



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION



Held: January 13, 2025

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 6:32 P.M. in the Town Hall. Smith stated she will be presiding over the meeting as President Pro Tempore due to Mayor Berry's absence. President Pro Tempore called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Council Drew Seats:

1. Sylvain
2. Smith
3. Donsbach
4. Estep
5. Tolles
6. Frantz

Rachel Smith – Present
 Lynn Sylvain – Present
 Louise Estep – Absent

Martha Frantz - Present
 Rick Tolles – Present
 Jody Donsbach – Present

Smith made a motion seconded by Tolles to excuse Louise Estep absence due to illness and providing notice to all of us.

Votes were: Donsbach – yes
 Tolles – yes

Smith – yes Frantz – yes
 Sylvain – abstained

MOTION APPROVED

Next item is a President of Council needs to be nominated. Donsbach nominated Rachel Smith for President of Council. Lynn Sylvain nominated Louise Estep for President of Council. Smith stated if no other nominations, nominations will be closed and we will go to a written vote.

Written votes were Smith - 4 votes and Estep - 1 vote.

2025 President of Council is Rachel Smith.

EMPLOYEES: Kristel Beyer

VISITORS: Robert Stickle

MINUTES: Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Tolles to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 9, 2024.

Sylvain stated she believes when she asked the Administrator if he was concerned to get the best price, she also mentioned the best price for taxpayers money. Sylvain asked if Council was going to take disciplinary action on this. Smith stated the Administrator has a spending limit. Sylvain asked if the bushes were trimmed and the handrail been fixed. Fiscal officer stated she believes the bushes will be trimmed when weather turns and as for the handrail she is unaware. Sylvain stated its been over six months, is Council going to reprimand the Administrator. Sylvain stated the Administrator mentioned he is not the parking police, is Council going to

enforce the Ordinances. Donsbach asked to get back to the agenda of the approval of minutes.

President Pro Tempore Smith stated the minutes are approved as submitted.

BILLS:

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Frantz to approve the bills from December 7, 2024 – December 31, 2024 and January 1, 2025 - January 9, 2025. Sylvain asked about the OWDA loan for RT 65 Sanitary Sewer Extension for \$6,200, Fiscal Officer stated we pay that twice a year from the project. Sylvain asked where that was, Fiscal Officer stated it starts around Mary Jane Park and goes down County Line Road. Sylvain asked if we got three quotes for the envirocare tree removal, Fiscal Officer is not aware three quotes were received but knows the Administrator does call around for pricing. Sylvain asked about the Speiser Electric setting new pole, panel and meter and asked where that was. Fiscal Officer stated the Administrator brought that up the last meeting about an accident at the Kellogg triangle, this will be sent into insurance. Sylvain asked if Jones & Henry Labs was a monthly or quarterly bill, Fiscal Officer stated quarterly. Sylvain asked about the attorney fees for \$875 and what lawsuit is that for, Fiscal Officer stated the only ongoing lawsuit. Sylvain asked about the credit card bill for \$1600 is that a normal charge, Fiscal Officer stated it just depends on what is needed each month. Sylvain asked about the \$2125 for attorney fees, asked if that is the lawsuit from herself, Fiscal Officer stated it is the ongoing lawsuit. Sylvain questioned the Bissnuss Inc for \$4600 replace flow meter where was that, Fiscal Officer stated at the wastewater plant.

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

MOTION APPROVED

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Robert Stickley stated there is an EPA public monitoring schedule for checking the water, there is also a consumer confidence report, annual drinking water report. Stickley asked if the Grand Rapids citizens will be informed of the recent results of the piping study for heavy metal such as galvanized and lead. Stickley said it was mentioned that the water tower was going to have something done to it, is the water tower identified as having lead base primer paint in it. President Pro Tempore said we will forward those questions on to the Administrator and Mayor to get a response.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: President Pro Tempore read the Administrators report. He got 25 ton of salt delivered and got a pallet of sidewalk salt. He got contracts signed for painting of Town Hall and the tuck pointing of the exterior of Town Hall.

