

asked Council if she can have a hearing on her utility bills, Smith thanked her for the information for review.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor stated Edison started installing LED lights on the southend of Bridge Street. Mayor said there will be a small rate increase on Suburban Gas bills. On May 2nd there will be a lecture on the War of 1812 at the Town Hall. The flags for the 250th will be going up soon that will spruce things up.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator said the LED stop signs are ordered, it could take 5 to 7 weeks to receive. The meter pit backflow preventer job is complete. Next Tuesday Gearhart will do the annual testing on the backflow. The Bergren Company came today and wired the new meters to the Scada system. A+ Engineering is fabricating a new trash grate for the sewer plant. We have received two quotes for the roof, waiting on one more and the insurance adjuster should be coming next week. We received another quote for the light poles down through main street from Interior Finish Group for \$14,500, the first quote was \$19,450. The sidewalk estimate on Second Street from Bridge Street to Monroe Street cost was approximately \$29,000. He is going to see if the Otsego Serves will mulch the cemetery and cannon area. The sportscape for the tennis courts stated they can come next Tuesday cost was \$15,850, this will need approved to move forward. We need to get the subfloor taken off, remove the center fence, get it resurfaced, then they will come back and paint lines and install hoops and nets. The Ohio Paving estimate to grind and resurface courts was \$26,240. Estep made a motion seconded by Smith to allow the Interim Administrator to contract with Sportscap for \$15,850 and also to include the Ohio Paving portion for \$26,240.

Votes were: Tolles – yes Smith – yes Donsbach – yes
Thiebaut – yes Grey – yes Estep – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Estep stated this project goes along with the grant money we are receiving from the Wood County Park Grant. Grey asked how much will be received, Estep stated it was just shy of \$10,000. Estep said there may be some other items to add to this project, we discussed lighting and an adjustable basketball hoop.

Estep made a motion seconded by Thiebaut to allow the Interim Administrator to contract with Interior Finish Group for the painting of the light poles, clock and pole on corner at a cost of \$14,500.

Votes were: Smith – yes Donsbach – yes Thiebaut – yes
Grey – yes Estep -yes Tolles – yes

MOTION APPROVED

ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT: Ken Taylor sent a letter to a property owner on Second Street concerning chickens. He sent a email stating a permit is not required on fences. Sent a letter to a property owner about a cargo container not having a permit and they would need to request a variance. He talked with Fiscal Officer on

a new zoning map and our options. He received a call from a property owner on W Third Street concerning sidewalk/concrete issues in the new area. He gave the Fiscal Officer a list of properties that need mowed. He gave a permit for an accessory building on Sycamore Road. While he has been driving around he has noticed that many residences do not have visible addresses posted. Ken stated he would be willing to send them letters on it. Council stated that would be a good first step. Grey asked about the concrete in the new development was it not installed according to code. Ken stated there are a couple of issues, it's the sidewalk going through the driveway, property owners are looking that they should see a sidewalk all the way through with a continuous walk. Ken stated the property owner apparently contacted the concrete company and the company stated when they delivered the concrete they delivered the sealer, Ken said the concrete was never sealed in both the sidewalks and driveways.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Fiscal Officer stated we have a third reading on the agenda and a first reading of the ODOT Road Salt Resolution. Bob Clark submitted the Memorial Day Parade application.

Mayor requested to go into executive session to discuss real estate and contract negotiations. Smith made a motion seconded by Tolles to go into executive session to include Council, Mayor, Administrator, Fiscal Officer and Mike Marsh.

Votes were: Donsbach – yes Thiebaut – yes Grey – no
 Estep – yes Tolles – yes Smith – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Estep made a motion seconded by Thiebaut to return to regular session meeting,

