



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION



Held: November 24, 2025

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 6:28 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 – Present

EMPLOYEES: Chad Beyer and Kristel Beyer

VISITORS: Carol Sarkan and Brian Martin

MINUTES: Frantz made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 10, 2025.

Mayor stated if no questions the minutes are accepted as presented.

BILLS:

Smith made a motion, seconded by Tolles to approve the bills from November 7 – November 20, 2025 in the amount of \$30,204.22.

Sylvain asked about the \$1,245 Kleinfelder invoice for master meter upgrade, since the expected bid was above \$75,000 are they following the public bid process. Administrator stated yes they posted the project on November 11th and opening on December 10th.

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

MOTION APPROVED

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Carol Sarkan from the Town Hall Committee came to invite everyone to the Open House on December 12th at 6 pm and then following at 7pm is the Play and Sing-a-long. The roller shades were ordered last Friday, savings of 49% total cost was \$4565.52, they will be installed by the committee. The valances will be sewn by Haley Babcock and her mother, they will be blue like the seating. They now have a way to sell tickets online thanks to Laura Borer.

Brian Martin came to discuss Dora, although he is not a Village resident he supports it in a positive way. He would enjoy being a participant in it with a map, basic set of rules and the stores having the signs posting whether they are a Dora participant or not. He is here to encourage Council to move forward with Dora. He also is a business member in Defiance which the community also has Dora, Defiance does a Cookie Crumble that is \$15, where people can visit 19 businesses to receive their cookies, this may be something that could happen in Grand Rapids or something similar. Brian handed out an info sheet from Defiance, this is an example on how they explain their rules, map etc.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor said it seemed like there was no place to park this past weekend. Mayor thanked everyone from the Chamber, Arts Council and everyone else that helps out with Christmas Open House. Mayor stated there was one issue with the alley behind the businesses, there was no way for an emergency vehicle to get through there if needed, this may be something to work through for the next time.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator said we got Bridge Street fixed along with the bank parking lot. We got the flag poles restrung today by Yankee Doodle along with purchasing a few more flags. Administrator talked with Mr. Bomer with Boy Scouts and there are no Eagle Scouts for the Grand Rapids area doing projects. Administrator did get ahold of BG Graphics they stated a 24" x 36" sign would cost about \$140. National Pavement Analysis would charge \$3,950 to look at our streets to rate our streets. Estep asked about timeline, Fiscal Officer said he could get us a report by mid-December. Estep asked if we had this amount in the street funds, Fiscal Officer stated yes we could use the street levy fund. Sylvain asked about other companies, Administrator can ask Kleinfelder. Administrator asked Council if he can get paid for 40 hours/one week of vacation time, he currently has 55 hours. Estep made a motion seconded by Smith to approve the Village to reimburse Chad Beyer 40 hours of unused vacation time.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Sylvain asked what was going on with the Lincoln Street water fountain, Administrator stated someone must have pushed up the bar.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Fiscal Officer stated we have three first readings and a second reading of Ordinances/Resolutions tonight on the agenda. Fiscal Officer stated the Village ICS Investment account interest rate is 3.5%, receiving \$35,000 year. We also are opening three staggered CDARS accounts: \$750,000 for 1 year at 3.55%, annual interest of \$26,625, \$750,000 for 2 years at 3.45% - annual interest of \$26,250, \$500,000 for 3 years at 3.45% interest – annual interest at \$17,500. Sylvain asked if we are looking at Star Ohio as well. Fiscal Officer stated we discussed possibly moving money out of Star since it is not FDIC insured but currently we are not touching the Star Ohio account.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: Smith discussed the Council of the Whole minutes and thanked for everyone's attendance at these meetings, the feedback is crucial, everything is being taken into consideration. Smith also thanked Nick Scott for the proposal. Smith stated we have some more tweaking of the map to do. Sylvain asked how we move this forward, Smith stated we will meet again. Thiebault asked if the map could include all the names of the streets, he has received questions on what streets were included.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS: Mayor gave the first reading to Ordinance 2025-4: Ordinance Scheduling Council Meetings

Mayor gave the first reading to Ordinance 2025-5: Ordinance authorizing the Fiscal Officer to deposit funds received from Amplex Electric, inc. into the Village Sidewalk Fund.

Mayor gave the first reading to Resolution 2025-08: A Resolution to make an advance for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Grand Rapids, State of Ohio, during the period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending March 31, 2026.

Mayor gave second reading to Resolution 2025-07: Temporary Appropriation Resolution for the Village of Grand Rapids, Ohio.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Sylvain had a question on Dora and Smith mentioning that she was going to send to Ryan to draft an Ordinance. Smith stated yes she sent it to Ryan and he is working on it.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS: Frantz stated she likes seeing the Christmas lights all around the Village.

ADJOURNMENT:

Smith made a motion seconded by Tolles to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is December 8, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Votes were: Sylvain – yes
Donsbach – yes

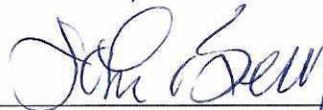
Smith – yes
Tolles – yes

Frantz – yes
Estep – 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.

November 7, 2025 - November 20, 2025

Custar Stone	\$956.45	Stone
Grand Rapids Chamber	\$483.33	1/3 Share October advertising cost
Huntington Credit Card	\$456.76	Hand soap, staples, tissues, flash drives, stapler, envelopes, labels, air freshener, keys, quikrete, paint, primer, roller, stamps
Municipal Utilities	\$18,003.87	Wholesale water
Cline Trucking	\$260.00	Stone delivery fee
Vasko	\$276.00	Hand towels and soap
Kleinfelder	\$1,245.00	Master meter upgrade project
Jim Palmer Excavating	\$1,995.00	Bridge Street waterleak repair
Morton Salt	\$1,305.70	25.27 ton road salt
Toledo Edison	\$3,011.64	Electric
Treas, State of Ohio	\$1,276.80	Water System License
Luckey Farmers	\$320.96	Winter Gear
Frontier	\$506.34	Landline Phone/Fax
Verizon	\$106.37	Cell Phones
Total	\$30,204.22	

Approved 5 - 1, Sylvain voting no