



# MEETING MINUTES

## GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION



Held: April 8, 2019

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:55 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:** Brian Martin- Cub Scout Pack 325 and Dona Curtis

**MINUTES:** Donsbach stated there is one correction, on the last page it should say our next meeting is April 8, 2019 not March 25, 2019.

Krabill made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 25, 2019 with one correction.

**BILLS:** Smith made a motion, seconded by Krabill to approve the bills dated March 23 – April 5, 2019.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor asked if the Ball Park Restroom is one month and if that is the normal charge. Administrator said the first bill includes the delivery and pickup charges.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:**

Dona Curtis has been renting the garage from the Boyle's that Council purchased for a future parking lot. She didn't know how long or if she could still use it. Administrator stated there is 30 days before we take possession. Mayor stated we will get back to you.

Brian Martin submitted an application for use of public property from the Cub Scout Pack 325 for the Applebutter Fest. Application is the same as prior year. After the Festival the Scouts do walk around the town to pick up any remaining trash left over from the festival as a service to the town. Krabill stated everything has been covered on the application that we had discussed in prior years, the application is very well done.

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Krabill to approve the application for the use of public property from Cub Scout Pack 325 as stated on the application.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Arrived at 7:15 pm. Deputy stated they are starting an extra 4 hours tonight. Also there was a neighbor's dispute, he believes the people that just left wanted to speak on that. The white house on the corner next to the tracks. They are new to town and their neighbor had an issue with them parking next to his property and he told them it was an alley. Deputy said Village may hear something about it soon.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor spoke with some elected officials about the monitor on the bridge. Administrator will cover more in his report.

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

Krabill asked if Toledo Elevator's quote included the shocks. Administrator stated we don't know until they give us the breakdown. Sarkan asked how many times have we had issues with the platform. Administrators stated around 10 times. Sarkan is wondering if the shocks have been replaced when the motor is replaced. Administrator stated the problem has been people forcing the platform up and down. Sarkan asked if we could make some kind of bracket so people don't lift and lower platform while not in use. Administrator stated this is happening while in use.

Administrator stated we brought in the Memorial Day Application from the American Legion Post 232.

In the next few weeks we will be draining the Water Tower to do an interior inspection. Krabill asked how long the inspection will take. Administrator stated approximately 2 days. A storm sewer in the alley next to the old drugstore is rotting out and B. Hillz will be replacing this in the next weeks when the parts come in.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Gave Council the March 2019 Bank Reconciliation with accompanying Bank Statements. Gave Finance Committee Appropriation Status, Revenue Status and Fund Listing. Submitted a Resolution to Council to be included in the ODOT Salt bidding Contract. Also reminded Council that a CCA Representative will be at the Administration Building on April 10<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 7pm.

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:** Mayor received Chanticleer from Bowling Green Black Swamp its very interesting if Council would like to look at it.

**COMMITTEES:** None

**ORDINANCES:** Mayor read Resolution 2019-01: Agreement to participate in the Wood County Onsolve Mass Notification System Contract by title.

Administrator said Kristel and him attended a webinar on the CodeRED system. He will find out if they will send something out to notify people to sign up or if we need to. We can use it for emergencies and non emergency notifications like baseball sign ups and the CCA representative at Village Office.

Sarkan stated if you look at section II.3 it states "shall not be used for non emergency/critical messages". Administrator will contact them to clarify.

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith to declare Resolution 2019-01 an emergency and suspend the readings for the safety and welfare of our residents.

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



Smith – yes

Steck – yes

Krabill – yes

**MOTION APPROVED**

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Krabill to approve Resolution 2019-01.

Votes were: Sarkan – yes

Treen – yes

Smith – yes

Steck – yes

Krabill – yes

Donsbach – yes

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor stated Resolution 2019-01 passes.

Administrator said we received this information from ODOT Friday afternoon and as you can see odot needs it back by April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith to declare Resolution 2019-02 an emergency and suspend the readings due to the participation filing deadline.

Votes were: Treen – yes

Smith – yes

Steck – yes

Krabill – yes

Donsbach – yes

Sarkan – yes

**MOTION APPROVED**

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2019-02.

Votes were: Smith – yes

Steck – yes

Krabill – yes

Donsbach – yes

Sarkan – yes

Treen – yes

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor state Resolution 2019-02 passes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Sarkan stated we were discussing the issue of vacating the alley. We live in a representative republic, he thinks any person who has a question, can be any person in the Village or any Business in the Village he feels they need a direct answer. We can choose to vote to either approve or disapprove or we can vote to table it. Sarkan asked Council if there was anyone that wanted to make a motion to vacate the alleyway that is in question, if not then the issue would be tabled and we would vote on it. Sarkan stated this way we can give Ms. Sylvain a direct answer. Mayor asked Council if someone wanted to make a motion to table it indefinitely. Sarkan said considering it has been our policy not to vacate alleyways he feels that would be the best thing to do.

Sarkan made a motion seconded by Krabill to table the issue indefinitely about vacating the alleyway in question by Ms. Sylvain.

Votes were: Steck – yes

Krabill – yes

Donsbach – yes

Sarkan – yes

Treen – yes

Smith – yes

**MOTION APPROVED**

Sarkan said we also have the unfinished business of the community garden. The biggest question we would have is if there was an area in the Village big enough for the garden to grow into a 1/2 acre or larger. Mayor suggested the Hosanna Church it has a big area that is tilled, they could ask them. Sarkan questions the liability, what's going to happen if people are allowed to go into the garden and take things, arguments about who gets what, who's going to be in charge of enforcing the rules. Smith stated the first thing she thought of was vandals, she would hate to see someone put forth a lot of effort and then someone

destroys it. Sarkan stated possibly setting this aside for next year so we can get more information on these types of questions. Krabill stated maybe we should reach out to other communities that do this and see how it turned out.

Treen asked where we left the door locks for the Town Hall. Administrator stated Glenn still needs to check the doors to see if the units are practical for these doors. Administrator will contact him again. Mayor stated he has not heard anything back from the State of Ohio about using a room here. Sarkan asked if we heard anything back from Mr. Marsh about BGSU theater. Administrator has contacted but has not heard back, he will contact again.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Krabill to approve the application from the American Legion Post 232 for the Memorial Day Parade.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

**COMMENTS:**

Krabill ran in the Run for the Rapids 5K was a very enjoyable event. It was well done and thanked the volunteers. Smith seconded his comment. Smith said 195 preregistered. Sarkan had another conversation with Diana Votava with the Arts Council. She asked Sarkan if the Arts Council buys something and installs it on Village property does it become the Villages or does it stay Arts Council property. After discussion. Sarkan stated so it's fair to say that Council would consider it to be their property but they would need to maintain it, and if it is not maintained it would need removed. Mayor stated that seems reasonable. Steck said as of this time Nancy Everett is no longer taking care of Lincoln Street and no one else in the garden club has stepped up.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is April 22, 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.