



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION



Held: July 27, 2020

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:44 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: Gary Loboschefski and Diana Votava

MINUTES:

Krabill made a motion, seconded by Donsbach to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 13, 2020.

BILLS:

Smith made a motion, seconded by Steck to approve the bills dated July 10 – July 23, 2020.

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

MOTION APPROVED

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Gary Loboschefski stated they are here representing the Grand Rapids Arts Council. The Arts Council would like to install a Mosaic Mural on the Wright Pavilion in memory of Julie Pontash. The Village Council should have received a letter from the Arts Council describing the intentions of this Memorial. The Arts Council has raised money to do this memorial. The Mosaic would be covered and sealed by panels. This would have no cost to the Village. Gail the artist had submitted samples of her work, Gary asked Council if they received this. Yes. Diana Votava stated we realized there would be concern of having glass that high. They will be covering this with tempered glass for protection, Gail has contacted an engineer to help with this. Gary stated we talked with the Jerry Wright family and they were glad to hear we were going to embellish what is already there. Donsbach asked if the mural is going to be installed on the east side only. Gary said yes. Donsbach asked if this would cover up the verbiage that's there for Jerry Wright. Gary stated no it will be installed in the open space. Diana stated we may want to install a little plaque explaining what the mural is for. Mayor asked what kind of timeline they were looking at. Gary stated possibly next Spring or Summer. Sarkan stated we talked in the past about something that gets fastened to the ground and it becomes Village property. Since this would be fastened to something fastened to the ground then whose property would that be. Diana stated we would offer to take care of it as needed. Administrator asked if there was any thought about insuring the murals. Administrator stated he would check with the Villages insurance and get with Gary to see who needs to cover it. Donsbach asked if any of the photos that were given to Council are actual renderings. Diana said

no, we could bring that later for approval once that is decided. Gary said we wanted to make sure Council was okay with the concept before we proceed any further.

Krabill made a motion seconded by Smith for approval of the concept of the idea for the Julie Pontash Memorial project on the Wright Pavilion.

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

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SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor received a letter from Jeanie Windgate from Bowling Green about turning the town teal this September for Ovarian Cancer Awareness. Mayor said Chad gave me information on a flood containment system. Administrator asked the Mayor to contact him, the guy wants to do a video in the Village showing the concept of his product. Mayor stated it's a system that replaces sandbags for flooding. Administrator said that they are made out of used truck tires. Mayor also received a phone call asking to drive through the park. He told them he appreciated the call, but told them no. The Mayor doesn't want other people to see them do it and then think it is okay. They were able to move their item out without driving through the park. He thanked them for being considerate. Mayor stated covid is spreading and is wondering if they will have school this year because of the way it is progressing. He is hopeful we will not have to shut the country down again. Steck asked if Otsego decided yet. Sarkan said they are planning on opening with precautions in place. Mayor asked Donsbach what her school was doing. Donsbach stated parents will have three options for their students. They can choose to have them attend all day every day, or 100% virtual learning that is not by their school but is facilitated by them, or home schooling their child. Donsbach said there is not a right or wrong answer, people need to choose what's best for them.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

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

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Fiscal Officer said we have the third reading for Ordinance 2020-04 on the agenda. After the third reading a motion can be made for approval.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: None

ORDINANCES:

The Fiscal Officer gave the third 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.

Krabill made a motion seconded by Donsbach to approve 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.

Votes were: Smith – yes Donsbach – yes Krabill – yes

Tolles –yes

Sarkan – yes

Steck – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Mayor stated Ordinance 2020-04 passes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Smith made a motion seconded by Steck to approve Chad Hoffman to be the construction observer for the State Route 65 Sewer Project up to 5 weeks extra pay at \$3263.

Votes were: Donsbach – yes

Krabill – yes

Tolles – yes

Sarkan – yes

Steck – yes

Smith – yes

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NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor received an email from someone that has an idea for Halloween. Council also received this email. Tolles stated he asked Josh to attend the meeting but he was concerned with the Covid so was unable to attend tonight. Mayor stated it is a neat idea but they may want to partner with the Chamber or the Arts Council to pursue this. Tolles stated he just wanted to make sure they were doing everything correctly. Administrator said the Village would only get involved if they want to have a parade or if they want to use Village property. Donsbach’s concern is how many extra people would be gathering in a small area. Since we decided to cancel the Applebutter Fest and then allow this, what’s that saying. Smith stated the original discussion was having everyone in the Village to decorate their homes for Halloween and for people to drive through. It is a good idea to find out if this is still the case. Smith commends the residents for thinking outside the box to get people involved in the community. Tolles thought Josh was thinking that families would go around town to view the lights and decorations. Tolles thinks it would be a good idea for them to attend a meeting.

Tolles asked if we were to decide where to install the bike repair station tonight. Yes. Smith asked Chad if he talked to Hock’s Bike Shop, Administrator stated not recently but they would probably have to get permission from Dr. Shelly. Smith asked where was the original thought about placing it. Administrator said possibly by the old sign post on the corner or the area by the bank where the well was. Tolles asked about in front of the Old Fire Hall. Mayor stated the Applebutter Fest uses the area. Sarkan stated most bikers come in River Road possibly installing it there when they come into town. Administrator stated we still have time to determine the location.

COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Votes were: Krabill – yes

Tolles - yes

Sarkan – yes

Steck - yes

Smith - yes

Donsbach – yes

MOTION APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is August 10, 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.