



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION



Held: May 11, 2020

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:48 P.M. in the Old Fire Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Carol Steck – Present	Rachel Smith – Present
Mark Sarkan – Present	Jody Donsbach – Present
Bob Krabill – Present	Rick Tolles – 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 March 9, 2020.

BILLS:

Krabill made a motion, seconded by Donsbach to approve the bills dated March 7 – April 29, 2020.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Krabill made a motion seconded by Donsbach to approve the bills dated April 30 – May 7, 2020.

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

MOTION APPROVED

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: None

SHERIFF’S REPORT: None

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Berry wanted to start this meeting with a remembrance of all the people that have perished during this pandemic we are going through. Wanted to take a moment to thank the people in our community could be nurses, doctors , fire department, EMS and anyone else that has faced this head on. This is something unlike we ever seen before, he wanted to thank them personally on behalf of Village Council. Hopeful we will not have to go through this again. Council now has a job to think about of what goes on after this. When things open back up we have some things to discuss concerning Village activities and events. Everyone needs to be socially distancing themselves. Mayor thanked Governor Mike DeWine for being proactive with social distancing because it could be a lot worse in the county or even the state of Ohio. Mayor also thanked Council, the administrator and everyone else back at the office.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Administrator read his report; it will be attached to the Official Minutes. Krabill asked about the website proposal. Do you need a motion or just a confirmation to proceed? Council agreed to proceed.

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith to extend the effective date of the 2020 water rate increase to August 1, 2020 billing.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Administrator said Council received a letter from the Historical Society that they will be making a decision in August on if the Applebutter Fest will be happening or not this year. Administrator said the Safety Committee should have a meeting to discuss current and future applications.

Sarkan stated that he talked with the Arts Council and the Jazz Fest is canceled. Also the Rhythm on the River will not happen until June, then they will decide on a month by month basis if the Historical Society will have the Rhythm on the River series.

Donsbach asked if we would have a liability issue with the pool opening since we supply their water. Administrator said no.

Krabill said the Safety Committee is his committee but he would like all Council Members to have input on this situation.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT: Gave Council the March and April 2020 Bank Reconciliation with accompanying Bank Statements. Gave Finance Committee Appropriation Status, Revenue Status and Fund Listing. Told Council there were two checks from December that were never deposited so they were reissued to them.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: Mayor told Council that he has had conference calls every Tuesday with the County, surrounding Mayors and Township Trustees on the Covid19 situation. These calls are very informational. He has also received emails from residents concerned of people not social distancing. Mayor said he did contact the Sheriff about it but if there are groups of 10 there is nothing they can do. Steck said she has seen groups of dozens of motorcycles drive through and then looks on the river on sees dozens of kayakers. Smith said she has heard concern of people being on the tow path and not social distancing. Steck suggested a sign be placed to remind people on the tow path.

COMMITTEES: Tolles said the Streets & Sidewalk Committee met on March 9th. We were going to get a quote from Tim Gerken to see how much it would cost to do a section of bad sidewalks. As of right now we will wait to see the outcome of the General Fund to see if we can proceed in the next few years.

ORDINANCES: The Mayor gave the first reading to Resolution 2020-03: Resolution authorizing participation in the odot road salt contracts awarded in 2020.

Smith made a motion seconded by Donsbach to waive the 3 readings and declare Resolution 2020-03 an emergency.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Smith made a motion seconded by Donsbach for passage of Resolution 2020-03: Resolution authorizing participation in the odot road salt contracts awarded in 2020.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Mayor stated Resolution 2020-03 passes.

The Mayor gave the first reading to Resolution 2020-04: Resolution authorizing the village administrator to apply for, accept, and enter into a cooperative agreement for construction of the state route 65 low pressure sanitary sewer extension project between the village of grand rapids and the ohio water development authority and declaring an emergency.

Smith made a motion seconded by Donsbach to waive the 3 readings and declare Resolution 2020-04 an emergency.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Smith made a motion seconded by Donsbach for passage of Resolution 2020-04: Resolution authorizing the village administrator to apply for, accept, and enter into a cooperative agreement for construction of the state route 65 low pressure sanitary sewer extension project between the village of grand rapids and the ohio water development authority and declaring an emergency.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Mayor stated Resolution 2020-04 passes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Sarkan said he spoke with Lynne Long regarding the project they want to do for the memorial to Julie Pontash. He asked her if anyone spoke with someone in Jerry Wrights family to see if there would be any objections. She said she hadn't but thought it was a great idea and will follow up after contact with the family.

Smith asked about the unlimited pickup being scheduled for fall. Administrator said we have not found a contractor yet. Smith asked if there were any perspectives. Administrator said he is going to talk to NAT.

Administrator said since the County gave us the sign for the Recycling containers the excess overflow has stopped. Mayor said he talked to them to let them know we need to have another dumpster.

NEW BUSINESS:

Smith made a motion seconded by Krabill to go into executive session to include Mayor, Administrator, Fiscal Officer and all of Council to discuss sale of Village property.

Votes were:	Smith – yes	Krabill – yes	Steck – yes
	Donsbach – yes	Tolles- Yes	Sarkan – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith to go back into regular session.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith to extend west third street in the Village of Grand Rapids Ohio approximately 120 feet further west of the west end of the existing street to the end of its current paved area in the application dated February 24, 2020.

Votes were:	Krabill – no	Smith – no	Sarkan – no
	Tolles – no	Donsbach – no	Steck – no

MOTION FAILS

COMMENTS: Krabill scheduled a Safety & Welfare Committee Meeting Thursday May 14th at 6pm in the Old Fire Hall to discuss use of village public property in 2020. Council asked Administrator to bring a sample of a social distancing sign to post at the bridges to the tow path.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

MOTION APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is June 8, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Old Fire 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.