



# MEETING MINUTES

## GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION



Held: May 8, 2023

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:05 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 - Absent
Rick Tolles – Present	Lynn Sylvain – Present
Jody Donsbach – Present	Alex Glassford – Absent

**EMPLOYEES:** Chad Beyer

**VISITORS:** Peggy Seab, Bob Stickley and Angie Miller

**MINUTES:** Smith made a motion, seconded by Tolles to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 24, 2023.

Sylvain stated the meeting minutes do not mention any of the selective editing.

Mayor stated minutes are approved as presented.

**BILLS:**

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the bills from April 21 – May 4, 2023 in the amount of \$19,891.12.

Votes were:     Donsbach – yes                     Sylvain – no, not without receipts  
                   Smith – yes                                 Tolles – yes

**MOTION NOT APPROVED**

Sylvain asked about the \$345.70 Richard Amos bill and what is the spend threshold for getting multiple quotes. Chad said a mechanic and he would have to drive the truck to each mechanic to look over to even receive a quote, he does not think that would be worth the extra time.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:**

Peggy Seab asked if a meeting has been scheduled to review the utility rates. Mayor stated not at this time. Peggy Seab asked about getting bids for trash pickup and recycling for the entire Village. Peggy asked if the sanitary and storm drains are connected. Chad said the storm drains and sanitary sewers are not connected to each other. Peggy asked where the car wash drains to. Chad said they have a segregation tank it goes into. Peggy stated it would not be good if salt from vehicles gets into our storm drains. Chad said salt off the roads probably gets into the storm drains.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Mayor asked if anyone had questions for the deputy. Bob Stickley had a question on noise abatement for decibels allowed on motorcycles or vehicles. He welcomed the Sheriff to park in his driveway there. Bob Stickley also

stated it is not posted for 35 mph there, he said a deer hit a motorcycle and thinks things need fixed. The deputy stated the signs would be the township. Deputy also stated if the vehicle has a modified exhaust they could then do something but if it is just the normal way the vehicle sounds there is nothing they can do. Bob Stickley thinks the speed limit needs to change and he knows it is up to ODOT but thinks it is only a matter of time for someone to hit a camper going in or out of the campsite there. Deputy asked if it happens more on the weekend, Bob Stickley said yes. Deputy will pass the information along.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor stated people need to take extra caution for cars pulling out and people walking all over. Mayor stated there was another mass shooting and we should keep those people in our thoughts and prayers. Peggy Seab asked if our community has a place to meet in case of an emergency?

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Chad contacted American Legal Publishing about updating the code of Ordinances. The cost to get everything up to date is about \$11,000. Smith asked if he contacted Kleinfelder, she thought they did this for municipalities they worked for. Chad said they fixed a water leak at Village lane. They plan on getting the clock fixed soon. The bulk pickup totals were 5 mattresses, 1 air conditioner and 12.16 tons.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mayor read the Fiscal Officer report. Council received a copy of the April Bank Reconciliation and everything is reconciled. Gave Finance Committee Appropriation Status, Revenue Status and Fund Listing. There are two resolutions on the agenda that are first readings.

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**COMMITTEES:** Tolles stated that K & K Construction came in at \$13 and Premier at \$13.15 per square foot for sidewalks. Tolles would like to proceed with scheduling the sidewalk work with K & K Construction.

**ORDINANCES:** Smith made a motion to bring Resolution 2023-01 back to the table for the first reading seconded by Donsbach.

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

**Motion Approved**

Mayor gave first reading to Resolution 2023-01: Resolution Authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to refund overpayment to John Seab & Peggy Seab for Sewer Tap Fee.

Peggy said they would accept the interest but on protest of paying for the grinder pump and electrical twice.

Mayor gave first reading to Resolution 2023-03: Resolution Approving the draft amended Wood County Solid Waste Management Plan.

Chad mentioned you can go to [www.recyclewoodcounty.org](http://www.recyclewoodcounty.org) for more information.

