



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION



Held: June 22, 2020

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

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| Rachel Smith – Present | Carol Steck – Present |
| Jody Donsbach – Present | Mark Sarkan – Present |
| Rick Tolles – Present | Bob Krabill – Present |

EMPLOYEES: Chad Hoffman and Kristel Beyer

VISITORS:

Jeffrey Lankenau, Peggy Seab, Greg Beck, Bob Trame, Dorinda Shelley

MINUTES:

Krabill made a motion, seconded by Donsbach to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 8, 2020.

BILLS:

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the bills dated June 5 – June 18, 2020.

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

MOTION APPROVED

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Mayor introduced Jeffrey Lankenau, Attorney. We received information from him on extending W. Third Street. Mr. Lankenau introduced Peggy Seab to Council she is the applicant. She owns 18 acres in the Village. We brought along he perspective builder Greg Beck if any building questions come up. Mr. Lankenau stated Peggy and her husband would like to split the 18 acres roughly in half, so there is a west side and an east side. They would like to build a home on the west side to live in and then build on the east side a smaller home. The only way they would have access on the east side is if the road gets extended on W. Third Street or if they get access from the road that is not a road. Peggy said she would like to be a part of the community and they have resources that could benefit the community. She said W. Third Street does have access to utilities, so that would be the first area they would like to build on. Peggy stated the road does extend to the water plant and are asking to have access to that so they can utilize their property. Mr. Lankenau contacted the Administrator and asked if it would cost the Village any money. Mr. Lankenau stated the Administrator said no. He asked Council if there are any questions. The Mayor stated to extend a street the property owner must also extend the utilities across the entire length of their property. Mr. Lankenau stated they figured that. Mayor stated it states on the map that the guest house is going to be built on the west side and the

primary residence is on the east. Mr. Lankenau asked Peggy if he got that wrong. Peggy said currently they would like to build off of W. Third Street first which is on the east side since it has access to utilities. Sarkan said so you want the main home on the east side? Peggy said yes and then we will build a cabin on the west side. Mr. Lankenau said he had it turned around. Mayor stated we will take it into consideration and give it some thought. Peggy asked if there is any other information we can give to you. Mayor stated he didn't think so. Sarkan asked how many linear feet is that, Greg Beck said about 130 feet. Mr. Lankenau said if Council needs further information to contact him. Administrator asked if 130 feet is how far you want to extend the street or is 130 feet where Seab's property starts? Greg Beck stated 130 feet is where Seab's property starts and it probably wouldn't need paving since the road is there. Steck asked if there is sewer and water hookup there. Peggy said yes. Mayor stated that our policy is to run utilities to farthest point of the owner's property. Greg Beck stated that the utilities will never extend since it dead ends there. Mayor stated right now it will extend into the Village's property and its possible to extend further. Greg Beck stated that's true anything is possible it could extend through. Mayor stated that's why we safeguard that and extend to the end of the property. Mayor thanked them for attending.

Bob Trame brought information that Joe obtained for cleaning the public restrooms. Service Master stated since this was a very small job they would have to run it through management so we have not received their quote yet. They called Casa Bella and never received a call back. Prestine Cleaning would clean every day except Saturday at \$250 a week. Dr. Shelley had about 25 requests for bathrooms in the big bookstore over the weekend. Her question is that we pay taxes and we pay for the upkeep of the sidewalks and the upkeep of the street lighting, why can't we pay for the upkeep of the restrooms. Mayor stated it's a matter of finding someone to clean them and not contract the virus to the employees of the Village. Dr. Shelley said hire someone from outside. Mayor stated that is what we are discussing. We are being cautious for the people that work for us and the people that live here. Mayor stated we have to follow the CDC guidelines in order to open the restrooms. Dr. Shelley asked about the parks restrooms who is cleaning them. Mayor stated he doesn't know that is the State. Mayor stated the Metro Parks has someone specifically cleaning restrooms only. This is our first pandemic; we are doing what we can to follow the guidelines. Krabill said so the quote is approximately \$1000 a month is there a length of contract. Bob Trame stated it's just a preliminary proposal to get a cost. Krabill asked if the Chamber is good with that bid. Bob Trame said Chad mentioned to Joe about applying for aid to cover costs. Steck stated will it be an issue with it not being cleaned on Saturday. Administrator explained the Resolution on the Agenda that applies for Cares Act Funding through the Wood County Auditor. If we receive this money, we can use it to clean the facilities due to the covid virus. We will have to return what monies are left in the fund back to the Auditor. Administrator stated Kristel has been emailing Casa Bella concerning the restrooms. We did get a quote from them, its \$35 a day. They will

clean 7 days a week in the evening and lock up after they clean. There is also a \$25-month fee for them using their cleaning supplies. The Cares Act funding is considered other financial assistance. Krabill stated is Casa Bella ready to start anytime. Administrator said yes. Smith said once we approve the Resolution how long until we know if we receive the funding. Administrator stated a few days. Smith says we don't want to wait until we know we receive the money; we need to open the public restrooms. Krabill agreed. Sarkan clarified we will ask the company to clean the restrooms as soon as possible. Yes.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor is still receiving calls concerning the public restrooms. Also received calls thanking us that the parks are open. Mayor said we have signs in place and are visible.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

