

MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION



Held: August 27, 2018

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:42 P.M. in the Grand Rapids Town Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

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

EMPLOYEES: Chad Hoffman and Kristel Beyer

VISITORS: None

MINUTES: Krabill made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 13, 2018 as submitted.

BILLS: Smith made a motion, seconded by Donsbach to approve the bills dated August 11 – August 24, 2018.

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

MOTION APPROVED

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: None

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor received a call concerning Fall Ball and supplying restrooms for them. Mayor asked what we have done in the past, Administrator stated the fall ball leagues have always rented them if they wanted them. Mayor will relay the message.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Gave his report it will be attached to the Official Minutes. Utility: Sarkan asked if after 3 or 4 weeks and we start having problems with the lift stations again what recourse is there. Administrator said we would then be under warranty. Mayor asked Administrator about the tar and chipping he had asked him about. Administrator said he has asked someone from Poggemeyer but he has not got back to him yet.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Explained to Council about the Resolution, Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor, on the Agenda that's needs approved so it can be sent back to the Wood County Auditor before Sept. 10th.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: Smith submitted her Safety and Welfare Committee Minutes and asked if Council had any questions. Treen asked if the bridge had been mentioned and if it is staying open. Smith stated yes it was mentioned and it will stay open.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Krabill made a motion seconded by Smith to waive the three reading for Resolution 2018-05 a Resolution Accepting the Amounts the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Krabill made a motion seconded by Donsbach to approve Resolution 2018-05 a Resolution Accepting the Amounts the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Mayor stated Resolution 2018-05 passes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Administrator asked Council about the Applebutter passes for the year 2019. It was brought up at a prior Safety and Welfare Meeting, that it was recommended beginning of 2018 the Village will adopt a request only format to obtain passes. Residents requesting up to 2 via email, the period to request will open up in June and close September 1st to allow creation and mailing time. Is this something Council wants to do for next year? Smith stated she thought we had missed the deadline last year that’s why we didn’t pursue it then. Krabill agreed. Smith asked Kristel if she had enough time to create this message to put in with the passes this year. Kristel stated yes. Donsbach stated just to be clear, next year there will be 2 passes per household and they must request them. Yes.

Krabill stated we discussed the ramp in front of Miss Lily’s at the last meeting, did everyone get a chance to look at it to make a decision. Administrator explained the last Council temporarily allowed the ramp for grocery carts until ownership changes and/or the ramp needs replaced. Treen is a fan for utilizing the access behind the buildings and he is not a fan of saying okay to all of the businesses if they would choose to build a ramp in the front of their store front. Therefore, the ramp needs to be corrected at this point to be a standard for downtown with access being in the back. Sarkan agrees. Krabill agrees that if they have access through the back he would prefer that.

Treen made a motion seconded by Krabill that the owner at 24174 Front Street has determined the ramp in the front of the business to need replacing therefore, the replacement of the ramp at 24174 Front Street is denied.

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

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NEW BUSINESS: Sarkan said Dave LaRoe contacted him and thought it would be a nice idea for the flags we have flying in town, to start with the original U.S. flag to the current U.S. flag. This would give us a history of flags flying and he said he may be interested in paying for it. Mayor stated we have discussed the banners on the poles too, have we heard anything back from the pole company if we can install the banners. Administrator stated the poles are rated so we have to make sure the poles are equipped to hang banners. Steck thinks the history of U.S. flags we be an attraction for people to come into Grand Rapids for. Administrator stated LaRoe should contact the Historical Society and then they could submit a proposal for Council to review.

COMMENTS: Mayor said he heard a lot of gunshots this past weekend and people called to ask him about it. Hunting season is coming, so most likely this is why. Krabill stated him and his wife volunteered at the Jazz Fest, there was a nice crowd, it was a nice day and they had great entertainment. Krabill says it seems to be growing every year. Administrator stated he didn't hear any parking complaints this year so that's great. Treen asked Council to help him keep an eye on something. He has seen 3 near misses at Bridge Street and State Route 65, he wasn't sure if traffic pattern changed somewhere or what but the intersection seems to be worse than ever. Treen asked if we could have a Deputy sit near the bridge to make their presence known there to help with this issue. Smith stated even people flying through the Village past Wapakoneta down Front Street is an issue. Administrator said he would contact Lt. Conrad about patrolling these two areas.

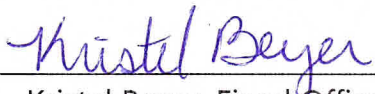
ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

MOTION APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is September 10, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Grand Rapids Town Hall.



Kristel Beyer, Fiscal Officer



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.