



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION



Held: September 10, 2018

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:47 P.M. in the Grand Rapids Town Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

- Jody Donsbach – Present
 - Rachel Smith – Present
 - Jeremy Treen – Absent
 - Bob Krabill – Present
 - Mark Sarkan – Present
 - Bill Steck - Present
- Mayor stated Treen will not be here tonight he had to work.

EMPLOYEES: Chad Hoffman and Kristel Beyer

VISITORS: None

MINUTES: Krabill made a motion, seconded by Donsbach to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 27, 2018 as submitted.

BILLS: Smith made a motion, seconded by Donsbach to approve the bills dated August 25 – September 7, 2018.

Votes were:

Sarkan – yes	Krabill - yes	Steck – yes
Donsbach – yes	Smith – yes	

MOTION APPROVED

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Mayor addressed the visitors in the audience. They are all from Ms. Danko’s Government Class. Mayor asked if they had any questions. One visitor asked what Council just voted on, Mayor stated, the approval of bills.

SHERIFF’S REPORT: None

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor received an invitaiton from the Arts Council to the Harvest Moon Gala which is at Nazarath Hall on the 28th. They also sent a thank you letter for the Jazz Fest.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Gave his report it will be attached to the Official Minutes. Train potential closing of Rt 65 railroad tracks is Sept 23rd at 4 pm to the 27th. ODOT will help with detour route if we ask them. Council should of received the Audit Report from the State Auditor. Council stated they received it. Administrator said Nick Scott called this morning, he would like to place a walkin cooler behind the building on the slab. He would like to know how far he can go out to put in a new slab. Administrator will review this with Mr. Marsh on Wednesday. There is a ten foot setback at the rear property of the buildings in the Central Business district that Council adopted about 10 years ago. However, there is a gray area of where the property lines of the businesses are.

Donsbach clarified who Mr. Marsh was to the student visitors, he is the Village Solicitor which is a fancy name for Village Attorney. Steck asked about the alternative for the Railroad Crossing, if they don't put the rails back in. Administrator said they could dig up the existing rotten ties and fill it up with berm and put asphalt on top. Then when they do get the money to do it they could dig it out. The train guy also mentioned a train cannot cross the bridge because they need to replace the ties on that as well. One of the students asked why they can have the cart go across the bridge then. Administrator stated he wondered the same question. Krabill asked if we had to approve a detour today. Administrator stated no, we have to allow at least a month to request a detour from ODOT. Krabill asked, since these are non operable tracks, do they have to be repaired and why don't they just fill them in. An example, the tracks on 295 are exempt and were just filled in which means buses don't have to stop for it. Mayor stated they do use the tracks to run little carts back to their storage area. Mayor asked if we do the Code of Ordinances online can you do a keyword search on there to bring up a subject. Administrator stated yes. Sarkan noticed the red stamped brick downtown has sunk a little in some areas is there a plan to raise them. Administrator stated that is the property owners responsibility like every other sidewalk in town.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Gave Council the August 2018 Bank Reconciliation with accompanying Bank Statements. Gave Finance Committee Appropriation Status, Revenue Status and Fund Listing.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: None

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor asked the Fiscal Officer to read Resolution 2018-06 by title only. Fiscal Officer read Resolution 2018-06: Mitigation Plan Adoption Resolution, A Resolution of the Village of Grand Rapids Adopting the Federally Approved Wood County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Donsbach made a motion seconded by Krabill to declare Resolution 2018-06 an emergency and waive the three readings.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith for passage of Resolution 2018-06.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Mayor stated Resolution 2018-06 passes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Sarkan stated we spoke about Dave Laroe's idea concerning the different flags going down main street. Sarkan spoke to him again and he has a folder of

several different flags. What would be appropriate to do, should we have him come to Council or get the folder to review. Sarkan said he will stop and talk to him again. Smith suggested that maybe he would want to come to a meeting to discuss what he wants to do. Steck asked about the plaque missing on the rock at Howard Park. Administrator stated he would look into it, to make sure we still have it or not.

NEW BUSINESS: Krabill asked about putting 2018 Halloween Trick or Treat on the Website. Steck asked about the crosswalks to be repainted and also painting a new crosswalk at Mill Street. Administrator stated we just got the sprayer back last week and they will be done before Applebutter. Smith expressed, the property on Fourth Street that has the make shift driveway now has safety cones due the foot and a half deep ruts. Is there anything we can do about that? Administrator stated he would check into it. Sarkan stated we will get back to the issue of more use of the Town Hall. Sarkan said we have spent a lot time talking about outreach into the community and one thing he noticed is there is no real way for people to know what is going on in the community, some things get put on the website and some things don't. Sarkan stated everytime he goes by the really nice sign in Whitehouse there are Community Events posted. He thinks we need to have something like that here, so when people drive into the Village they see the good things that are going on like gradulatory remarks for Eagle Scouts to Events coming up. Administrator asked if that is a led light sign, Sarkan was unsure and that wouldn't be necessary. Administrator said it was discussed in prior years but died. Mayor thought putting a sign nestled back in the hill would be a nice spot. We could possibly do this when we carry forward with extending the lighting down.

COMMENTS: Krabill stated the School Board is having traveling School Board Meetings in different towns. The first one is here in town at the Library on Sept. 20th at 6pm. Sarkan encourages the student visitors to get involved in their communities.

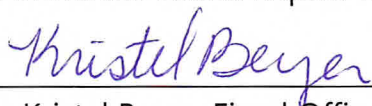
ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

MOTION APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is September 24, 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.