



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR SESSION**



Held: August 29, 2022

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:40 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  
Rick Tolles – Present  
Jody Donsbach – Present

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

**EMPLOYEES:** Chad Beyer and Kristel Beyer

**VISITORS:** David Fowler

**MINUTES:**

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of both meetings held on August 8, 2022.

**BILLS:**

Smith made a motion, seconded by Donsbach to approve the bills from August 5 – August 25, 2022 in the amount of \$27,960.63.

Sylvain questioned in the August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes Angle questioned about CodeRed and now she notices a fee for \$157.25 for CodeRed is this the same reference. Smith stated this is an annual cost. Sylvain asked so we already have CodeRed, Donsbach said yes. Sylvain questioned the municipal utilities bill for \$22,055.64 for wholesale water. Do we bill out for what we are charged or do we add profit for that and what is the mark up. Kristel stated the Village does not profit from utility bills we bill for our cost for the BG wholesale water plus all the Villages other costs. Sylvain asked for a report out on this next month.

Votes were:                      Glassford – yes                      Tolles – yes                      Sylvain – no, still waiting  
   Donsbach – yes                      Smith - yes                      for receipts

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor said approval of bills pass.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:** Kevin Olman addressed Council concerning his request to vacate the alley next to his property. He thanked Council for their consideration on this. David Fowler submitted a \$70 check that was received from the last two movie nights.

Mayor stated we received an application from the Chamber for Christmas Open House and the Light the Night Event. Donsbach asked if they planned on having the band in the parade for Light the Night, she remembers from years prior there was a parking issue and wants to get clarification on that first.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor stated there is about 40 days until the Applebutter Festival. There is a safety meeting coming up on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Old Fire Hall. Mayor said there has been a lot of activity in town and hopes the commerce is doing well. He hopes it continues on. Mayor stated school is back in session so please be cautious of the buses. Mayor said we have received a couple requests for benches and memorial trees. Mayor stated a Parks committee should be scheduled to look that over, the trees need planted in the fall.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Chad received quotes for new mosquito fogging products. Sylvain asked what products they recommended. Chad stated the more organic or the duet products are what most people are going towards. Sylvain thinks we should look at alternatives. She stated we have a huge bat population possibly encouraging that and strategically placing bat houses around. She doesn't see how any of those chemicals being sprayed are good for anyone. Chad stated it says in here that the amount that we spray is not hurting anyone. Chad received a quote to paint street lines. Chad contacted Rowe Tree Service, they will be taking down the tree in the cemetery and the one by Willow. Sylvain stated you were going to find out if residents can recommend a tree for removal. Chad stated yes and then we can go look at it. Sylvain stated she is very concerned there is a huge tree wrapped up in electrical wires, very heavy large tree that is also dead in the core. The tree will either damage her personal property or fall into the canal. Chad received a quote for a new tailgate salt spreader for the 1-ton dump truck. We received three quotes on sidewalks. We received the new agreement for emergency management services, this should get approved tonight to send back to the County EMA office. Sylvain asked about the Larry Fast report. Chad sent the report to all of Council to review. Sylvain stated she didn't see all 14 points discussed and thinks Chad should send it to him. Sylvain stated the chimney is not referenced or the drooping ceiling or the chair lift. Chad stated Larry is the forensic engineer and was sure he knew what he was doing that is what council hired him for. Chad stated Larry said he was there for the structural aspect but we could get an architect in there to look at other items. Chad said Frantz went through with him and Larry, you can ask her about it too. Sylvain was surprised Larry mentioned the bottom stone slab. Sylvain said overall it is a good report. Donsbach asked about the signs on RT65, Chad said he has contacted them twice. Donsbach said we took a picture and sent it to ODOT so hopefully that helps. Tolles asked about the tree that fell on the wire on Front Street, Chad stated he thought it was gone, he will double check. Tolles asked about the bees in the hill. Chad stopped by and stomped on the dirt and nothing came out he will look again tomorrow.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:** None

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**COMMITTEES:** Smith said the Buildings, Parks, Properties and Maintenance Committee met to discuss potential reallocation of lands for a new pool. The proposed plan would allow for a new pool to be constructed in the vacant lot adjacent to the current pool, once constructed the village would utilize the current pool location land. The proposed idea is in a planning phase only and they have no recommendations at this time. Sylvain stated she looked up how much land the pool is currently taking up, it is unclear to her if the pool is asking for a swap of square footage or a parcel. Fowler stated the rental agreement

covers 120 foot by 120-foot square, they do not know the size they are asking for yet. They would like to go to an Olympic size pool. They were just wanting to know if it were possible before pursuing. Sylvain asked the budget for this design. Fowler stated \$3,000 to \$5,000 are what some of the architects are coming in at. Sylvain suggests coming to Council to ask us to pay for that since it is a community enhancement. Donsbach asked Fowler to make sure that would not mess with their funding opportunities by having us do that, we would not want to jeopardize that.

Tolles stated the Streets and Sidewalks Committee met to go over quotes and decide on a contractor to replace sidewalks in the Village. The first area is the block of Front Street and Second Street between Wapakoneta and Mill Street. The committee's recommendation is to contract K & K Construction to replace sidewalks in town at \$12 per sq. ft. not to exceed \$50,000 this year.

**ORDINANCES:**

Mayor gave emergency reading to Resolution 2022-03: Contract to Furnish Emergency Management Between Wood County, Ohio and the Village of Grand Rapids.

Smith made a motion seconded by Tolles to declare Resolution 2022-03 an emergency and waive the three readings.

Sylvain questioned why an emergency, Smith stated this is our portion of the emergency management services between the Village and the County. Sylvain doesn't know when this is due. Kristel stated the contract started January 1, 2022, we just received this agreement from the county for approval and should get approved immediately.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2022-03: Contract to Furnish Emergency Management Between Wood County, Ohio and the Village of Grand Rapids.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor stated Resolution 2022-03 has passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Sylvain stated the needs assessment meeting needs scheduled. Smith stated she will take care of it.

Smith made a motion seconded by Donsbach to bring Ordinance 2022-5 back on the table.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor stated Ordinance 2022-5: Ordinance vacating alley between inlots 261 and 262 in the Village of Grand Rapids is back on the table.

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith for passage of Ordinance 2022-5: Ordinance vacating alley between inlots number 261 and 262 in the Village of Grand Rapids.

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

**MOTION FAILS**

Mayor stated the Ordinance 2022-5 does not pass.

Smith made a motion seconded by Tolles to approve the recommendation for K & K Construction to replace the sidewalks in town at \$12 per square foot not to exceed \$50,000 in 2022.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith to approve the application for use of public property for non-profit organizations for the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce for Christmas Open House to be held Nov. 19 & 20, 2022.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Donsbach asked Kristel to find out about the band parking for the Light the Night event.

**COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

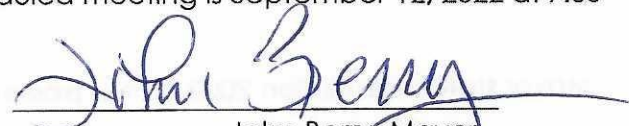
Smith made a motion, seconded by Donsbach, to adjourn.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is September 12, 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.