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

Steck has concerns on the Ordinance 2020-3. She was looking that over and how can they get 200 homes in the area. She wonders what type of houses are they going to build for \$180,000. Will this create an issue with our current utilities? Steck said she believes Krabill brought this up at the last meeting. Administrator stated the system is big enough to handle it. Steck stated in Delta there were issues. Administrator stated they have combined sewers in Delta. Also will this create problems with traffic, people will expect Police and Fire. Will this put strain on our Fire Department and Sheriff. Administrator said he had concerns as well. It will be probably 20 years to get to the number of homes they want. He talked with the engineer on the Village utilities they confirmed our utilities can handle it. Smith asked if there is anything we can do for preventative maintenance to assess that. Smith said she has discussed with several people that have been having water issues in their basements that have never before. She is not sure if something is broken or what. Smith is one of these people, her basement has been flooded for the last two years. Administrator said you are talking storm sewers; their storm sewer will not interconnect with the current storm sewers. Steck asked about maintenance and our employees. Krabill said won't we receive more income tax then. Administrator said it would probably double it. Sarkan asked for the addresses for the other communities so we can drive through to view them. Mayor said this is just for them to continue their plans. Administrator said Council will review the site plans. Steck asked what the strip was for. Administrator stated originally we were going to build a reservoir there but then we got an agreement with the City of Bowling Green. Administrator stated the ½ acre of property for the request for street extension is the old water plant and we could in the future start that back up.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Gave Council the May 2020 Bank Reconciliation with accompanying Bank Statements. Gave Finance Committee Appropriation Status, Revenue Status and Fund Listing.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: None

ORDINANCES: The Mayor gave the first reading to Ordinance 2020-03: Ordinance Authorizing the sale of certain property to Larry Davenport and Steve Best, or their assigns.

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

Votes were:	Sarkan – yes	Steck – no	Smith – yes
	Donsbach – yes	Krabill – yes	Tolles – yes
			MOTION APPROVED

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith for passage of Ordinance 2020-03

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

Mayor stated Ordinance 2020-03 passes.

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith to waive the three readings and declare an emergency to Resolution 2020-06: Resolution permitting the Village of Grand Rapids to apply for Coronavirus aid, relief, and economic security(CARES) act funding.

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

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith for passage of Resolution 2020-06.

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

Mayor stated Resolution 2020-06 passes.

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Krabill to waive the three readings and declare an emergency to Resolution 2020-07: Contract to furnish emergency management between Wood County, Ohio and the Village of Grand Rapids.

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

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Krabill for passage of Resolution 2020-07.

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

Mayor stated Resolution 2020-07 passes.

The Fiscal Officer gave the first reading to Ordinance 2020-04: Ordinance to request Auditor to assess lots and lands of the Village of Grand Rapids for the lighting of streets, alleys, ways and other public places.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Smith stated we have discussed updating Council chambers. She thinks this would be a great time to do this project since we are not currently using the room for Council Meetings. Donsbach asked if we have the money to do that currently. Smith stated the Township had remaining Town Hall funds they need to use up. Steck asked what she was thinking about doing. Smith said painting and new flooring. Mayor said we discussed removing the wall into the sheriffs room to expand too. Smith stated just an idea. Donsbach and Krabill agreed it was a good idea. Krabill said at the very

least we should spend money on the paint and flooring.

Mayor said the other unfinished business is the Festival. Mayor said with all the increases in other states right now, he is hard pressed to even think the Festival will happen. Donsbach stated we as a Council said we would decide in July but feels that would be too late. Mayor stated the tractor pulls are cancelled, state fair and black swamp is also canceled. Mayor doesn't feel it is a good idea to have the Festival. Krabill suggested inviting the Historical Society to the next meeting to discuss. Administrator said there is no way you can social distance at the Festival. Sarkan stated with all the unrest that is going on right now, rumors about organizations coming in and starting trouble now moving into smaller villages and towns. He thinks this is something we have to consider when we have twenty thousand to thirty thousand people coming into town. This could be devastating to our Village.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS: Donsbach wanted to clarify on the public restrooms and asked if Chad was going to contact Casa Bella immediately. Administrator stated yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

MOTION APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is July 13, 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.