



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION



Held: July 11, 2022

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:22 P.M. in the Old Fire Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

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

EMPLOYEES: Chad Beyer and Kristel Beyer

VISITORS: David Fowler, Kevin & April Olman

MINUTES:

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Tolles to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 13, 2022.

Sylvain stated the Solicitor's contract is not attached. Mayor stated because there is not a contract it was an appointment. Sylvain stated there is an ordinance that states that he needs to have that. Mayor is not aware of that and right now he is under appointment. Sylvain asked where it stated the Mayor can do that. Mayor will try to track it down.

BILLS:

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Frantz to approve the bills from June 10 – July 7, 2022 in the amount of \$22,419.11.

Tolles questioned the delinquent mowing doesn't this go on their property taxes. Kristel said yes. We first send them a certified letter giving them five days to mow the property, if they do not mow, we have someone mow it and certify the amount on the property taxes.

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

MOTION FAILS

Mayor said approval of bills does not pass.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: None

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor said RT65 is almost done. He sends a big thanks to the workers they did a tremendous job. They really made an improvement in our Village for many years to come. Mayor stated the pool looked like they had a big success with their open house. Donsbach heard they had 219 people. Mayor has heard nothing but good things from the parade on Saturday. Mayor stated the firemans chicken went really fast. He thanks all the committees that put these things on and all their effort they put forth to make these things happen.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Chad contacted Premier Patching they will be doing the crack sealing and spray patching sometime in August. The quotes he received are attached and GT Paving gave him a verbal quote stating it would be over the \$50,000 which is

required to go to bid. He also talked to Toledo Sign and is finalizing the contract. The Shelly Company replaced a catch basin on RT65 that was too far gone. Larry Fast is scheduled to do Town Hall inspection on July 22nd. He mentioned he does not need a lift. Sylvain asked if we advertised that we were going out for bid for this. Chad stated we do not have to since Premier is under \$50,000. Sylvain stated there is an ordinance that says if we think it will be \$25,000 or more we need to advertise. Kristel stated Ohio Revised Code states you must bid at \$50,000 or more. Sylvain wants that to be checked, Kristel stated she can find it in the ORC. Mayor asked Chad so Larry Fast does not need a lift, Chad said no he is going to use ladders.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Fiscal Officer gave Council a copy of the June Bank Reconciliation and everything is reconciled. Gave Finance Committee Appropriation Status, Revenue Status and Fund Listing. We have a first reading tonight of the request to vacate an alley between inlots 261 and 262, a first reading of a Resolution for the Village to apply for a Wood County Park Grant and a second reading for Ordinance 2022-4. Sylvain stated we received another request to vacate an alley. She said our ordinance clearly states not to design subdivisions with permanent dead-end streets. We have had multiple requests for vacation of alleys and thinks we need a holistic view of what the Village should look like. Sylvain's recommendation is that this should be referred to the Planning Commission with a mention of chapter 1248 which defines the street and alley definitions. She stated prior Councils have allowed our alleys to be dead ends and feels it is an improper use of our land. Sylvain made a motion to refer the vacation of alleys to the Planning Commission and then a holistic view of the Village be taken place on the current requests and the future ones. Mayor stated motion dies due to lack of a second.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: Mayor received a letter from the Ovarian Cancer Connection and they would like to turn our town teal again. He will be sending the letter back to allow this. Mayor stated Kathy Trame brought in copies of a magazine to Council showing a Village of Grand Rapids advertisement.

COMMITTEES: None

ORDINANCES:

Mayor gave first reading to Ordinance 2022-5: Ordinance Vacating Alley Between Inlots Number 261 and 262 in the Village of Grand Rapids.

Mayor gave first reading to Resolution 2022-02: A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to prepare and submit a 2023 application to participate in the Wood County Park Grant Program(s) and to execute contracts as required.

Mayor gave the second reading to Ordinance 2022-4: An Ordinance to Request Auditor to Assess Lots and Lands of the Village of Grand Rapids for the Lighting of Streets, Alleys, Ways and other Public Places.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Donsbach asked if we have the information to obtain Applebutter passes on our website. Kristel will make sure we have it posted on the website. Donsbach made a motion seconded by Frantz to turn the town teal. Tolles asked about the area of Second and Wapakoneta at the repo house there are high weeds at the intersection and is concerned with someone riding a bike having visibility issues. Chad stated he will go take care of it.

COMMENTS: Sylvain asked Chad if the person he hired was a contractor or village

employee. Chad said part-time employee. Sylvain stated didn't you have to get permission to hire them. Chad said he talked with the Mayor about hiring them. Sylvain asked if there was money in the budget. Chad stated yes. Sylvain said at the last meeting we had the estimate of revenues voted on for the wood county budget commission she voted yes and she would like to rescind her vote. Her reason being she thinks that should have had a financial committee review prior to being submitted to the Council. Sylvain said is there a reason why the committees have not been meeting and asked Tolles why his committee was not meeting. Tolles stated they are waiting on receiving quotes. Sylvain asked Donsbach if her committees are not meeting either, Donsbach stated we are not meeting at this time. Sylvain asked who the person was to be appointed. Mayor said he will have someone here at the next meeting. David Fowler presented a \$20 check from the last movie night and thanked Council for allowing him use of the Town Hall. Donsbach asked how the turnout was. David said not as well as he hoped but he is hoping for a better turn out this month.

ADJOURNMENT:


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

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

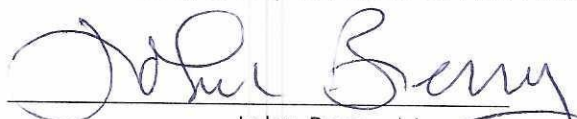
MOTION FAILS

Mayor declared the meeting is adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is July 25, 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.