



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION



Held: March 28, 2022

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:57 P.M. in the Old Fire Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Rachel Smith – Present	Martha Frantz - Present
Rick Tolles – Present	Lynn Sylvain – Present
Jody Donsbach – Present	Bob Krabill – Present

EMPLOYEES: Chad Beyer and Kristel Beyer

VISITORS: Dean Seeger, Robin Dudley and David Fowler

MINUTES:

Smith made a motion, seconded by Frantz to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 14, 2022.

Votes were:

Sylvain – yes	Frantz – yes	Tolles – yes
Donsbach – yes	Smith – yes	Krabill – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Sylvain stated she has a point of inquiry. March 14th the public records request was for information on the Chad Hoffman contract, she thinks it should be in there. She has no issue with the February 14th minutes but thinks it should be in the March 14th minutes.

Smith made a motion seconded by Donsbach to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 14, 2022.

Sylvain stated her point of inquiry is that it is not clear enough that the public records request was for Chad Hoffman's contract and/or payment/settlement. She feels it should be referenced in the minutes. Krabill questioned if that was stated at the meeting. Sylvain stated yes. Krabill didn't recall hearing that but if it was stated. Krabill moved to table the minutes until this information is put in there.

BILLS:

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the bills from March 11, 2022 – March 24, 2022 in the amount of \$7,596.98.

Frantz asked about the sludge fee. Chad stated the EPA charges a fee for having sludge on site. Frantz thanked Chad for this information. Sylvain questioned the mirror repair for \$1,300. Chad said he turned this into insurance this happened when plowing snow.

Votes were:

Frantz – yes	Tolles – yes	Donsbach – yes
Smith – yes	Krabill - yes	Sylvain – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Sylvain stated she would like to see the receipts attached to the bill list.
Mayor Berry stated approval of bills have passed.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Dean Seeger was present to discuss the Cub Scout Pack 325 Application for use of public property for the Applebutter Fest. Dean mentioned the application is the same as years past and this is a great fundraiser for the pack. Sylvain asked Dean who owns the cabin on the tow path. Dean stated he is from the Cub Scouts but it is his understanding the Boy Scout Troop does. Sylvain stated that is the building your talking about using. Dean stated no the application is for Labino Park. Donsbach asked if their liability insurance is current. Kristel said yes. Donsbach asked Dean if they are expecting about the same numbers. Dean stated last year they only had 40 vendors but this year they are hopeful to get back to the 100-vendor number. Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith to approve the application for use of public property for the Cub Scout Pack 325.

Votes were: Donsbach – yes Smith – yes Krabill - yes
 Sylvain – yes Frantz – yes Tolles – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Robin Dudley with the Grand Rapids Arts Council discussed the application for use of public property for the Sunset Jazz & Art Festival on August 21st. Donsbach asked if the list of beverages includes wine and beer. Robin stated yes, they are applying for a liquor license now. Donsbach asked if they will be using wrist bands. Robin stated yes. Sylvain asked what policy #98-1 is. Kristel stated it is the guidelines/rules they need to abide by.

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Frantz to approve the application for use of public property for non-profit organization Grand Rapids Arts Council for the Sunset Jazz & Arts Festival event.

