



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION



Held: September 12, 2022

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:31 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 - Present
Lynn Sylvain – Present
Alex Glassford - Present

EMPLOYEES: Kristel Beyer
VISITORS: None

MINUTES:

Smith made a motion, seconded by Frantz to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 29, 2022.

Sylvain stated there was no capture of the conversation about insurance for K & K. Sylvain stated as a Village we should get suppliers insurance naming us as additional insured and checking their safety record. Kristel stated the Village does require contractors to submit their insurance with the Village listed as additional insured.

BILLS:

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the bills from August 26 – September 8, 2022 in the amount of \$20,462.49.

Sylvain questioned the \$3,100 for the speed sign, where did the sign go and did we get three quotes. Kristel stated she doesn't know if we received three quotes but this was the sign discussed back in February or March and we just now received it. She believes the sign was placed on Third Street.

Votes were: Donsbach – yes Smith – yes Sylvain – no, without receipts
 Glassford – yes Tolles – yes Frantz – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Mayor said approval of bills pass.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: None

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor stated yesterday was 9/11 and this was 21 years ago. There was a wonderful service yesterday at the fire hall for first responders. We are getting closer to the festival only 27 more days. Mayor stated there is a Applebutter Safety Meeting tomorrow night at 6 pm. Mayor stated the speed sign is helping on third street. Mayor wanted to remind everyone to keep a vigilant eye out for kids or adults in the parks that can be doing not good things. There has been reports of bad activities in the parks.

Sylvain asked if the parking passes have been passed out to the businesses. Kristel stated the Historical Society gives out the business passes but stated the resident passes were mailed out this morning.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mayor read Chad's report. Rowe's tree service will be cutting down some trees, two in the cemetery and one by Willow Childcare. Sylvain stated she has two quotes for tree's on her property or close to her property. Mayor continued Chad's report. Larry Fast will be meeting with the Fire Chief on Friday to check the fire escapes. Sylvain asked if Chad gave Larry the 14 items, she wanted to follow up to see if Chad gave it to him. Frantz stated she doesn't know what would have been on the list that was missed. Sylvain stated the chimney's and the sloping ceilings were not mentioned in Larry Fast's report. Smith stated that the communication we received was everything that Larry Fast thought that needed addressed. Smith stated just because it was on the 14 item list does not mean it needed to be addressed. Sylvain thinks we need to make Larry aware that other people that went through had these observations and he should comment on them. Sylvain just wants to make sure Chad gave the list to Larry like she requested. Mayor continued Chad's report. K & K is going to be doing the sidewalks sometime after applebutter fest. They will start on Front Street down Wapakoenta Road and continuing as far down Second Street as the amount will allow us too. Sylvain asked who poured the sidewalks in front of the daycare then. Mayor stated it was K & K but the church did those sidewalks.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Fiscal Officer gave Council a copy of the August Bank Reconciliation and everything is reconciled. Gave Finance Committee Appropriation Status, Revenue Status and Fund Listing. I was asked to provide information on our utility bills, I have given council a report of the previous years along with a more detailed last year report. Any money the village receives goes into the water and sewer funds to cover costs to operate. Sylvain asked what the miscellaneous and fire line charges were. Kristel stated the miscellaneous comes from on/off charges, meter repairs and cancelled check charges. The fire line is only charged to a few and will have to ask Chad for that answer. The figures were discussed from the utility report. Sylvain questioned 38% mark up on utility bills is that normal for a village our size, she doesn't know. Kristel stated that anything the village receives for utility bills is put into our water and sewer funds to cover operating costs, like equipment, maintenance/repairs, testing, insurance, payroll etc. The Village does not profit from this, Sylvain stated she was not saying that. Mayor stated we could ask other villages. Frantz stated she will make an appointment with Kristel to discuss this. Sylvain questioned what is section 3 & 4 and what are water haulers. Mayor stated the water haulers are people that come to get bulk water from the village like farmers. The section 3 & 4 are outside the village like out in Williamsburg. Sylvain questioned NW Sewer. Kristel stated the Village bills for the Northwest sewer in Williamsburg. Sylvain asked what the marked up is on commercial water versus residential. Kristel stated we have a rate ordinance which is available online, she can send to Sylvain.

Kristel was also asked about the band parking for the Light the Night event and she was told they would caution tape the area like prior years. We also have a resolution on the agenda tonight that was received from the County Auditor last week. This resolution is the county auditor's estimate of taxes the Village will receive in 2023 and since this is for finances it just needs a motion for passage to be sent back to the auditor's office.

Bittersweet Farms will be using the Town Hall again on Fridays for a Music Series just like they did before covid.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: None

ORDINANCES:

Mayor gave first reading to Resolution 2022-04: Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Tolles for passage of Resolution 2022-04: Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.

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

MOTION APPROVED

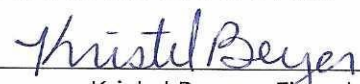
Mayor stated Resolution 2022-04 has passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Sylvain has several. We need a meeting scheduled by the President, we have the employee handbook, council rules, needs assessment and 3 to 5 year goals. Smith will reach out and schedule a meeting and she will also be scheduling a buildings and parks meeting.


NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS: Sylvain questioned the 30-minute meetings and after discussion the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is September 26, 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.