

MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION



Held: February 25, 2019

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:03 P.M. in the Grand Rapids Town Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Bob Krabill – Present	Rachel Smith – Present
Mark Sarkan – Present	Jeremy Treen – Present
Bill Steck – Present	Jody Donsbach – 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 February 11, 2019 as submitted.

BILLS:

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the bills dated February 9 – February 22, 2019.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Krabill asked how many utility bills were ordered. Fiscal Officer said 21,000. Mayor asked about the trash bill, is this for the one dumpster at the office. Administrator said yes. Mayor Berry stated approval of bills have passed.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Rita Foos stated we were here to discuss the letter they received from Kristel on behalf of Council about the remaining Township Town Hall levy funds. They would like the Village to submit an invoice to them and then they would review it to pay. They were told not to write a check directly to the Village so they can verify it won't go towards things like t.v.'s, refrigerators, or new air conditioning unit. Mayor asked who asked that. Rita said Cary Long asked this for auditing purposes. Ike Topp stated that the levy was worded for the Township Trustees to make sure the money goes towards repairs and maintenance. Administrator said the money left over was a complete oversight for both parties but if that would make Cary feel better that's fine. Donsbach asked why the money wasn't transferred in the first place.

Administrator stated Mr. Marsh wasn't aware of the money that's why it was overlooked.

Lynne Long came to Council seeking approval for the Jazz and Arts Fest Application that was submitted. Lynne stated application is the same as last year. The vendors will be parking again at the Laundromat this worked out well last year.

Krabill made a motion seconded by Smith to approve the application from the Grand Rapids Arts Council for the Sunset Jazz and Arts Fest to be held August 18th, 2019 as submitted.

Votes were: Sarkan – yes
Steck – yes

Treen – yes
Krabill – yes

Smith – yes
Donsbach – yes

MOTION APPROVED

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor attended an Eagle Scout ceremony for Zach Jones he was the 65th Eagle Scout. Mayor stated shortly after we got the man off the river, he conversed with the sheriff and the commissioner, they stated to send them a bill. Mayor asked Rita if we know if they get paid, she said Eric gets info to Cary and then he submits the bill but we don't have a great system to keep track if they get paid. Mayor received a letter from Suburban concerning operations of their gas system. Council received the same letter. Administrator said in the second sentence it states as we enter the last year. Administrator said we entered into a 10 year agreement in 2012 so our agreement is good through 2022. He also stated maybe there are looking ahead to see what the Village wants to do. Administrator will go over with Mr. Marsh Wednesday and see what his recommendation is. Krabill asked if we had a copy of the agreement. Administrator said yes. Krabill asked if we discussed with Haskins yet. Administrator stated he will contact Haskins and will talk to the other 3 on the amount they received. Treen stated it feels like they are going after a monopoly. If they are taking away the opportunity for others to serve us then how is it not. Since it is publicly owned can we request documents or get access to pnl. Administrator said yes just the reports they are required to file with the PUCO. Administrator said at some point we will have to hire a utility firm.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator read his report; it will be attached to the Official Minutes.

Steck stated they walked the 3 possible locations for the community sign. The site near the organizational sign would work but he recommends cutting a tree down. The best site would be at the cemetery, he would put the sign right near the railroad crossing sign currently, he liked this because of the location and the number of people that would see it, the last location between Mill House and Rita's, he would put it farther down towards Mill House because he didn't want to block her sign. Those were all suggestions from him, he said it's our choice. Steck said the problem with the cemetery is it does not have electricity, the organizational sign has a light pole that we can possibly pull some from. Smith stated her least favorite is the one in town only because of viewing for traffic. Steck suggested up

by the bridge near the lift station. Administrator said if it wasn't for the lift station that would be the perfect location. Krabill said he would schedule a Utilities, Sewers & Streetlights Committee Meeting tentatively Monday March 4th at 6 pm in the Administration Building to discuss Community Sign. Krabill will contact Kristel to confirm and she will forward to Council.

Footbridge: Administrator called the guy that was supposed to get us the wood to fix the bridge but have not received any due to the weather. Administrator contacted Don Grimm to quote us on a 3/8 "hot dipped galvanized bar grading with tie down clips \$3,244 or a 2" x 2" square by 2" thick fiberglass honeycomb grading that has a grit surface on it \$1,635. We won't have to deal with the rotting of wood anymore. Administrator asked Council if they would like to do either option. Sarkan asked about the cold temperature rating on the fiberglass. Administrator stated it is used all the time outside. Council decided on the fiberglass honeycomb grading option for the footbridge, all were in favor.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Gave Council the application from the Historical Society for the Applebutter Fest, Chuck Thomas will be attending our next meeting.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: Sarkan gave his report from the Building, Parks, Properties & Maintenance Committee Meeting held on Feb. 21st it will be attached to the official minutes. Administrator will ask Mr. Marsh on who to contact for marketing the Town Hall.

ORDINANCES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor stated we have the 43rd Applebutter Festival Application don't forget to look over that. Mayor told Administrator that the TMACOG meeting has been moved to March 12th. Administrator asked the Mayor to contact Chuck Thomas to get the back of the Town Hall cleaned up, it is still a mess.

COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

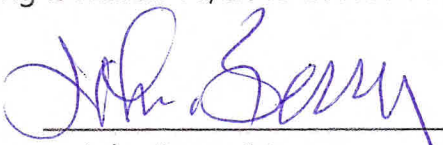
Votes were:	Treen – yes	Smith – yes	Steck – yes
	Krabill – yes	Donsbach –yes	Sarkan – yes

MOTION APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is March 11, 2019 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.