



# MEETING MINUTES

## GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION



Held: March 25, 2019

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:52 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 – Absent

**EMPLOYEES:** Chad Hoffman and Kristel Beyer

**VISITORS:** Chuck Thomas and Lynn Sylvain

**MINUTES:**

Krabill made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 11, 2019 as submitted.

Krabill asked Administrator about the vehicles parked alongside the road on State Route 65. Administrator has not heard anything from the Sheriff’s Office.

**BILLS:**

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

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:**

Chuck Thomas from the Historical Society submitted application for the 42nd Applebutter Fest. He stated everything is the same as the prior year.

Krabill made a motion seconded by Smith to approve the application from the Grand Rapids Historical Society for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Applebutter Fest.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Chuck said Sarkan has talked with him and Lynne Long about the future of the Town Hall. Chuck stated the Historical Society has interest to participate in helping with the Town Hall. They have been redoing the pictures upstairs and they have them digitalized now. The library will be taking some of the Historical Societies archives for people to view there, he said Judy Peppers is doing a nice job on this. The library is open more for people to view

regularly. Chuck asked as a citizen visiting Grand Rapids has anyone talked to the State about moving State Route 65 over away from the corner of the Marathon. There is a hole there that cannot be fixed because of the semi's, this is just a concerned citizen speaking. Chuck said let the Historical Society know if Council wants to pursue working together on the Town Hall.

Lynn Sylvain is here to discuss 2 gardens. She wants to know if there is any land in the Village that they can use for a community vegetable garden. The proposal would be for a resident to sponsor a vegetable that would grow for the community, those that are involved in the maintenance would be able to harvest anything. What's remaining in the garden will go to a food bank and also they would setup a vegetable stand on Wapakoneta Road to ask for donations. The donations would go towards sustaining the garden the following year. Her second proposal is a garden in between two properties that herself and Cyndi Jarvi own on Wapakoneta Road. She submitted pictures to Council to reference the area. She gave Council copies of a county petition to vacate alley. She stated the Village had no interest in the alleyway until she planted flowers in the alleyway. Mayor stated the community vegetable garden may be a nice idea. Administrator asked Council how big of an area do you think would be adequate for a community vegetable garden, just something to think about.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor attended the senior meals and helped serve at the Hosana Church. Mayor and Administrator attended a meeting with TMACOG last week, they would like us to consider rejoining. Received invitation from the Health Department to come and visit their new dental addition. Also received letter from the Wood County Emergency Management from the meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service. The letter stated they will terminate river forecast services since the trouble we had with reestablishing the flood gauge after the bridge was resurfaced. Administrator stated he would get with the Director of Bowling Green ODOT to see if we can get the old gauge put back on and if not we can check with the state representative and senator. Krabill asked who used to monitor that. Administrator stated volunteers such as park officials and Mayor Berry did it for a while.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Administrator read his report; it will be attached to the Official Minutes.

Treen asked how much of the bill for the Town Hall Elevator is motor & labor. Administrator said he didn't know this was the quote received. Sarkan asked if we would want to take on the liability of doing the install ourselves. Administrator stated no. Treen asked if we can get other competitive prices and at some point we have to decide whether to keep putting money into it, getting one with a warranty, or not doing anything with it. Steck said we have to do something. Administrator will get another price on repairing the elevator.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Gave Council a copy of use of Public Property from the Cub Scouts Pack 325 for the Applebutter Fest and they will be in attendance the next meeting.

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**COMMITTEES:**

Steck submitted the minutes from the Finance, Wages and Audit Committee Meeting held on March 11, 2019, a copy will be attached to the Official minutes.

Steck discussed the presented appropriations.

Steck made a motion seconded by Krabill to accept the annual appropriation Ordinance 2019-1.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor stated Ordinance 2019-1 Annual Appropriations passes.

Krabill discussed the minutes from the Utilities, Sewers and Streetlights Committee Meeting held on March 18, 2019, a copy will be attached to the Official minutes.

Sarkan asked if there is any kind of an issue with the sunrise or sunset making it so you cannot read that sign. He suggested checking with the people providing the sign to see if they have one with antiglare or reflection. Administrator stated if we go with full color and higher pixel it will get rid of the glare. Steck assured everyone the placement of the sign wouldn't take away the view of the cabin. Krabill stated this area seems to be the best area to place the sign. Administrator said he will be getting a full rendering of the actual spot for Council to review.

**ORDINANCES:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Sarkan met with some people with the Arts Council, they were discussing a project for a memorial for Julie Pontash. They were thinking some kind of metal art and they asked what they needed to do to place on Village property. Sarkan gave them that information and they will be discussing further and get with Council later on. Steck stated the flags are up in the Village. We had a few minor problems but otherwise they look great. Steck passed around a flyer the Historical Society made for posting around town for visitors reference. The Historical Society wants to put an article in the paper and have a television station come out. Steck thanked Council for providing a donation to this project. Steck got to serve a Senior meal as well, he believes the program is worth while for residents of the community.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Sarkan asked Sylvain to get him a design of what she was talking about, the sizes and a written description of this Community Garden. Sylvain stated she would get a written description of how she thinks it would work but the size would depend on how many

community members sign up. Her idea is to have someone sponsor a vegetable and be responsible for planting, weeding, and harvesting. Her vision is to make the village more self-sustaining since we don't have a grocery store and we are not a wealthy community.

**COMMENTS:**

Administrator stated its now Spring, the kids get outside and vandalism starts. He sent some information over to the Sheriff today and hoping to put an end to it. Steck told Council that Carol is still planning on putting annuals in between the Mill House and Pisanello's as well as the pots at the tracks, just wanted to keep everyone informed. Smith asked about the green swing in the park the straps are broke. Administrator said he will see if he can order replacement straps. Mayor stated he went to get his driver's license renewed, you now need to take birth certificate, social security card and proof of residency. Steck stated a woman that is married will also have to take their marriage license.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

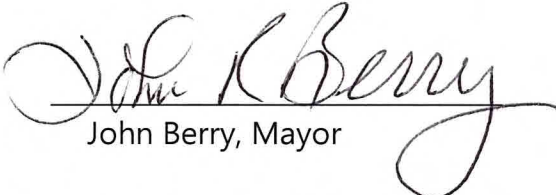
Smith made a motion, seconded by Krabill, to adjourn.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is April 8, 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.