



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION



Held: January 25, 2021

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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 Old Fire Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Council Drew Seats:

1. Smith
2. Donsbach
3. Tolles
4. Steck
5. Sarkan
6. Krabill

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

Mayor told Council that a President of Council needs to be nominated. Donsbach nominated Rachel Smith for President of Council, Krabill Seconded. No other nominations.

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

MOTION APPROVED

2020 President of Council is Rachel Smith.

EMPLOYEES: Chad Hoffman and Kristel Beyer

VISITORS: None

MINUTES:

Krabill made a motion, seconded by Donsbach to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 14, 2020 as submitted.

BILLS:

Smith made a motion, seconded by Steck to approve the bills from December 11, 2020 – January 21, 2021.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Sarkan asked how often do the lift station get cleaned. Administrator stated as needed but this was the first time.

Mayor Berry stated approval of bills have passed.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: None

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor stated since we haven't really had any 2020 committee meetings besides a Safety meeting due to Covid. He wants to keep Committees the same this year since four members will be up for election this year. Mayor wanted to say to Chad, Kristel and Council as a whole, this time last year we had no clue that this virus was here and now there is over 10,000 cases in Wood County. The average daily cases is around 5,300 and there have been 158 deaths in Wood County. Now there is a new variant of it coming and we don't know how that will effect us. We are all hoping the vaccine will take care of the Covid and the new variant. He thanked everyone for sticking with us through this pandemic. He also thanked all the employees of the Village for staying steady. Mayor expressed his thanks to everyone.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

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

Administrator stated Chuck Thomas called and asked if Council discussed this year's Applebutter Fest and Rhythm on the River. Administrator told Chuck, Council has not discussed it. We also received the laptop computers for us to be able to do zoom meetings.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Explained to Council that we have an Ordinance and two Resolutions on the agenda tonight. The two Resolutions can be approved after the first reading tonight, these are for finances so no need for an emergency.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: Mayor received letter from Wood County Parks District that we are awarded a \$1,518 grant for playground safety mulch.

COMMITTEES: None

ORDINANCES: Mayor gave the first reading to Ordinance 2021-1: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map of the Village of Grand Rapids, Ohio.

Mayor gave the first reading to Resolution 2021-01: A Resolution Amending Temporary Appropriation Resolution 2020-15.

Mayor gave the first reading to Resolution 2021-02: A Resolution to make an advance for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Grand Rapids, State of Ohio, during the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2021.

Krabill made a motion seconded by Donsbach to approve Resolution 2021-01: A Resolution Amending Temporary Appropriation Resolution 2020-15.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Mayor stated Resolution 2021-01 passes.

Krabill made a motion seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2021-02: A Resolution to make an advance for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Grand Rapids, State of Ohio, during the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2021.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Mayor stated Resolution 2021-02 passes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mayor stated the EMS Board seat needs filled. Mayor said since our last meeting there are a few items currently happening, he feels the need to stay on the board for another term, if Council would allow it.

Smith made a motion seconded by Donsbach to appoint John Berry as our EMS Board representative.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Mayor had a question on the Wapakoneta Road resurfacing project, have we heard anything about the sidewalk on the west side. Administrator stated he hasn't heard anything back yet. Mayor also asked about the Kellogg Road valve project has that been finished. Administrator said that is for the controls and no that has not been started yet. Krabill asked about the \$4400 Covid relief funds for cleaning and sanitizing is this being used for the public restrooms. Administrator stated yes. Krabill expressed that he is unsure about the May start for the outdoor movie reservation application. Donsbach agreed. Krabill thinks this is a great idea but just thinks a May start is too soon. Administrator will relay this information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Krabill made a motion seconded by Smith to go into executive session to discuss sale of Village gas system with possible Council action after returning to regular meeting.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Smith made a motion seconded by Donsbach to go back into regular session and give first reading of Ordinance 2021-2.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Fiscal Officer gave the first reading to Ordinance 2021-2: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to execute a certain pipeline sale and purchase agreement with Delaware Properties, LLC, and to undertake all steps necessary to complete the requirements of the contract, and establishing a sidewalk construction/improvement fund for deposit of the sale proceeds.

COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

MOTION APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is February 8, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at the Grand Rapids Town 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.