



# MEETING MINUTES

## GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION



Held: December 10, 2018

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:17 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
Bill Steck – Present	Bob Krabill – Present

**EMPLOYEES:** Chad Hoffman and Kristel Beyer

**VISITORS:** Steve Kryder & Erica Stoner

**MINUTES:** Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 26, 2018.

**BILLS:** Smith made a motion, seconded by Krabill to approve the bills dated November 22 to December 7, 2018.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor asked about the Town Hall Cleaning for 3 days for \$570, was that in one month for the performances they had. Fiscal Officer said yes its \$190 each cleaning.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:**

Steve Kryder gave Council information about a project to replace the flags downtown with historical flags in chronological order. There is a sample plaque in front of LaRoe’s Restaurant. Kryder discussed all the flags they are proposing to hang throughout town. Kryder stated they would like to start in early March. Steve read a proposed letter to send out for donations, “The Village and the Historical Society want to line Front Street with 14 historical flags, each flag will depict an aspect of American or Ohio History and will be identified by a descriptive plaque.” Donsbach asked about the quality of the flags. Kryder stated he believes that are comparable in quality. Mayor asked about how the flags are mounted. Administrator said they will need to add another \$350 to the price for poles for the flags to hang on. Sarkan asked about the wording, that each flag will depict an aspect of History, that says to Sarkan that this flag may have a picture of a native American, or steamboat, etc. He suggested wording that better to be more clear. Kryder asked how to proceed with purchase of the flags does the Village want to purchase then Historical Society will reimburse. Administrator stated the Historical Society can purchase the flags

and the Village can fill the donation paper out after Council approves an amount to contribute to the project.

Kryder also wanted to update Council on the Log Cabin. The Boy Scouts will be doing maintenance to raise the porch and repair and pole down the flag pole, this will be one of their community service projects. We also have an Eagle Scout that will be redoing the Welcome sign coming into Grand Rapids near Richie Keifers property. He also informed them this would be a maintenance job for ongoing community service. The Historical Society would like to get with a committee to discuss more use of the Town Hall, they would like to see the Town Hall used more. Sarkan stated we are planning on moving ahead with that in the beginning of next year.

Erica Stoner came to Council to ask for a donation to help with the Christmas Lighting of Downtown Grand Rapids. Krabill asked if this is comparable to last year's price. Erica stated this is a little more than last year since we had to replace some ribbons and bows. Krabill asked if they thought about getting a better quality light that would last longer. Erica stated she could look into that. Sarkan asked about how many total sets were used. Erica stated there are 7 to 10 sets used on a tree and there are 16 trees. Erica stated she will be storing the items in their shop so things don't get stolen.

Krabill made a motion seconded by Treen for the Village of Grand Rapids to pay \$542.50 to cover Christmas decorating expenses.

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

#### **MOTION APPROVED**

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Deputy gave Mayor monthly report. Deputy asked Council if they had any questions. Mayor stated at the last meeting it was brought up about dogs running wild, the Deputy has not seen anything. Mayor thanked him for his service.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor said the parade over the past weekend went great and had a nice crowd.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Administrator gave his report to Council it will be attached to the Official Minutes.

HB312 Addresses Municipal Credit Card, we do already have a current credit card policy but we will need to add more language to satisfy HB312.

Ordinance 2018-5 Legislation for the Village to allow ODOT to proceed with deck sealing. Krabill asked about the timeline for HB312, Fiscal Officer stated Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Krabill asked if ODOT has been pretreating any of the roads. Administrator stated they have been.

Donsbach asked about the emergency exit lights that are on upstairs in the Town Hall are they supposed to be on. Administrator stated no we will take care of it. Mayor clarified the river level gauge maintenance fee was for an automatic reader not a manual reader. Mayor also stated that the truck parked across the sidewalk does not have current plates on it. Administrator stated we will send a deputy out.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Gave Council the November 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:**

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Krabill to waive the three readings for Resolution 2018-07: Temporary Appropriation Resolution for the Village of Grand Rapids.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Treen made a motion seconded Smith for passage of Resolution 2018-07: Temporary Appropriation Resolution.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Fiscal Officer stated Resolution 2018-07 has passed.

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Krabill to waive the three readings for Resolution 2018-08.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Smith made a motion seconded by Donsbach for passage of Resolution 2018-08.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor stated Resolution 2018-08 passes.

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith for Ordinance 2018-5 to be declared an emergency and waive the three readings.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith for passage of Ordinance 2018-5.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor stated Ordinance 2018-5 passes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Treen stated last meeting it was brought up to Council that we would look into a leaf removal program. Asked Administrator to get some numbers around for prices of the equipment to pickup leaves curbside and numbers for someone to go around and pickup leaves.

Steck stated at the last meeting it was brought up about Suburban Natural Gas and to look into other sources. Administrator discussed the history of the gas line with Council, he will check into other options.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**COMMENTS:**

Donsbach wished everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and safe travels if you're traveling. Sarkan stated that we breezed through 2 Resolutions and an Ordinance just wanted to clarify to the audience that they normally would get three readings, but we had these items ahead of time to review and digest before coming before the Council tonight. Krabill apologized for missing the last few meetings and he will be missing one in January as well because of a new position he is taking on. He is almost positive he can work this into his schedule but he will be the first to recognize if he is not being a productive Council Member. Krabill also stated we need to pursue a tree lighting ceremony to happen prior to the parade, he thinks this would be nice. Krabill thanked the audience for their attendance and asked if they had any questions. Audience did not have any questions. Mayor thanked everyone for the hard work throughout the year. Thanked the Administrator for the extra work he put into the projects this year. Thanked Kristel for her great work throughout the year. Also Adam and Chad they need recognition for their great work they put into the Village.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

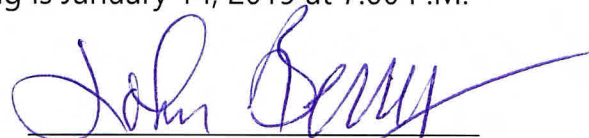
Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Smith, to adjourn.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is January 14, 2019 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.