He had a meeting last Friday with Tom Stalter with The District about connecting water mains in case of an emergency. Once he gets more information, he will share it.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Fiscal Officer gave Council the Village brochure and asked if there were any changes to please let her know. Fiscal Officer brought some parking ordinances that Sylvain requested.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: None

ORDINANCES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Sylvain stated the parking Ordinances were provided to Council, the Council was asked if they were going to enforce Ordinances. Sylvain knows there are violations to these Ordinances specifically with Smith, the Mayor and Kevin Olman. Frantz asked if these are the Ordinances Sylvain discussed last time. Sylvain said she could have had more but these are in general the Ordinances she had. Sylvain stated she gave the Fiscal Officer the request a month ago and asked if there was a reason it took so long. Smith stated at the last meeting they asked Sylvain to give her copies to the Fiscal Officer so she could share with us. Fiscal Officer stated the request was for no specific item, she had to research what Sylvain actually stated in the meeting, then she had to go online to look for it. Smith stated we should probably review these Ordinances, most dates are from the 1980's, to see if changes should be made. Smith stated Sylvain is targeting three people, Smith asked do you realize that these Ordinances effect more than just three people, Sylvain stated yes. Sylvain asked the Council if they would enforce the ordinance and in general we said yes. Sylvain stated that they selectively enforced an ordinance against her and had her car illegally towed. Sylvain stated these Ordinances are in play today. Sylvain asked Smith if she will stop parking illegally, Sylvain stated she is not allowed to park there and left a car parked there for two years. Donsbach stated this is badgering and harrassment lets move on.

Frantz said she had asked for any ideas or suggestions on the Village Council Rules. Frantz stated when the draft is ready, we should have a Council of the Whole meeting to discuss. Frantz thinks we should add an application to use to apply for a vacant Council seat. Sylvain stated her comment is irrelvant because the Mayor appoints.

NEW BUSINESS: Sylvain asked Smith what she would like to accomplish on Council this year. Smith stated she would like to accomplish a lot of things. Smith would like to finish the Town Hall renovations. Smith asked what Sylvain wants to accomplish, she wants a vision statement, needs assessment and three-to-five-year strategy. Donsbach asked for everyone to get along and be professional. Frantz is hoping the changes in the rules and regulations will accomplish that. Tolles stated the

Veterans Banners application deadline is January 31st, we currently have about 25 applications. Tolles said the snow on sidewalks needs to be addressed. Tolles had a resident contact him about a survey about the Village, when the resident looked into it, it appears it was from fraudsters trying to gather information.

COMMENTS: Frantz was in the library and spoke to the Administrator. They stated in the summer time, the players and parents go in to use their bathrooms. Frantz thinks we should look at this and discuss what can be done. Sylvain would like each member to bring to the next meeting what they would like to work on.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

MOTION APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is January 27, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town 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.

December 6, 2024 - December 31, 2024 Bills Paid

Verizon	\$105.68	Cell Phones
Frontier	\$460.96	Landline Phone/Fax
OWDA Loan	\$6,199.08	RT65 Sanitary Sewer Extension
Treas of State	\$101.25	Annual Town Hall Elevator License
Team EJP	\$570.00	Water Supplies
Casa Bella	\$240.00	Public Restroom Cleaning
Envirocare Tree	\$3,500.00	Tree Removal on the canal
Precision Autoworks	\$51.98	Mount tires on lawn mower
Jim Speiser & Sons Electric	\$2,411.64	Set new pole, panel and meter from accident
Kalida Truck	\$111.00	Tarp Springs
Jones & Henry Labs	\$407.50	Water & Sewer Testing
Gressley, Kaplin&Parker	\$875.00	Attorney Fees
Toledo Edison	\$4,176.85	Electric
Tractor Supply	\$109.99	Pressure Switch
Total	\$19,320.93	

January 1, 2025 - January 9, 2025 Bills

Suburban	\$527.07	Natural Gas
OUPS	\$138.49	2025 Governmental Assessment
UBS Credit Card	\$1,694.85	Light Bulbs, Exit Lights for Town Hall, Batteries, Mower Tires, water, glue, ajax, website hosting
Guardian Alarm	\$510.18	Quarterly Alarm Service
Dan Lawrence	\$360.00	Annual website maintenance
MASI	\$918.35	Water & Sewer Testing
Mccabe Outdoor	\$89.97	Husqvarna fuel
WC Sheriff	\$8,438.64	Contract Service
Gressley, Kaplin&Parker	\$2,125.00	Attorney Fees
Rumpke	\$89.56	Monthly Trash Service
USA Bluebook	\$522.92	Sewer Testing Supplies & Charts
FMS Real Estate (Green Sweep Snow Removal)	\$450.00	Sidewalk salt
Bissnuss, Inc (Bergren Associates)	\$4,608.50	Replaced wastewater flow meter
Municipal Utilities	\$17,352.90	Wholesale water
Frontier	\$462.01	Landline Phone/Fax
Verizon	\$105.68	Cell Phones
Total	\$38,394.12	

Total of Both

\$57,715.05