

ground, bubbling, hear hissing, roaring or smell rotten egg to evacuate immediately to a safe distance and call 911.

Carol Sarkan was here on behalf of the Town Hall Committee. Carol stated they are very happy with the Town Hall with the improvements, renovations and events. Carol stated the last event was the escape room which was a complete success. Carol stated the committee has been focusing on the window treatments for the Town Hall. They would love to get these installed before December 12th Christmas Open House. They have two options; first option is a roller shade and choosing between two valance design options the total cost approximately \$6,000 - \$7000. Tom Huth said the second option is instead of roller shades to go with a blackout curtain which could also have a valance, this item is for everything including install, approximate \$10,000 - \$15,000 but is unsure if it could be done by Christmas Open House. Donsbach asked if the committee has a preference, Carol stated we are equally divided, it is up to Council. Estep asked what is left in the Town Hall fund for this year, Fiscal Officer stated about \$15,000.

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Estep to approve the purchasing of window fixtures Option A window shade with the classic linen lined swag valance in the amount estimated \$6,000-\$7,000 not to exceed \$8,000.

Votes were: Frantz – yes
Estep – yes

Donsbach – yes

Tolles – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Carol Sarkan stated they are going to be presenting the Grand Rapids Town Hall HallMark Christmas Play and Singalong on December 12th. The Open House is at 6 pm and the play and singalong is at 7 pm. Carol gave Council a scheduled event calendar for the Town Hall.

Council reviewed the Light the Night event application. Council would like some clarification and will discuss further at the next meeting. Estep said she would like to see on the event permits food trucks yes or no and then asking location as well.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor stated we just lost a man in town here named Jim Carter a previous Mayor, Wood County Commissioner and local fireman. He will be missed and was an influential man in our community for a long time. Mayor thanked the residents and business owners that took initiative to spruce up their place for the festival. This one big weekend seems to get a lot of people motivated to show pride in their property and the community. Mayor also thanked Chad, Jeremy and Dave for a great job trimming up the parks, mowing and cleaning up while doing their regular duties, they did a super job. Mayor thanked Kristel for her work in the office with the additional phone calls and work that needs done for the fest. Mayor welcomed the newly opened businesses in town, hoping for success in the coming weeks and months ahead. The winter months seem to drag on but thanks to the Chambers planning they have some good things for the winter months ahead as well. Mayor thanked all that helped make the Applebutter Fest a big success this year, thanked the Historical Society and all the volunteers they used to make it happen. A reminder Nov 7th to 9th is the Big Band Musical Show at the Town Hall, Halloween Trick or Treat is 5 pm - 7pm with costume judging at 7:30 pm at the Fire Hall.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator stated he did talk to the railroad people about Second Street, they stated they do not have any money to fix it, they mentioned they will look into it. We did have another water leak near the same one on Beach Street, it is now repaired with Palmer Brothers help. Palmer Brothers also came out to hydro excavate around the broken hydrant by the bank, we purchased three bollards in hopes to keep from happening again. We got a couple of quotes for the King Road master meter pit for the backflow

