

# MEETING MINUTES

## GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION



Held: March 22, 2021

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:09 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 – Absent
Bob Krabill – Present	Rick Tolles – Present

**EMPLOYEES:** Chad Hoffman and Kristel Beyer

**VISITORS:** Vance Weaver

**MINUTES:**

Krabill made a motion, seconded by Steck to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 8, 2021.

**BILLS:**

Smith made a motion, seconded by Steck to approve the bills dated March 5 – March 18, 2021.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:**

Vance Weaver introduced himself and stated he is with the Tontogany Boy Scout Troop 347. He wanted to propose the idea for his Eagle Scout project for repainting and fixing the fence in Howard Cemetery along with possibly painting the cannon that is there. He has already talked with the Historical Society of Grand Rapids and they recommended us coming to Council for permission to start this Eagle Scout project. He would like to start and finish by the end of summer. He still needs to talk to the Legion about the cannon that is there. Mayor stated that is a good idea it does need attention. Mayor asked when they will start. The project would start after school is out for summer.

Krabill made a motion seconded by Smith for Vance Weaver to complete his Eagle Scout project at Howard Cemetery.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor has noticed several unlicensed cars, wreck cars, trailers, etc throughout the Village. Mayor feels we need to send letters to the owners to get them cleaned up or licensed. He wants to get this under control before it gets way out of hand. Council agreed.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Gave his report it will be attached to the Official Minutes. Administrator said Kristel got the numbers from the last 6 years of repair/certification expenses on the Town Hall Elevator total is \$8,848.50. Administrator requested numbers for replacement but has not received anything back. His estimate would be \$50,000 to \$60,000 for replacement.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Told Council we have two Resolutions on the agenda that require an emergency measure and one Ordinance that requires approval only. We received an application for the Applebutter Fest from the Cub Scout Troop, she told him that the Applebutter Fest Application was still being discussed and I would reach out when a decision is made. Also Chuck Thomas called the office asking about the Applebutter Fest application and stated they are currently planning on it happening. He also asked about the Rhythm on the River Series with a start date of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor stated he had talked to Chuck and Steve and told them to go ahead and plan for it but it may get shut down just like last year. Kristel gave a copy of the Village Notes to be mailed to Village residents.

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:** Mayor stated everyone received an email on the Sunshine Law training.

**COMMITTEES:** Smith discussed the Finance, Wages and Audit Committee meeting. The recommendation from the Finance Committee Meeting is to approve the Appropriations as submitted.

**ORDINANCES:**

Krabill made a motion seconded by Smith to waive the three readings and declare an emergency to Resolution 2021-03: Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts awarded in 2021.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Krabill made a motion seconded by Smith for passage of Resolution 2021-03.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor stated Resolution 2021-03 passes.

Smith made a motion seconded by Krabill to waive the three readings and declare an emergency to Resolution 2021-04: Resolution declaring the amount of taxes that may be raised by levy at the maximum rate authorized by law without a vote of the electors to be insufficient, and declaring the necessity of a renewal levy in excess of such rate of 2.0 mills for general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repairs of streets and bridges in the Village of Grand Rapids.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Smith made a motion seconded by Krabill for passage of Resolution 2021-04.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor stated Resolution 2021-04 passes.

Smith made a motion seconded by Krabill to approve Ordinance 2021-3: Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor stated Ordinance 2021-3 passes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Mayor stated we do have the information on the chairlift, that is a lot of money to keep spending on it. Smith asked the Administrator if the number he gave for replacement was exact or an estimate. Administrator stated it was an estimate. Mayor stated we will always have the certification fee and annual testing. Administrator stated we could ask the Arts Council or Historical Society if they have a need for it. Mayor stated he would check with the Arts Council and Historical Society to see what their thoughts are on it.

Mayor asked Administrator if he heard anything back concerning the fertilizer on the park lawns. Administrator stated the company applies the fertilizer at a rate for it to be able to absorb. Mayor asked Steck if she feels comfortable with proceeding. Administrator stated this is an annual program we are enrolled in and we notify them when we no longer want it done. Krabill asked a few people about this and the quantity isn't enough to effect the runoff. Sarkan thinks that we should do it this year and then every year reevaluate.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Steck asked about the tree along the edge of the tow path. Administrator stated it will be taken care of.

**COMMENTS:** Tolles stated there is a tree that fell across the tow path. Administrator

stated we will take care of it. Administrator stated we need to know if you want the Seabs on the next meeting agenda. Administrator stated the Villages insurance company will be sending us a letter on this. Mayor stated the previous owners, the Borers, were told no three times and they were going to install a bridge at that time. The property was then sold to the new owners. Sarkan stated why would we want to take on a liability for the Village. Krabill stated he doesn't know how this would be different for someone that drives through our park with a trailer because it easier, we didn't allow that so how could we allow this. Council agreed. Administrator stated once he receives the letter from the insurance company he will forward to Council and have Mr. Marsh draft a letter.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

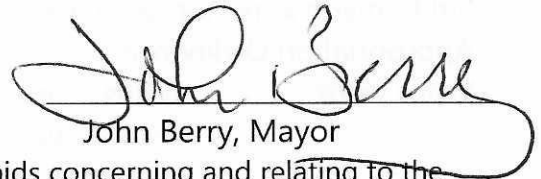
Smith made a motion, seconded by Steck, to adjourn.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is April 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at the Grand Rapids Old Fire 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.