



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION



Held: September 24, 2018

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

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

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 September 10, 2018 as submitted.

BILLS: Smith made a motion, seconded by Donsbach to approve the bills dated September 8 – September 21, 2018.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Krabill asked about the Poggemeyer bill and the Aquafix bill are these ongoing charges still finishing out the Lift Station Project. Administrator said the Poggemeyer Bill is them trying to get the contractor to put the right stuff in the lift stations. The Aquafix bill is a degreasing agent for the lift stations.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Mayor said we have two applications from the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Open House and Lite the Nite. If there are any questions Erica is here to answer them. Treen stated he didn't see any changes from last years application. Mayor asked if the number listed is the correct contact number. Erica said yes.

Smith made a motion seconded by Treen to approve the application from the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce for the Christmas Open House Event on Nov. 17th & 18th.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith to approve the Lite the Nite Event on Dec. 8th as written in the application.

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

MOTION APPROVED

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor received flyer about Duraberm, could be a good application for our alleys.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator asked if there is any type of a program possibly with the Scouts for Lighting the Christmas Tree. There used to be a tree lighting ceremony. Treen stated he hasn't talked to anyone about it but he really enjoyed it. Mayor stated we could ask the Scouts or other organizations to help organize it. Mayor said he could ask the Scouts on Wapakoneta Rd or even a church organization could want to do it. Administrator gave his report it will be attached to the Official Minutes.

Reminder that we need two Planning Commission Members. They are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council. We had two members move out of town. Today we installed the storm basin on River Rd. where the water always layed, this problem should be fixed. Sarkan asked about the Street Sweeping do they consider a day 8 hours.

Administrator stated yes but they are here around 5pm until 9 pm. Treen asked about the water system communication, the bottom line is we cannot communicate with the system and needed replaced to be able to communicate. Yes. Treen asked how long was the old system in place. Since 1990. Krabill asked about the limbs hanging over the towpath since the tree removal. Administrator has tried to get into contact with the company to clean up, he will keep trying. Krabill asked about the wood on the tow path, Administrator stated we will cut the logs down to 5 foot lengths and get it off the tow path for anyone to come and get.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: None

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: None

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Sarkan talked with Dave LaRoe again about the flags for downtown. Dave will be getting information together and let Sarkan know then we can put him on the Agenda. Krabill stated that Sarkan asked about having some sort of communication sign. Krabill will be scheduling a Committee Meeting to discuss further. Mayor gave Council a copy of the Sheriff report concerning the old golf station on Wapakoneta Road. He has talked to them 4 times and the report was the 5th time. He had a deputy go with him this time as a witness. Mayor informed them to remove the items out of the right of way, the Village Solicitor had stated to hire someone to remove it and then bill the property owner. In the report it states someone from the Village told them they could plant it there, but in order for that to be true it should have been brought to Council. There is a waterline and gas line directly underneath the trees planted. Mayor asked Council what they would like to do. Treen asked if during any of the confrontations was there a timeline given. Mayor stated yes this last time they were given a week to remove the plantings. Administrator stated once the plantings are removed the gas company is going to replace the asphalt they tore up in the area. Krabill asked if we should send a certified letter stating a specific date. Treen asked if the other dates were documented

when the individual was notified, Mayor stated he has the dates wrote down. Treen stated that there are people that utilize areas and take care of them and then there are those that want confrontation. One person takes care of the area knowing that someday it may be dug up and the other person it takes the Sherrif to prompt the correct actions. Donsbach stated since that there was no acknowledgement, that is in fact acknowledgement. Treen stated within this document it states that said individual cannot attend these meetings and asked if it had been determined that the said person cannot attend any meeting. Mayor stated no the individual can attend meetings and the last time said person was here he gave them time to speak.

Mayor stated they are making it look real nice on their property there but they are also using Village property. Administrator said with the utilities under the trees they planted they need to be removed. Mayor asked Administrator if he was going to talk to Mr. Marsh concerning this. Administrator stated he would talk to him again on it. Treen stated it would be real nice if this could all work out in a positive way.

Krabill asked Administrator if he talked to Mr. Marsh about Nick Scotts request for the slab behind his building. Administrator said yes and he met with Nick behind his building, showed him the picture of the then Councils established right of way line. Administrator told Nick he cannot give him a permit for a cooler to sit on the slab but he could request a setback variance from the planning commission because you cannot be within ten feet of the property line.

Krabill asked about the Applebutter Safety Meeting. Mayor stated it was the same as last year. It was discussed that the Scouts were giving additional parking permits for \$10. Treen asked if Mr. Martin knew we were aware of that. No not yet. Mayor stated after the meeting he walked out of the old fire hall and there was a man relieving himself onto the Christmas tree, it was daylight with people around. The deputy also came out and talked to the individual. Sarkan asked if Miss Lily's is going to take the ramp out or what did they decide. Administrator stated they cannot repair the ramp it will need removed. Steck thanked the people involved with finding the plaque. Administrator stated he still needs to find the right hardware to attach it back on the rock.

NEW BUSINESS: Administrator attended the School Board Meeting held at the Library. There was a solar company at the meeting. School Board is going to put in a solar field at the school at zero cost. They claim it will save estimated \$2.5 million within 25 years, the company will also put all new led lights in the buildings at zero cost to the school district. They use 2.5 million kilowatt hours a year and they pay Tontogany around \$350,000. The solar field will take care of 44% of that. The solar company is getting a tax credit for green power for doing this for the School. The School signed a letter of intent at the meeting. Treen asked about who would take care of the maintenance of the solar field. Administrator said the company is, the school just has to maintain the property. Treen stated the recycling is doing awesome here, since the Scouts are not taking the lead on the recycling, should we offer it to some other organization to earn the \$1,600 a year.

