



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION



Held: March 11, 2024

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:27 P.M. in the Town 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
Louise Estep – Absent

Mayor stated Estep had a prior engagement as she stated at our last meeting.

EMPLOYEES: Kristel Beyer

VISITORS: Dean Seeger and Bob Clark

MINUTES: Smith made a motion, seconded by Donsbach to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 26, 2024.

Sylvain stated the letter from the Solicitor was referenced and believes should be attached to the published minutes for residents to see. Mayor stated we could do that.

Mayor stated if there are no other questions, we will accept them as presented.

BILLS:

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Frantz to approve the bills from February 23 – March 7, 2024 in the amount of \$31,764.50.

Sylvain asked if we got three quotes on the post repair for Wright Pavilion, Mayor stated we received one quote because there were no others that were interested. Smith stated it is within the threshold for the Village Administrator to spend. Sylvain asked about the underground wires ran for the clarifier, Mayor stated that was an emergency and needed to be done quickly. Donsbach said again within the Administrators spending threshold.

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

MOTION APPROVED

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: Dean Seeger with Cub Scout Pack 325 presented the application for the Applebutter Fest. The application is the same as prior years. Smith made a motion, seconded by Tolles to approve the application for the building and park reservation from Cub Scout Pack 325 on 10/12/24 to 10/13/24 for the Applebutter Fest.

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

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Dean Seeger thanked Council for this opportunity each year this really helps them.

Bob Clark came to discuss starting a veteran flag project with the Village. Bob stated the cost for hardware is about \$65 and a flag is about \$65. Bob Clark is working on getting more information and will be in touch with Louise Estep or Rick Tolles on this project. Tolles stated that Bob had mentioned there may be grants to help some families for the flags. Bob said he talked with the Veterans Service Commission Office here in Wood County and they could get up to \$750/year that could help finance the brackets or flags. Linda Donald asked if the Village had a lift to install/remove each year. Mayor stated the Village unfortunately does not have a lift. Bob Clark stated the program would start small and hopefully build every year.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor said we have 28 days until the solar eclipse. Mayor stated the Library has glasses. Tolles mentioned Hidden Treasures has them as well. Tolles is waiting to discuss more with McKenzie on this. Mayor stated the Chamber meeting at Hebans was really nice and well put together. Mayor said the Wright Pavilion is finished except for a little staining, they did a fantastic job. Mayor said do not forget to vote.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mayor read Administrator's report. Stone was delivered for alleys, the Pavilion is done, we will stain it once the weather warms up. Received quotes from Premier patching \$9,127.80 for crack sealing, \$14,850 for spray patching. Received quotes for the parking lots, \$17,998 was the cheapest for pirate's park; \$50,085 cheapest to redo and add behind the businesses. Received quote for garage at Town Hall \$14,875; also gave me quote for tuck pointing and other miscellaneous brick work for \$11,575. Mayor feels the outside of Town Hall needs attention. We are going to cut a tree down downtown Wednesday to get an idea on pricing and what it is going to take to do it.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Fiscal Officer gave Council the January February Bank Rec. Gave Finance Committee Appropriation Status and Revenue Status. Fiscal Officer stated we have the second reading of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance and a first reading of the Resolution to receipt the Cable Franchise Fees into the Sidewalk Fund.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: Tolles submitted the Streets & Sidewalks Committee meeting minutes. Tolles stated the committee met and we decided to hold off on continuing sidewalks until we figure out the downtown walks.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS: Mayor gave the second reading to Ordinance 2024-1: Annual Appropriation Ordinance. Mayor gave the first reading to Resolution 2024-02: Resolution Authorizing the Fiscal Officer to receipt cable franchise fees into the Sidewalk Fund.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Donsbach stated we have been asked to look into a speed study for changing the speed on Rt 65 coming into town. Donsbach stated we did hear from ODOT, the last study was done in 2017 and at that time they went with a speed limit of 50 mph. They stated at this time there have been no major changes so they do not recommend another study.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Smith made a motion seconded by Tolles to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is March 25, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

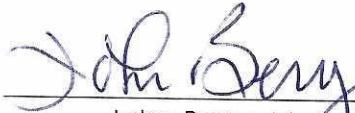
Votes were: Donsbach - yes
Frantz - yes

Sylvain - yes
Tolles - yes

Smith - yes



Kristel Beyer, Fiscal Officer



John Berry, Mayor

MOTION APPROVED

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.

February 23 - March 7, 2024

Jones & Henry	\$380.00	Water Testing
MASI	\$615.05	Water & Sewer Testing
Twisted Timber	\$1,500.00	Repaired 3 posts on Wright Pavilion
Casa Bella	\$240.00	Public Restroom Cleaning
Tractor Supply	\$122.23	Tarps, gloves, and glue
Cline Trucking	\$375.00	3 loads of stone
Guardian Alarm	\$198.00	Alarm Service
Mid-Wood	\$418.56	Fuel
WC Sheriff	\$8,438.64	Contract Service
Jim Speiser & Sons	\$3,489.69	New underground wires ran for clarifiers
Rumpke	\$79.56	Trash Pickup
Frontier	\$388.09	Landline Phone/Fax
Verizon	\$105.56	Cell Phones
Municipal Utilities	\$15,414.12	Wholesale water
Total	\$31,764.50	

*Council Approved 5-1, Sylvain voting no.

To: Village Council
Date: March 11, 2024

RE: Council Meeting –

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