Votes were: Smith – yes Krabill – yes Sylvain – yes
 Frantz – yes Tolles – yes Donsbach – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Tim Wagner explained to Council that they have flooding issues in front of their house. He showed Mayor pictures on his phone. Mayor asked him to forward the pictures to the Village Office. Tim stated the water is coming off of Rt 65 and also the back alley. He stated the water pools in front of his house and his neighbors. Mayor said they will be repaving Rt 65 in a month so that may have a bearing on how that will drain. We probably should wait until after that is done or work in conjunction with them. Chad stated he is meeting with ODOT tomorrow on this.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor said there is another suspicious person walking around and went up to someone's house and asked for them to give them a gun. Mayor stated to be vigilant and to watch your surroundings. Mayor said they will be paving Wapakoneta Road and State Route 65 at the same time in May. They may be doing preliminary work from now until then. Mayor mentioned we need to have a committee meeting on the Town Hall since use will be starting. Mayor feels we need to get this cleaned up for the future use.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Chad stated new employee Jeremy Weaver 6 months probationary period ended yesterday. He would like to make a recommendation to remove Jeremy Weaver from probation and make him a permanent full-time employee. The chair lift in the Town Hall was working but the State came to inspect it and because it wasn't tested last year they put a lockout tag on it. They stated we need to get this corrected within 30 days or they may remove our operating privileges. He had Cline trucking drop off stone. ODOT contacted the Village about the upcoming Salt Contract, Kristel will have more information on that. Chad talked with the district about connecting our waterlines together, the rough cost estimate was \$800,000. The District will talk to Henry County Commissioners Office about some funding and Chad will contact the Wood County Commissioners Office. Sylvain asked what the advantage and disadvantage of doing this. Chad stated if something breaks under the creeks we would be in a lot of trouble this would allow them to get us water if something happened and we could supply water to them if something happened in their area. Chad stated it beneficial for both of us and the EPA wants us to have two sources of water. Chad looked at the blueprints for Williamsburg they did make the changes we wanted so he signed off on it. He is unsure when this project will be starting, he will be having Poggemeyer oversee the project. Sylvain asked how much Poggemeyer will be charging, Chad stated the Village will not be paying for it, the developers will be paying them. Donsbach asked Chad if he would submit a report to Council for them to follow. Chad said he can do that. Krabill said since we have 30 days to get the chairlift corrected, he asked Chad to get quotes and schedule the lower quote for just after our meeting. This way Council can approve and it can be addressed directly. Sylvain asked the requirements for quotes is there a spend threshold. Chad stated he is not aware of one. Sylvain stated anything over \$1,000 we should get three quotes and negotiate payment terms. Sylvain stated when we get to our Council Rules we will hopefully put something like that in there. Sylvain stated Jeremy said you found drawings of the Town Hall can you take photos of those and send them to me. Chad said yes. Sylvain stated he should think about sending those over to the library.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Fiscal Officer stated there is an Ordinance and a Resolution on the agenda tonight. The Ordinance is for the annual appropriations that need to be approved and sent in to the Wood County Auditors Office by March 31, 2022. We did review these in the committee meeting. The Ordinance only needs a motion for approval since it is for finances. The Resolution on the agenda is for the ODOT Salt Contract this will get us into a group bid for salt pricing for this upcoming winter season. ODOT needs an approved copy of the resolution by April 29th so this would need to be an emergency resolution to be able to submit in time. Sylvain questioned if this was just an invitation to bid and there is no price lock in any of this. Kristel stated the lowest bidder would be the price lock. Sylvain asked what we spent last year on salt, Kristel stated around \$3,500. Sylvain questioned the Salt Contract we are not volume locked on it this is just an invitation to get into the buying group. Kristel said yes but we do have to submit how much we want and are required to purchase 90% of that amount.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: Smith stated the Council Committee of the Whole met prior to the

Council meeting on March 14th. We discussed the employee handbook and rules & regulations of Village Council. At that time several members of Council were working to maintain copies of handbooks and rules & regulations for other municipalities. We made no official changes to either document so they have no recommendations at this time. Sylvain stated there is so much more that needs done on that are we going to discuss a repeat meeting. Smith stated we can discuss that.

Krabill stated the Finance Wages & Audit Committee met on March 19th to discuss the annual appropriations. Fiscal Officer, Krabill, Smith, Frantz and Sylvain were present. The Revenue Status and Appropriation Status were discussed. The proposed Annual Appropriation Ordinance was discussed by account. It is the recommendation of the Finance, Wages & Audit committee to approve Ordinance 2022-2 as presented. Frantz would like to put in a word for Kristel. She handled the meeting very well and we are lucky to have her. Kristel thanked Frantz. Sylvain stated we should look into creating a separate general ledger account for donations because the solicitor is donating his wages back and she would like to do the same.

ORDINANCES: Mayor gave the first reading of Resolution 2022-01: A resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts awarded in 2022. Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith to deem Resolution 2022-01 an emergency and to waive the three readings.

