor said they need to get the proper training before using our hydrant. He wants them to get the training for the safety of them and us. Its our liability if someone gets hurt. Mayor wrote a response to his letter and had Mr. Marsh review it. Mr. Marsh said the letter looks fine and go ahead and mail it.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Gave his report it will be attached to the Official Minutes. Administrator will contact ODOT to attend a Council Meeting to discuss State Route 65 agreement.

Cyndi Jarvi asked if she could have two alpcas on the side or behind of her Natural Fiber and Yarn Building during special events in the Village. Administrator asked if she should fill out a form with a map listing the dates of the events. Council Agreed. Krabill asked if an Alpaca is an exotic species and if she would need some sort of permit for this? Administrator stated he is unsure if the state has any regulations.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:** None

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**COMMITTEES:** None

**ORDINANCES:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The Application for the Arts Council will be put on the next Meeting Agenda. Krabill talked to Ray about the Adventure Crew group working on the Grand Rapids Sign, they were interested in doing it. Krabill asked what the next step would be, Administrator stated its on private property, so has nothing to do with the Village, would need to contact the property owner. Treen asked where we left Carolyns request for installing a Memorial tree for Hobe. Mayor will contact her on this issue. Treen suggested possibly having them sponsoring a cypress tree that has already been planted but then could be dedicated in Hobe's honor. Administrator stated Carolyn purchased two trees during one of our tree planting phases. Sarkan asked since we have a tree plan can we have some sort of designation for the Village. Administrator stated yes, there is a tree city usa program, the Village had went through the process before but never finished. Treen stated we started

the tree plan because we had to take down some trees, so it's one for one, if we take one down one will be replaced somewhere in its place.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Administrator asked if Council would be interested in continuing the street lighting down towards the Marathon. We would need to discuss this in a Committee Meeting if Council is interested.

**COMMENTS:** Administrator thanked the Mayor for the use of his cushion.

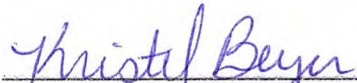
**ADJOURNMENT:**

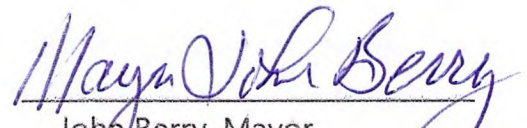
Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Smith, to adjourn.

Votes were:	Smith – yes	Krabill – yes	Steck - yes
	Donsbach– yes	Treen – yes	Sarkan –yes

**MOTION APPROVED**

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is May 14, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Grand Rapids Town Hall.

  
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 Kristel Beyer, Fiscal Officer

  
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 John Berry, Mayor

All formal actions of the Council of The Village of Grand Rapids concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.