



# MEETING MINUTES

## GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION



Held: April 11, 2016

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:50 P.M. in the Grand Rapids Town Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Jody Lewis - Present	Rachel Smith – Present
Carolyn Erdody – Present	Bill Hutchison – Present
Jeremy Treen –Present	Kevin Olman – Present

**EMPLOYEES:** Chad Hoffman, Kristel Beyer

**VISITORS:**

Sarah Lutz, Frank Hunsberger, Ruth Babel-Smith, KC Bailey, and Brian Martin

**MINUTES:**

Erdody made a motion, seconded by Olman to accept the Minutes of the March 28<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting as submitted.

Votes were:	Olman – yes	Lewis- yes	Treen – yes
	Smith – yes	Erdody - yes	Hutchison – yes

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor Berry stated minutes passed.

**BILLS:**

Erdody made a motion, seconded by Smith to pay the bills dated March 26<sup>th</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Votes were:	Lewis- yes	Treen- yes	Smith – yes
	Erdody - yes	Hutchison – yes	Olman – yes

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor Berry stated bills have passed.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:**

Sarah Lutz spoke to Council concerning the chicken's issue. She was told there would be a letter going out to residents with chickens for removal. Mayor stated this issue is being discussed and no letters have gone out. Mayor Berry read the ordinance concerning chickens to clarify any further questions.

Frank Hunsberger also spoke concerning the chickens issue. He stated you get something for your dollar, you get eggs. There are a lot of cats running around where is the ordinance on cats. He wants to encourage Council to look into an ordinance allowing so many chickens.

Ruth Babel-Smith came to introduce herself to Council she is running as the Democratic candidate for Wood County Sheriff in the upcoming election. Also stated she would like use of the Town Hall to introduce herself to residents later on in the year.

KC Bailey plans on moving into the Village and wants to be allowed to have laying hens. There are many Villages and cities that allow laying hens such as Toledo. She would like Council to look into allowing laying hens with regulations.

Erdody commented that Council is representing everyone in the Village not just the few people that came, that wants to allow having chickens.

Hutchison states this issue has been brought to our attention before. Hutchison voted yes to follow the current zoning ordinance. When he took his oath it was to follow the laws of the land. This issue will be looked into to see what is good for the community.

Brian Martin discussed the Cub Scout Pack application for Applebutter Fest. Hutchison made a motion seconded by Erdody to allow the Cub Scout Pack use of the real estate asked for, for the Applebutter Fest.

Votes were:	Treen –yes	Smith – yes	Erdody – yes
	Hutchison – yes	Olman – yes	Lewis – yes

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor stated motion passes.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Sheriff Fanning gave Mayor monthly report. Erdody explained there are very fast moving vehicles going down Bridge Street around 7 am. Olman expressed every morning down Bridge Street vehicles are going 50 mph. There is a resident in the audience to discuss this. Mayor Berry allowed Sarah Lutz to speak, she explained every week day morning at 4:45 am there is a vehicle speeding from the end of Bridge Street through the stop sign.

Sheriff Fanning will watch for this tonight.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor received Invitation for an Annual Meeting for Northwest Water And Sewer on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Also received a letter from the City of Perrysburg about their 200 year Grand Celebration.

Mayor reminded Council of the Planning Commission Meeting tomorrow night at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall for a variance.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

The Administrator presented his report. It will be attached to the Official Minutes.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Fiscal Officer submitted the March Bank Reconciliation to Council. Also let Council know that the Villages Audit has started.

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**COMMITTEES:** Smith discussed the minutes from the Utilities, Sewers and Streetlights Committee held on March 28, 2016.

Treen asked if the Village had enough money to purchase second pump station if we don't receive the grant. Administrator stated yes we do and if that were to happen then the Village could be eligible for 1% financing or if we get enough

points it could be 0% financing for so many years to pay back.

Smith made a motion seconded by Olman to approve the completion of the pump stations project.

Votes were:	Smith – yes	Erdody – yes	Hutchison – yes
	Olman – yes	Lewis – yes	Treen –yes

**MOTION APPROVED**

**ORDINANCES:**None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mayor talked with Chuck Thomas about the Apple butter wrapup meeting. A tentative date is April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Treen expressed that Council did take action pertaining to the agriculture situation. We all voted yes to sending out the letter. Hutchison stated no, we voted to follow the Ordinance we have. Treen stated the letter was halted to find out legal information, as of now action was taken to enforce that Ordinance.

Mayor stated Council should either discuss this further in another meeting or enforce the law as written.

Olman expressed there were concerns on the creation of a new code, this has been on the books since 1979. He also stated residents have added structures to their residence without the proper permits and the Village has made them remove the structures immediately. He stated this is the discussion time so lets do it.

Lewis made a motion seconded by Smith to revisit this issue in a committee of a whole meeting.

Votes were:	Erdody – yes	Hutchison – no	Olman – no
	Lewis – yes	Treen – no	Smith – yes

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor broke the tie with a yes vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**COMMENTS:** None

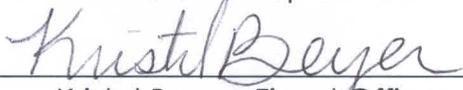
**ADJOURNMENT:**

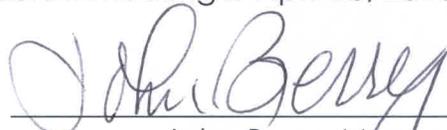
Carolyn made a motion, seconded by Lewis, to adjourn.

Votes were:	Hutchison – yes	Olman – yes	Lewis – yes
	Treen – yes	Smith - yes	Erdody – yes

**MOTION APPROVED**

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is April 25, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Grand Rapids Town 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.