Votes were: Krabill – yes Sylvain – yes Frantz – yes
 Tolles – yes Donsbach – yes Smith – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Smith made a motion seconded by Donsbach for passage of Resolution 2022-01: A Resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT road salt contracts awarded in 2022.

Votes were: Sylvain – yes Frantz – yes Tolles – yes
 Donsbach – yes Smith – yes Krabill – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Mayor stated Resolution 2022-01 has passed.

Mayor gave the first reading to Ordinance 2022-2: Annual Appropriation Ordinance Krabill made a motion seconded by Smith for passage of Ordinance 2022-2: Annual Appropriation Ordinance, An Ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Grand Rapids, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.

Votes were: Frantz – yes Tolles – yes Donsbach – yes
 Smith – yes Krabill – yes Sylvain – no

MOTION APPROVED

Mayor stated Ordinance 2022-2 has passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Sylvain stated we talked about Kristel updating the website she hasn't heard the status of that. Kristel said the website is up to date. Sylvain stated all you have done is update documents and information, we are looking for the website to be revised and refreshed to a more modern look. Sylvain stated Amy Fitch stated she would be willing to help update it but she thinks we need to get it quoted from others for a proposal. Mayor stated we should talk to the Historical Society, Arts Council and the Chamber to integrate them together. Frantz asked Sylvain if she wants the website to look different and revamped. Sylvain stated yes. Smith stated we

just did this a year ago. Sylvain stated four weeks ago we talked how its not very modern. Smith said that is your opinion. Sylvain said yes. Smith stated the information on there is accurate now. Sylvain stated the information is very limited. Smith said Sylvain could get three quotes. Sylvain said she could, do you want me to do everything. Smith stated to Sylvain that you bring up a lot of ideas but you don't implement anything. Sylvain stated you are so full of sh**. Mayor used his gavel and stated there is no sense talking like that. Sylvain asked if we can get the website worked on yes or no. Mayor stated we can find out what the other entities want to do and see if we can integrate things together. Mayor stated there is no reason to change it our selves and then go and modify it again. Sylvain is okay with trying to group them altogether who is going to take that action. Mayor stated he will ask them to find out if they would like to do this. Sylvain stated there have been two walk throughs in the Town Hall. Sylvain asked Kristel if she gave everyone the printout. Kristel stated yes. The printout contains several businesses that were contacted to get a quote on Town Hall structural maintenance. Poggemeyer initial quote was \$10,000 but wants another walk through and to see drawings of building. Larry Fast walk through was today but has a more limited scope strictly structural at \$4,000. Proudfoot structural quote came in at \$5200. The things that were discovered, on the northwest side the garage door header is not strong enough to support the building, you can see cracks going all the way up to the top floor. Tuck pointing needs done which is cosmetic. The rise of the stairs one is shorter than the rest could be a trip hazard. The southest chimney leans, the railing on the balcany we believe is too short for current code. The load on the balcany and stage needs checked. There is a wave in the ceiling, check for fire extinguishers and if we have enough bathroom capacity. The second story door where the roof leaked there are bugs that attracted there and needs to have exterminitar to determine what it is. We also need railing on the last four steps going down to the basement. These are the initial findings but we need to approve some funds and make a vendor selection to move forward. Smith stated that Poggemeyer had other areas that need addressed that were not structural what are those areas. Sylvain stated the bug debri and bathroom capacity are two. Poggemeyer is looking at structural and non structural areas of concern, where Larry Fast and Proudfoot are only looking at structural. Krabill stated he would be more inclined to lean toward Poggemeyer since they are interested in the entire building but we will see what they say after a second walk through. Donsbach asked Chad if he could be available for a second walk through. Sylvain stated Chad has gone on every walk through. Mayor stated except for today when he was there. Sylvain stated that's right he bailed on that one. Donsbach stated could we have some professionalism please. Sylvain stated to move on. Mayor asked Sylvain what she has decided to do with her pay, Mayor stated you mentioned donating back to the town, our Solicitor said you are going to have to get paid and do with it what you want. Sylvain stated she will have her attorney look over the papers that Kristel gave her and she will get back to the Council. Mayor stated we will need the Town Hall cleaned up first before it can be used. Smith suggested having Casa Bella do a one time cleaning so it is ready. Mayor stated David Fowler would like use of the Town Hall and waiving all the fees. Mayor asked David when his first movie was. David said May 28th. David would be very happy to clean the Town Hall. Sylvain asked if David contacted the Health

Department about having food. David said not yet. Tolles said Chuck Thomas also mentioned he was going to ask someone about cleaning the Town Hall. Sylvain made a motion seconded by Krabill to waive the fees for the Town Hall for David to show movies on May 28th.

