



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION



Held: November 22, 2021

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:23 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, Kristel Beyer

VISITORS: None

MINUTES:

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

Mayor stated the recommendation from the finance committee that the Mayor and Council receive compensation for sub committee meetings at a rate of half or 50% of Councils current rate of pay. Mayor stated this would pertain to the Council that would be coming in on a new term only. Kristel stated that Mr. Marsh advised that since the motion was made after the recent election the subcommittee pay will pertain to Council elected in the next election in year 2023. Krabill clarified that two Council members elected will receive the subcommittee pay in two years (2023) and then four Council members elected will receive in four years (2025). Kristel stated yes.

BILLS:

Smith made a motion, seconded by Donsbach to approve the bills dated November 5, 2021- November 18, 2021 in the amount of \$22,881.51.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Administrator contacted Rita Foos today to see if the Township would want to use the leftover Town Hall money to repair the Town Hall roof. The Township will be paying the enterprise roofing bill totaling \$2,900 and will still have around \$77 to spend which he told Rita we are also fixing the ceiling in the Townhall so that could be used towards that.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: None

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor stated the town was lite up nicely and there was a lot of people around. He hopes all the stores did well and hoped all the kids had fun. We have many more days coming up with festivities.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator stated he would like to suggest to Council to pay the Historical Society \$1,200 for this calendar year for use of the Old Fire Hall for our meetings. This would be \$50 per meeting, he thinks this would be a good jesture. The Town Hall chair lift is due for its annual safety test cost is \$1,350, he has mentioned it before that we keep putting a lot of money into the chairlift that hasn't been used in years. He would like to know if Council wants to spend this money on the test or not. The Planning Commission did approve Plat 1A Rivers Crossing. Once we receive the performance bond from the developers then the developers can start to sell lots. They will also begin installation of the storm sewer improvements that the performance bond is covering. We found out our meter reading equipment for water meters has died right in the middle of this months reading. We did borrow Liberty Centers unit so we will hopefully read meters tomorrow. We will be getting some numbers on purchasing a new one but the last time we looked into this the cost was around \$10,000. Administrator asked Kristel and she will have the temporary appropriations ready for the December 13th meeting. Administrator stated he will be in the office Dec. 1, 6 and 7th. He did form a consulting LLC company so Council will have to decide whether they want him to do consulting work after the 1st of the year. Steck asked if the Town Hall roof was fixed. Administrator stated yes. Steck asked if we are required to have a lift in the Town Hall. Administrator said no and the reason that was put in originally was the Arts Council wanted to apply for grants and the only way to receive grants was the upstairs had to be ADA accessible. We did put the lift in but no grants were applied for by the Arts Council. Mayor stated we have put a lot of money into the lift. Smith stated we spent \$8,848 on the lift within the last 6 years on inspections/repairs. Donsbach asked if we have anyone that is wanting to use the Town Hall. Administrator stated no we havent had anyone in a few years. He stated Bittersweet was the last to use it. Steck stated there also has been a silent movie but probably not last year. Mayor stated we should approach the Arts Council and Historical Society to see if they want to pitch in or take it over if they want use of it. Mayor said there are other repairs that need done in the Town Hall. Council agreed. Mayor will contact them to see if they are interested in keeping the lift operational.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Fiscal Officer gave Council a copy of the Finance Meeting Minutes and the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: Mayor stated the Planning Commission met on November 9th and we went over the plans for the subdivision and approved Plat 1A.

ORDINANCES: None

