

Approved 8/10/15

VILLAGE OF HONOR

MINUTES FOR July 22, 2015 *Rescheduled from July 13th*

The regular rescheduled Village of Honor meeting was called to order by President Pro-tem Rick Fast @ 6:10p.m. on July 22, 2015. Waited for President Rodzik and Trustee Joe Schetteck to arrive.

A. Pledge of Allegiance led by Fast

B . Roll call conducted by Village Clerk, Laura Ward, Trustees present: Rick Fast, Kathy McManus, & Bill Ward.

C. Guests recognized: Doug Corner, Floyd Thompson, Deb Reed, Greg Mead, Bob Short, Marvin Ivy, Rob McClelland, Mike Baily, Adele Maher, Pat Vertucci, J. Lynch Jones, Butch Garber, Bob Rosa, Brian Rosa, Sharon Osborne, and Cliff Grostick.

I. Approval of Agenda: Under New Business, F. Service of President, G. Planning Commission appointment, H. Additional Correspondence was requested to be added. Ward motions to accept, second by McManus. Motion passes to include items on agenda 3/0.

II. Approval of minutes from 6/8/15. Ward motions to approve, second by McManus, motion passes 3/0.

III. Presentations: Note: Presentations scheduled for the regular meeting on July 13th were allowed to take place on the 13th because of the large public turnout. A. Bill Kennis/Benzie Bus spoke to the importance of the vote in August to continue the millage funding. B. Frank Post spoke of the Benzie County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, presented copies of plan and resolution for Village Council to adopt.

IV. Public Input:

The following people spoke their concerns about the streetlights being turned off: Deb Reed, J.Lynch Jones, Rob McClelland, Butch Garber(special concern for Emergency personnel, hard to find addresses, and safety of children walking about), Sharon Osborne, Pat Vertucci, Bob Rosa, and Cliff Grostick. Doug Durkee spoke to the possibility of Consumers making errors in their turn off order, especially the Riverside & 31 light. Fast noted that we were in a six month trial period and that the order to Consumers was every other light and not at any intersections.

Adele Maher thanked Council for showing up.

Cliff Grostick stated that Durkee should be paid for meetings, he had been paid for 1 hour when he attended which he usually took as comp time.

V. Treasurers Report: Ward motions to accept, second by McManus, motion passes 3/0.

VI. Old Business:

A. Henry Street repaving bid/DR-Fast noted past conflict regarding securing bids, makes motion to have Doug review, prioritize and report back, second by Ward. Motion passes 3/0.

B. Relocation of dog station/DR-Fast motions to table, second by McManus, motion passes 3/0.

C. Update on sewer loan & discounts/DR-Fast notes that Rodzik was cancelling the loan and the Council did not want that to happen. Fast has spoken with the Bank VP, Mitchell, and

Mitchell affirmed that the bank still wants to move ahead with the loan. Fast states that he requested to wait until August to revisit and that VP Mitchell will attend August meeting. Fast speaks to what has thus far transpired regarding the sewer rates and discussion of residents and business rates ensued. It is noted that Ward and Schetteck are the sewer committee and the need for the committee to review all past figures. Fast motions to lower any business that has seen an increase more than 60% be lowered to 60% increase from January 1st. to keep fair across the board. Ward seconds the motion. Ward notes that re-examination of the figures is necessary to ensure equity for the entire Village. Roll call vote taken, 3/0 ayes carry.

D. MML/DR-Ward notes that Rodzik wanted to remove the Village from being a part of MML and states that he disagrees strongly. Ward motions to pay MML membership, including \$50.00 optional legal, second by McManus, Roll call vote taken, 3/0, ayes carry.

E. Henry Street repaving bids/DR-(redundant item, see above item A) Doug Durkee speaks to what he has attempted to move forward on regarding obtaining bids, stating it was in a prior report that was edited by Rodzik. Fast notes the need to support the people who work for the Village. Fast notes this item is N/A, covered above.

F. Riverside Acres/DR-Fast motions to table, second by McManus, motion passes. 3/0.

VII. New Business:

A. F.O.I.A. Officer Appointment-DR-Fast notes the resignation of Rodzik and the importance of having someone in the position that is present in the office regularly. Fast asks Clerk if she would accept the appointment. Clerk Ward states acceptance but notes that it was Rodzik who was going to provide the new information to Council that he got at the conference. Fast motions to table due to lack of presented information from Rodzik, second by Ward. Motion passes 3/0.

B. MML Attorney request/DR-Fast motion to table due to lack of information, second by McManus, motion passes 3/0.

C. Attorney communications form/RF-Fast notes prior approval for Council to have the authority to contact Village attorney. Fast submits form regarding the two questions he has asked the attorney. Clerk notes the reason for the communications form and the possibility of requiring prior Council approval before going to the Village attorney. Ward motions to accept attorney communications form as presented, second by Fast, motion to accept passes 3/0. Ward speaks to his report on the questions he has asked the attorney, specifically the incident at Terry Moneys and the appropriateness of sending out unsigned emails with another person's name in the profile.

