

MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION



Held: August 23, 2021

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:35 P.M. in the Old Fire Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

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

EMPLOYEES: Chad Hoffman

VISITORS: Dona Curtis

MINUTES:

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 9, 2021.

BILLS:

Smith made a motion, seconded by Steck to approve the bills dated August 6 – August 19, 2021 in the amount of \$31,693.56.

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

MOTION APPROVED

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: Dona Curtis asked about the canal and if the Village is going to try to clean it out. Mayor stated there's not much we can do to make it move unless we have higher water. We did try to use the Villages backhoe to shove it down farther but it does not want to move. Mayor stated he has some ideas to try but it is a nature thing and it is stuck for now. Administrator stated we had the state park bring a boat through but it only pushed it down part way. Administrator said something we could look at in the winter is do we want to cut the damn down. Mayor wondered if we had a pump to pump water ahead of it to get it to flow down. Dona Curtis asked about the volunteers from Day Springs coming to town on August 21st, did they come. Mayor stated he will report on that. Mayor stated he had asked Vance Weaver to not attend tonight's meeting so he can have time to review his eagle scout project that he just received today.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor got asked to go around with the Grand Growers which is an organization that has just started and they are trying to help people get organized in town and straightened up. They would also be planting flowers. They will be getting their ideas together and bring back to council. Angie Miller stated

we would like to make the town a little better before the Applebutter Fest. If you look at the canal it is all over grown, you don't know there are flowers and sculptures there. We also talked with Joe about cleaning up behind his shop. When people come into town on Rt 65 that is what they see. We just want to beautify the community. Mayor stated Day Spring helped the pool that day and they also painted all the playground equipment, raked the mulch up and replaced a couple swings at the old school property. Mayor took a picture of them as a group and he thinks we need to send them a thank you from Council and the Community. Administrator asked if they took the backboard. Mayor said yes they said they would be back to put a new one up. Sarkan stated somebody mentioned to him that maybe they would want to clean out the canal. He thought that may be beyond what they can do but he stated he would mention it at the meeting. Mayor discussed the weeds along the canal, he knows in the past we discussed mowing it all down. He thinks we need to send a letter to the owners who are not taking care of it, and if the new group isn't able to do it then maybe we need to mow it down. Mayor stated behind the Mason's building needs mowed down so we should send them a letter, he thinks it is two feet tall.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator said we received our two backup pumps for the lift stations. The original pump that we had problems with was sent to the factory. They stated it was too costly to repair so we will be receiving a new one that is under warranty. We did try to repair the old mosquito sprayer we could not fix it. We did order and receive the new one already. Administrator stated Chad sprayed with it and it is much quieter. The job has been posted for a couple of weeks and we have received one application. The deadline to apply is Sept. 1st. Administrator asked Council if they know someone that would be interested in mowing for a few months to let him know. Tomorrow he will get with Katie to see if her people will make another effort to push the stuff through the canal. Our control system that allows us to control bowling greens water coming into our system is not working. It started yesterday morning, he did get someone to come look at it. The main computer parts are fine, the problem is now in the components. Tomorrow we will work on those to see what is bad. We are running on a bypass currently. We will keep the water tower full until we get the components fixed or replaced. Administrator is still waiting on the other quote for the sidewalks.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: None

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: Krabill discussed the Safety & Welfare Committee meeting held earlier at 6 pm. We went over the Safety protocols for the Applebutter Fest. The second half of the meeting we discussed new covid protocols for this year. The minutes will be attached to the Official meeting minutes.

ORDINANCES: Mayor gave the second reading to Ordinance 2021-8: Ordinance Vacating Alley between inlots 48 and 49 in the Village of Grand Rapids.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Sarkan asked the status on the paint on the cannon at Howards Cemetery from the last meeting. We discussed requesting a change on that. Mayor asked Sarkan if he looked at it. Sarkan did and he thinks it should be authentic. If he is going to be an Eagle Scout, he thinks its even more appropriate for him to make it authentic. Mayor stated he agrees. Smith stated didn't we ask him to seek out the correct paint color. Administrator stated yes. Tolles stated he thinks it looked like a sloppy job and didn't get sanded properly. Mayor stated he will mention this to him to get fixed. Donsbach thinks the Mayor shouldn't sign off on it until the work is corrected. Mayor agreed.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor had a couple people ask about a way to get more parking in town. Mayor stated we did purchase that lot behind the old drugstore and our intentions were to make that into more parking. Mayor stated this is something we could look into. We also have spots that need paved or needs stone added that we could include in this. We need to have signage to direct people to the parking lot as well. He stated most people don't know about the parking back there. Administrator stated a lot of the shop owners park in front of their shop. Mayor stated it would be nice if they would utilize the parking lot. Mayor stated the tree in front of the town hall has a split in the base. Administrator will have Rowe look at it. Donsbach asked about the grant for the new street signs. Administrator stated we have the signs and we did start installing but we only have one employee now. The grant came through the Township.

COMMENTS: Mayor thanked Jeff in the audience for working his tail off and going around the tractor pulls for Make-a-Wish. Mayor thinks that is a really good thing that he did. Jeff stated he thinks Make-a-Wish made \$140,000. Mayor stated we should wear masks at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

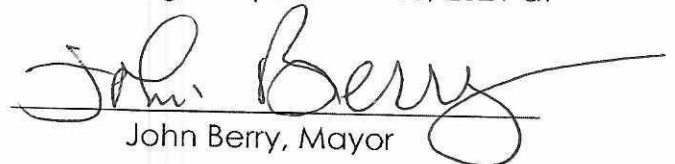
Votes were: Sarkan – yes Krabill – yes Steck – yes
Tolles – yes Donsbach – yes Smith - yes

MOTION APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is September 13, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at the Grand Rapids 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.