prevention. The quotes came in over \$90,000, so we need to put out to public bid since it is over the spending threshold. I have been working with Kleinfelder on getting grants for the tow path, their engineers are working on a cost estimate, once that is received we will move forward with what grants we can get and how much money is associated with them. The State Route 65 traffic study done by CESO came back and they recommended a four way stop, they submitted the report to ODOT and ODOT will install a four way stop January/February. The kayak launch that the park has is made by American Muscle Docks, they are around \$2,700 without shipping. I submitted the park grant and wanted to thank Nicole Dittman for her help with that. We received a quote from Nordmann Roofing it is over \$2,000 to fix two tiles on the roof, he will try to get other quotes or rent a lift and do it ourselves. Frantz asked if the speed is 40 mph coming from Sycamore Rd, will the speed be reduced from 40 mph to 25 mph. Administrator can ask, that may be another report. Estep asked about any issues with the Applebutter Fest. Administrator said some food trucks vendors did not have permits, there were 43 food trucks and about 9 did not have permits. According to councilmember Sylvain, we cannot do anything because it is a policy and not an Ordinance, she told that to the Sheriff and the Sheriff agreed. There were two people that did not pay but did that morning, there were three food trucks the people were not there and the ones on Sylvain's property, she would not allow him on the property to talk to the people with the food trucks. Estep asked the Mayor for a legal opinion from the Solicitor. Mayor stated he already spoke with him and he stated we would need to make it an Ordinance. Administrator said the Food Truck owners were very receptive to the permit process. Estep stated we have a new resident on Woodburn Ave, once he asked for assistance, you guys responded right away, the other time was that he is impressed with brush cleanup and how clean it was after. Administrator stated he received information from the park about the dam, it does not appear that failure of the dam during floods would have significant impact downstream. Furthermore, due to the size of the drainage basin, the rise and fall of the river is very gradual, and overtopping would cause minimal damage since the tailwater would meet the headwater.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Fiscal Officer gave Council the September bank rec. Fiscal Officer stated two weeks ago Louise and I met with our Huntington Bank Representative; he brought some options for better interest rates. He recommended an account called ICS this is FDIC insured with same day liquidity, this does fluctuate with federal rate adjustments, the current interest rate is 3.75%. Another option is CDs called CDARS, these interest rates differ from the term selected. It was recommended to ladder our terms, \$500,000 for 3 years, \$750,000 for 2 years and \$750,000 for 1 year. The three-year term has a cap amount of \$500,000. Fiscal Officer stated she would like to recommend going with these suggested options. Estep said we will still have money in the Star Ohio Account, Fiscal Officer said yes. Estep stated the ICS stands for Insured Cash Sweep so she can sweep money back and forth whenever it is needed, all this with no fees. Estep stated Kristel will be following up with the auditor making sure the long-term investments are invested correctly and will talk with UAN to get this setup. Estep stated going forward when the investments reach maturity she will bring to the finance committee and we will have a meeting to invest in new investments. Estep stated she does have a financial advisor at the bank to help her with this. Fiscal Officer stated it is good that both options are FDIC insured.

Estep made a motion seconded by Frantz to authorize Kristel to move One Million into the ICS account and Two Million in the CDARS account staggering terms from the Huntington checking.

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

Estep – yes
MOTION APPROVED

Estep stated with a hopeful start date of December 1st. Donsbach said she loves it is still Huntington Bank and we are supporting local. Fiscal Officer stated Rachel submitted the Council of the Whole meeting minutes. Estep said she misspoke at that meeting and Tontogany does not have Dora, what she found online was not in effect and she apologizes for any misunderstanding that might have caused, Weston does have Dora. Mayor asked the Fiscal Officer about the new software, Fiscal Officer stated she has had 5 profile sessions and now we requested extraction of our current data from the old software, we are waiting on a quote for that.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: Mayor read the submitted Council of the Whole meeting minutes. Mayor stated Smith has received some comments and will be scheduling another meeting soon. Estep said in the paper she read that Perrysburg Council had a second of three readings on a proposed five-year extension of the designated outdoor refreshment area to continue operation in specific public areas. Estep said it sounds like they approved for a certain period of time this is an option we could look at as well.

Estep scheduled a Finance, Wages & Audit Committee meeting on November 6, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall to discuss temporary appropriations/finances.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mayor would like to request to enter into executive session to discuss litigation on the property next door. Donsbach made a motion seconded by Frantz to go into executive session to discuss litigation to include the council members present, Mayor, Administrator and Fiscal Officer.

Votes were:	Tolles – yes	Estep – yes	Frantz – yes
	Donsbach – yes		MOTION APPROVED

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Tolles to go back into regular session.

Votes were:	Estep – yes	Frantz – yes	Donsbach – yes
	Tolles – yes		MOTION APPROVED

Estep asked the Fiscal Officer to work with the Solicitor to make the Food Truck Policy an Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS: Estep said our current Ordinance for our regularly scheduled council meetings, when a meeting falls on a holiday it does not allow the Mayor to reschedule. The current Ordinance reads in the event of any scheduled dates fall on a legal holiday then the meeting so scheduled shall be canceled. Estep would like it to read to be rescheduled at the Mayor's discretion. Estep said she would be willing to draft one. Tolles said this past week he noticed someone has been sitting their trash across the street along the fence on Rt 65, the next time it was an air conditioner, chandelier and a bike, he stated it did get picked up. Tolles stated we need to keep this from happening.

