

# MEETING MINUTES

## GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION



Held: July 25, 2022

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:38 P.M. in the Old Fire Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Mayor introduced new Council member Alex Glassford that he swore in prior to the council meeting.

Rachel Smith – Present  
Rick Tolles – Present  
Jody Donsbach – Present

Martha Frantz - Present  
Lynn Sylvain – Present  
Alex Glassford - Present

**EMPLOYEES:** Chad Beyer and Kristel Beyer

**VISITORS:** Tyler Newsome and David Fowler

**MINUTES:**

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Tolles to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 11, 2022.

**BILLS:**

Smith made a motion, seconded by Donsbach to approve the bills from June 10 – July 21, 2022 in the amount of \$44,819.59.

Votes were: Frantz – yes                      Donsbach – yes                      Smith – yes  
Sylvain – no receipts attached, no                      Tolles – yes  
Glassford – yes

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor said approval of bills pass.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:** Tyler Newsome with Globe Life Family Heritage introduced himself. He will be in the community to offer supplemental health insurance benefits which pays directly to the individual (Cancer, Heart Attack & Stroke and Accident & Injury). The policy comes with a 100% return of premium tax free, if someone does not use the benefits. He also wanted to suggest adding it as a village employee benefit. Mayor thanked him for attending and asked him to get us some information on this.

David Fowler wants to reiterate the request to the Council to please consider moving back to the Town Hall, he personally believes it would be safer in the 196 seats in the auditorium. He also wanted to express his disappointment in the lack of respect for each other on the Council. He doesn't think it falls on any one person's shoulders, he hopes as things move forward Council can work better together towards fixing and helping the community.

David thanked all of Council and realizes it can be a hard-thankless job. Donsbach asked if the sound in the auditorium would be an issue. David stated you would probably need to speak up.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor stated RT65 is almost done. We did have them come back and fix some approaches along Wapakoneta Road. The Ovarian Cancer paper has been sent out and they will be turning the town teal once again. Mayor expressed to Tolles that we received bids for the sidewalks finally so a meeting can be scheduled. Mayor stated Larry Fast has went through the Town Hall on Friday so we are just waiting on his report. Mayor received a paper from Suburban Natural Gas and they will be putting a small surcharge on peoples gas bills, the cost is 24 cents per month. Mayor had people ask him about putting addresses on different buildings and properties. He feels it is a good idea to make sure we have addresses on the park by the Town Hall, Ball Fields, former elementary playground and the Wright Pavilion. Another issue is when people call the emergency number it goes to the tower by the elevator across the river and this relays it to Lucas County, this may cause trouble on where someone is located. Mayor received a letter about Rapids Rally, there was great reviews on it. Mayor thanked everyone that was apart of those committees that put that on. Frantz stated there are signs on the corner of Wapakoneta and Second Street that have been pushed over. Chad stated he can contact ODOT on getting those fixed.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Chad stated the waterline has been started at Williamsburg Subdivision, Poggemeyer is inspecting this. We received the salt contract pricing it will be \$54.78/ton. Larry Fast did his inspection of the Town Hall last Friday. We received our second payment of the American Rescue Plan Act Funding for \$52,794.96. Chad received a phone call today from Toledo Sign stating they messed up their quote. The new quote is for \$2,843. The old quote received was for them to make it out of wood and the new one is for all aluminim. Mayor asked the difference from the first quote, \$928. Donsbach asked the time frame, Chad said 8 to 10 weeks. Frantz stated coming into town off the bridge when you look to the right, the weeds are getting so high it is hard to see. Chad will go look at it. Donsbach had a questioned on the corner of Wapakoneta and Second Street the weeds along the sidewalk are getting high. Chad stated we will need to contact the owner.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:** We have a second reading tonight of the request to vacate an alley between inlots 261 and 262, a second reading of a Resolution for the Village to apply for a Wood County Park Grant and a third reading for Ordinance 2022-4. After the third reading there can be a motion for passage of Ordinance 2022-4.

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**COMMITTEES:** None

**ORDINANCES:**

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

Mayor gave second 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 third 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.

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith for passage of 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.

Glassford asked if we do not pass this do the lights not come on. Mayor stated this created a certain fund from our taxes that then pays for the lighting services.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor stated Ordinance 2022-4 has passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Mayor said we have unfinished business of the needs assessment. Frantz stated the last time it came up she consulted someone that does this for a living and gave Council a copy. She asked Council to compare between the two that were presented to see which one is more comfortable and more user friendly. Frantz stated we have not made that decision yet. Smith stated we should schedule another Council of the Whole meeting to discuss. Mayor asked to get that planned and we can email everyone when it is scheduled. Sylvain had brought up the mosquito spray that the Village is using and believes it has been posted on the website and asked what the dangers to the community is for that spray. Chad said yes it is posted and according to the EPA there is not a danger if it is done according to the labels so it does not pose a public risk. Sylvain asked if Chad is licensed to do this . Chad said yes he is. Sylvain asked who licensed this. Chad stated the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Sylvain asked what is the recommendation of how often we should be spraying and if we should be spraying. Chad stated there is not a recommendation but he does it weekly weather permitting. Chad has information on this if Sylvain would like it. Sylvain stated yes. Chad mentioned that there is a new product coming out that we will be looking into. Sylvain stated that the Mayor mentioned we had the most interested candidates for the Council seat and he selected someone that didn't apply, she asked what criteria he used and if he interviewed everyone the same as Alex Glassford. Mayor made this decision by appointment and feels Alex Glassford is a great fit for Council. Sylvain questioned Alex Glassford on passing the bills. Sylvain asked him if he knows what the Albert Potter bill for \$150 was for. Glassford said no he does not, Sylvain asked if he knew what the D & D Lanscape bill was for, Glassford stated it states delinquent mowing on a vacant lot. Donsbach asked for a point of order that is badgering and inappropriate. Mayor asked to return to the Agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tolles stated the Grand Growers want to do a plant swap by the Log Cabin do they need to fill out an application to use that area. Mayor suggested talking to the Historical Society they take care of that area. Donsbach stated she has heard from some of the people from the Chamber and Historical Society that there has been drinking going on during the Rhythm on the River. They have asked to put some signs up and she wondered if we should have more permanent signage on the Tow Path. Tolles stated people were also smoking and he brought it to Lynn Long's attention. Mayor stated he will ask them about it too.

**COMMENTS:** Frantz welcomed Alex Glassford to Council and hopes he enjoys his time

here. Sylvain asked what the payment is to each Council member per meeting and what is the payment for the Mayor. Mayor stated he will have to get that information at a later time. Donsbach believes it is \$60.39 per meeting. Sylvain stated Donsbach brought up the drinking along the canal and she is interested in a Dora permit which would allow people to carry around a drink. She wondered what needed to be done to do that and if Council would be interested. Donsbach stated we have talked about that and stated she thought it was a good idea. The only issue is Howard Park because part of the deed states no alcohol in that area and if there was then they could relinquish. Smith stated we mentioned this a handful of times primarily during Covid so the restaurants could have outside seating. Smith has been interested in this but we would have to come up with a really solid plan to block the areas off. Mayor stated Perrysburg has verbiage painted on the streets on where it stops and we also have to think about who will be enforcing the people getting out of the designated area. The Sheriff Deputies are here a lot but not all the time.

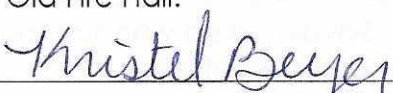
**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is August 8, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the 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.