Votes were: Tolles – yes Donsbach – yes Smith – yes
 Krabill – yes Sylvain – yes Frantz – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Sylvain asked where the pool maintenance is on the annual appropriations ordinance. Mayor stated there is a pool board. Sylvain asked if there is a reason we don't pay for any of it. Mayor stated they are self-contained by themselves. The Village does fill the pool every year and we have done donations to help them. Sylvain asked whose asset is it and whose land is it. Mayor stated the land is the Village's. David Fowler stated the Pool Board meets on the first Thursday here in the kitchen. Sylvain asked who owns the Boy Scouts log cabin. Mayor stated the property is the Villages but he believes the cabin was built by the Scouts. Sylvain asked if we do maintenance on it. Mayor stated no they take care of it themselves.

Mayor got a reply from our Solicitor with respect to the question presented at the Council meeting held on February 28th, Mayor wanted to read Ryan's reply to clear the air for the public.

"I would like to offer some of my qualifications that I represented to the Mayor in our interview from December. I worked in the office with the largest municipal law practice in the region. We have represented up to 14 communities at the same time over the many years of doing this. I have been here for 11 of those years. While the primary focus of the firm is real estate and estate planning, certainly a large segment of our practice will remain municipal law. You may not always agree with my opinions, but they will be based in the law."

Sylvain stated but his expertise is not municipal law, that is her point, still her point and is still relevant. Mayor stated the firm is municipal law and when read by other people it gets misinterpreted and wants people to know that they are being watched over by a firm that does do municipal law.

Sylvain stated the Mayor was going to get with the Solicitor if vacation is paid. If it is accrued in the prior year and not an employee on January 1st do they get paid out accrued vacation. Mayor stated yes. Sylvain asked Kristel to make sure that is in the minutes. Sylvain stated there was an issue brought up on the American Rescue Plan and the Solicitor made an opinion that we could use funds for the Town Hall but he was unable to site sections or subsections. Mayor said he was going to get back with you. Sylvain is still waiting on that.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS: Donsbach expressed that she would like our Council to work together and maintain a sense of integrity that she thinks in the past couple of meetings has been lost. I would like us to get away from "I" statements and focus on "We" statements because we work together and she thinks we need to continue to do so. Donsbach stated some things that happened today were extremely unprofessional and she cannot reiterate that enough. Sylvain asked if that was an "I" statement. Donsbach stated yes that was an "I" statement but Sylvain is being very unprofessional.

Sylvain stated she is following a lead here. Sylvain raised paperwork and stated this right here there is no agenda than the fact that she is trying to lead on Council. The same as there is no agenda with her bringing up the employee handbook, redoing the website and Council Rules which you guys approved but don't follow. Sylvain is trying to get things up to date, she is going to bring it up at every meeting, this is good stuff. Frantz stated nobody is disputing that. Sylvain stated she just told me I did this because I have an agenda that is bologna. Sylvain stated to make a motion to adjourn. Smith said what you do is you have great ideas but you want everyone else to implement them for you. Smith stated you brought up the Rules & Regulations and then you came to the meeting and couldn't bring us one example because you said it was up to us. Smith stated it was your proposal and you wanted to review it. If the rest of Council would have known what you were asking for, everyone would have come prepared. Sylvain stated look what she has submitted more than you guys have done. Smith stated because we are all just a bunch of Oafs and don't know any better right. Sylvain stated if that is your position than she would make a motion to second that. Mayor used his gavel.


ADJOURNMENT:

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

Votes were:	Donsbach – yes	Smith – yes	Krabill - yes
	Sylvain – yes	Frantz – yes	Tolles – yes

MOTION APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is April 11, 2022 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.