Mayor wants to touch on a subject that has been growing around the community, he has had so many calls and letters from people that live here wondering what is going on with our Council. Mayor stated he listened to find out they know only half of the story and it is disheartening. There is misinformation going around out there that just does not make sense. Mayor stated in the almost twenty years he has been on Council he has never seen it so distraught in so many ways. Mayor said the Village would not be financially sound if it was not

for good solid accounting, from our previous administrator and our clerk today. We have very good infrastructure in our village, roads are decent . Mayor stated look around at some of the communities around us to see what they do not have and we do. Mayor stated the property to the West of the Town Hall cost the Village about \$40,000 to secure just to prove it was Village property from the beginning. The owner of the brick house is ordered by the court to remove any and all of her personal belongings currently there and also on the land right of way by Nov. 16th @11:59 pm, or a Sheriff will assist in doing so. The building will get torn down and will proceed to make a parking lot for the stuff that goes on at the Town Hall. It is unfortunate this cost the Village \$40,000 to secure what we already owned; this is a classic case of a person having an agenda in the back ground. Mayor wanted people to know that the law straightened it out and is glad it is done. Mayor apologized we spent the money on this when it could of went to other things like paving the lot or other areas we have discussed. Mayor stated some people think we have so much money but it is in certain funds and it cannot be moved from one fund to another, a business could but not for a governmental agency. Mayor apologizes to the people but that is what the Mayor does they stand up for what the Village has, something being taken away from the taxpaying people. Once again he apologizes for spending the money but lawyers are expensive. A person on Council takes an Oath should follow it but she would not finish the Oath when the Mayor tried to swear her in.

COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

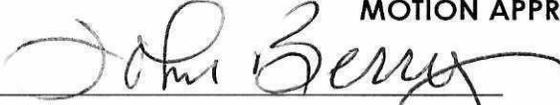
Donsbach made a motion seconded by Frantz to adjourn the meeting.
 The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is November 10, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

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

MOTION APPROVED



 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.

September 19, 2025 - October 8, 2025 Paid

Suburban	\$163.89	Natural Gas
Casa Bella	\$360.00	Public Restroom Cleaning
Craun Liebing	\$525.00	Labor to install transducer
Northwest Tire	\$199.52	Tire replacement
Envirocare	\$150.00	Sprinkler Repair from waterleak repair
Core & Main	\$5,126.00	Hydrant
Sensus	\$3,700.00	Annual Support for Meter Reading Software
Luckey Farmers	\$143.90	Fuel
MASI	\$468.00	Water & Sewer Testing
WC Sheriff	\$10,996.96	Contract Service
Toledo Edison	\$4,067.38	Electric
Guardian Alarm	\$530.46	Quarterly Alarm Service
Culligan	\$16.20	Water Testing Supplies
Huntington Credit Card	\$742.31	Chainsaw Sharpener, sockets, 20V Impact, mulch, applebutter passes, bottled water, hornet spray, pesticide licenses, 2 coils of stamps, continuing ed training, ratchet straps, filters
Air Gas	\$121.32	Pool Chemicals - Cylinder Rental
Total	\$27,310.94	

October 9, 2025 - October 23, 2025

A+ Engineering	\$400.00	3 Bollards for Fire Hydrant surround
Vasko	\$424.16	Public Restroom toilet paper
Schoolsin	\$2,368.26	One 5' Bench and One Swinging Bench Donated
Gressley, Kaplin & Parker	\$450.00	Attorney Fees
Verizon	\$106.37	Cell Phones
Rumpke	\$162.88	Monthly Trash Pickup & Park Dumpster
Great Lakes Biomedical	\$50.00	Consortium Fee
Jim Palmer Excavating	\$4,313.50	Excavate for waterleak repair at Beach St and Vac Truck for Fire Hydrant behind bank
Municipal Utilities	\$19,261.39	Wholesale Water
Wood County Engineer	\$62.92	Cross Traffic Signs
Ludwig Repair	\$1,184.00	Repair to Aquajet
Envirocare	\$460.00	Lawn Care Application Blue Bell & Howard Parks
Casa Bella	\$480.00	Public Restroom Cleaning
Ohio Asphalt Paving	\$4,900.00	Asphalt Repair
Cindy Hofner	\$184.25	Record sorting/organizing per Record Retention
Toledo Edison	\$3,977.16	Electric
Luckey Farmers	\$535.58	Fuel
Suburban	\$208.09	Natural Gas
Total	\$39,528.56	
Total of Both	\$66,839.50	

Approved 4 - 0, Smith and Sylvain absent