Votes were: Grey – yes Tolles – yes Thiebaut – yes
 Smith – yes Estep – yes Donsbach – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Justin Shark asked Council what they think of the sidewalk installed at the new homes and he read the Villages code for sidewalks. Mayor agreed it sounds as if there is an issue. Mayor asked if the HOA gave any direction to him, Justin said no. Mayor would have to ask the Solicitor on what our next step is. Justin is just trying to get the area cleaned up, make the town look nice and be part of the community. Justin stated K. Hovnanian did come and take core samples of the concrete, they will potentially be redoing driveways out there. He would like everything done to code and done at once so it is finished. Thiebaut asked how often the HOA meets, Justin is not aware of any meetings held yet. Justin showed Council a sunken catch basin in his back yard which needs a riser and a sump pump that is disconnected as well. He also has concerns on the roadway, it is extremely rough and when it rains it seems to flood in that area. Grey asked Ken on what could be done with installing sidewalks not to code. Ken stated it is a process that starts with a code violation letter, they would have an amount of time spelled out in the code to respond. Ken stated on his second attempt he would come to Council and ask if they would like to declare it a nuisance then get legal involved. Council asked Ken to formulate a letter to the contractor/builder. Justin thanked Council for listening.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: None

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor gave the first reading to Resolution 2026-05: Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded in 2026.

Estep made a motion seconded by Smith to waive the readings of Resolution 2026-05.

Votes were:	Thiebaut – yes	Grey – yes	Estep – yes
	Tolles – yes	Smith – yes	Donsbach – yes
			MOTION APPROVED

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Thiebaut for passage of Resolution 2026-05: Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded in 2026.

Votes were:	Grey – yes	Estep – yes	Tolles – yes
	Smith – yes	Donsbach – yes	Thiebaut – yes
			MOTION APPROVED

Mayor stated Resolution 2026-05 has passed.

Mayor gave the third reading to Resolution 2026-04: Contract to Furnish Emergency Management between Wood County, Ohio and the Village of Grand Rapids.

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Tolles for passage of Resolution 2026-04: Contract to Furnish Emergency Management between Wood County, Ohio and the Village of Grand Rapids.

Votes were:	Estep – yes	Tolles – yes	Smith – yes
	Donsbach – yes	Thiebaut – yes	Grey - yes
			MOTION APPROVED

Mayor stated Resolution 2026-04 has passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Grey gave Council information on dog waste bag dispensers for two entrances of the Tow Path. Grey is also going to talk with the park district if they would like to add some of these as well to get more coverage. Grey made a motion seconded by Smith to spend up to \$100 to purchase two of the dog waste bag dispensers one to be installed on the tow path and one at the bridge entrance to the tow path at the park.

Votes were:	Tolles – yes	Smith – yes	Donsbach – yes
	Thiebaut – yes	Grey – yes	Estep – yes
			MOTION APPROVED

Grey stated we discussed the lighting on Lincoln Street. Grey thinks maybe we can just install a brighter lightbulb in the current fixture, Administrator will take a look.

NEW BUSINESS: Smith stated we have the application from the Alva N Sidle Post 232. Smith made a motion seconded by Thiebaut to approve the application for use of public property from Alva N Sidle Posts 232 for the Memorial Day Parade held on May 25, 2026.

Votes were: Smith – yes Donsbach – yes Thiebaut – yes
 Grey – yes Estep – yes Tolles – yes

MOTION APPROVED

COMMENTS: Estep asked about the Ambulance District Levy and what the money will be used for. Mayor stated to purchase a new ambulance and for operating expenses that keep increasing. Smith stated the Wood County Auditor has a link on their website that can calculate what the levies on the ballot will cost for your property.

Tolles said the Hometown Hero banners will be going up on May 18th. Grey stated the Chocolate Walk is coming up on May 9th.

ADJOURNMENT:

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


Votes were: Grey – yes Thiebaut – yes Smith -yes
 Donsbach – yes Estep – yes Tolles – yes

MOTION APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is May 11, 2026 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.

April 10, 2026 - April 23, 2026 Bills

Toledo Edison	\$3,926.42	Electric Bill
C & L Sanitation	\$319.00	Ball Park Portable Restrooms
Kleinfelder	\$3,270.00	Master Meter Upgrades
Frontier	\$678.04	Landline Phone/Fax
Verizon	\$106.31	Cell Phones
Casa Bella	\$240.00	Public Restroom Cleaning
Culligan	\$16.99	Water Testing Supplies
Unilliance	\$2,250.00	Bridge Street Lift Station pump removal and install
Work Leads to Independence	\$166.40	Document shredding services
WC Landfill	\$13.99	Brush
WC Treasurer	\$508.75	Emergency Management Services
Suburban	\$598.45	Natural Gas
Total	\$12,094.35	