



# MEETING MINUTES

## GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION



Held: October 22, 2018

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:58 P.M. in the Grand Rapids Town Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

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

**EMPLOYEES:** Chad Hoffman and Kristel Beyer

**VISITORS:** None

**MINUTES:** Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 24, 2018 and the Special Meeting held on October 4, 2018 as submitted.

**BILLS:** Smith made a motion, seconded by Donsbach to approve the bills dated October 12 to October 19, 2018.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Treen asked about the catch basin. Administrator stated that's the new one we installed on Rt 65 near the railroad tracks.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:**

Andrew Sonderman from Suburban Natural Gas gave the request for Community Development to the Fiscal Officer. As of today we have 633 customers in Grand Rapids. He explained the Safety message from Suburban. If they get a call to the 811 number all the utilities in the area will be notified. They have seen a huge drop in dig ins since the implementation of the 811. He discussed the over pressure situation in Massachusetts. Suburban has pressure monitoring systems on their systems at all times. Gas Prices 2008 \$14.15 mcf, 2017 \$6.33 mcf, 2018 \$5.68 mcf. Everyone should have received a notice about a rate case we have filed with PUCO. We have not filed for a rate increase for 10 years. For an average customer using 100 mcf a year. The increase would be \$14.73 a month. Treen asked what the need is for the increase. Sonderman stated last year we were at a net loss position, need to have extra money for our services, the materials cost are increasing, the cost for payroll and insurance has increased as well. Mayor asked where the new gas line was getting installed, Sonderman said the lines in the north are in various places and in Delaware County. Mayor asked about the \$14.73 per month, how many customers do you

have? Sonderman said just under 18,000. Mayor stated that is ¼ million dollars a month increased revenue. Smith asked if all customers were getting the increase of \$14.73 a month, Sonderman stated just Residential and some Commercial. Administrator stated he had talked to Matt Ziegler about the alley that Suburban dug up, Matt stated they will not be fixing the asphalt they tore out. Sonderman said he was informed about the issue, he would investigate this further and get back to the Administrator.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor expressed the Applebutter Festival went well. If anyone can think of any issues that can be brought to our attention prior to the Safety Meeting this would be helpful. Steck asked how much does the Society lose with people parking vehicles on their property. Mayor said he is unsure. Administrator stated he thinks the people outside the Village are making as much as the Society takes in. Steck thought this was a money raiser for the Society as well as other Community Organizations that benefit from it. Sarkan said you can never stop all of it but the only way to stop part of it is to create such a feeling of Community that people don't want to do that.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Administrator gave his report it will be attached to the Official Minutes. Sarkan asked about the cost of the spinner spreader if we needed to add it later on. Administrator said he will have the number when the company gets back to him.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Gave Council the September 2018 Bank Reconciliation with accompanying Bank Statements. Gave Finance Committee Appropriation Status, Revenue Status and Fund Listing. Informed Council that we do not have a meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> due to the observance of Veterans Day.

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**COMMITTEES:** Krabill had submitted his Utilities, Sewer and Streetlights Committee Minutes in Council packets. Steck stated in the minutes there was a question on how to adhere the plaques on the light posts. Steck has researched this and brought in a demo to show Council. The idea is for the plaque to briefly explain the history of the flag. He has discussed with Dave LaRoe about the different Flags, Dave would like to have 14 different flags and he would take care of the initial cost of the flags. Steck discussed the informational sign and his thoughts of having the same tops on the columns as the TownHall.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Mayor asked about the deck by the boat shop. Administrator stated we have to replace the whole deck it was real bad, he will be ordering the wood.

Mayor stated there is a truck on West Street that sits across the sidewalk, can we send them a letter and get that removed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**COMMENTS:** Smith had a gentlemen approach her and made a comment about Grand Rapids and how it has really been booming and bringing people into town. Smith stated she thinks the parks committee should review the sign that is in Howard Park, if it could read Open as big as it states Closed with the hours of operation she feels that would be more inviting. Administrator stated that sign was made that way to keep the bad people out many years ago.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is November 26, 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.