D. Ordinance officer report to agenda/RF-Fast motions to table issue until Trustee Schetteck is able to speak to it, second by Ward. Motion passes 3/0.

E. Dept. Clerk appointment/KM-McManus motions, second by Ward to appoint Deb Fast Reed into the position. Fast notes that he has the power to appoint and addresses Reed. Reed notes that she is happy to accept under the condition that she never not be able to speak to Village issues. Motion passes 3/0.

F. Presidents service/BW-Ward motions to respectfully request that Dennis Rodzik recuse himself from all Village business pending the outcome of the charges against him. Formal letter read. Fast seconds motion and opens up for discussion. Ward notes the common practice of any official accused of wrong-doing to step down, possibly with pay, and until the criminal charges are resolved President Rodzik should not be representing the people of Honor. Fast notes that Rodzik will not resign and that this is Council asking him nicely. A letter will be sent to Rodzik. J. Lynch Jones allowed to speak, notes a change of wording to "Administrative leave."

G. Planning Commission appointment/RF-Fast notes Rodzik resignation and motions to appoint Ward, second by McManus. Ward accepts appointment. Discussion ensues regarding Wards ability to vote. Fast motions to table appointment pay until next meeting, second by McManus. 3/0 motion passes Ward notes that he will attend PC meeting w/o pay. Motion passes 3/0.

H. Additional correspondence/RF-Fast reads letter from Donna L. Probes regarding the behavior she witnessed from Rodzik as a Paid Petitioner in Traverse City.

****Item G** reopened upon discovery in Roberts Rules which allows the appointed person to vote. Fast motions to appoint Ward to PC, second by McManus. Motion passes 3/0. Roll call vote taken to cover any question. 3/0 ayes carry. Fast motions to rescind motion to table appointment, second by McManus 3/0 motion to rescind passes.

VIII. Reports:

Maintenance/Street administrator-Doug Durkee was allowed to audibly review his submitted report. Cedar/Henry ditch specifically discussed. Additionally, Durkee requested that his benefits be addressed.

Zoning Administrator/Planning Commission- N/A

Park Committee-Ward speaks about Farmers Mkt. traffic.

Sewer Committee-N/A

Budget Committee-No changes per Fast.

IX. Bills/checks-Clerk notes that receipt page shows monies received from Haulers. Fast speaks to the \$200.00 paid for the conference to Rodzik, and speaks to not setting a precedent which allows spending without Council approval. Clerk speaks to the per-diem reconciliation with Rodzik. Concern of hotel being paid for by the Village credit card was discussed. Clerk notes the delay of receiving the receipt of the hotel, it was discovered by Treasurer in the bank statement. Continued comments and concern over how the conference issue for Rodzik moved forward without Council approval. Fast notes the possibility of taking monies paid towards the conference out of Rodziks pay. Durkee notes the internal form Rodzik instituted for purchases over \$100.00. Fast motions to pay bills as presented accept for Check #15035 for \$200.00 which will be tabled until next month, McManus seconds motion. Clerk requests approval for MRWA renewal bill not on list to be included. Motion re-read to include check # 3249 to MRWA for \$405.00. Roll call vote ayes carry 3/0.

X. Amendments-N/A.

XI. General discussion-Clerk requests to speak and makes note of the possibility of the meeting being invalid and actions taken being null and void and thanks public for attending. Ward notes that it is up to a court to decide the issue of violation of statutes, not Rodzik. Fast notes that it was Rodzik who put Council in this predicament and notes that everyone, including Trustee Schetteck, agreed to the meeting that the President Pro-tem called.

XII. Public Input

D. Reed speaks to the recall attempt.

C. Grostic notes the illegal vote of the last meeting where Trustee Schetteck voted on the pay for the Ordinance Officer retroactively. Grostic also speaks to the problem of the crop at the sewer lagoons where we will lose the farmer and how it is the last step in the process and must be removed. Notes that it must be fertilized.

B. Garber speaks to the research he did which showed that public officials were allowed to stay in the position as President, but did not have fiscal responsibility whatsoever. Noted that the email issue may not be illegal but it, and much of what Rodzik has been doing is in violation of the spirit of the law. Makes a note about

beautifying the Question Mark building-getting rid of the "NoTresspassing" signs. Durkee states he will remove the signs.

B.Rosa recognizes that the new F.O.I.A. is federally mandated and must be adopted. Notes that the 60% guide line is still skewed due to the difference of the REU rates between residence and businesses. Ward notes the hope to standardize rates.

D.Durkee thanks the residents for attending noting the importance of their attendance. Question was raised about the violation stated on the meeting cancellation. Requests again that his benefits be on the next meeting's agenda.

F.Thompson makes note about the issue of not showing up for meetings or communicating with Council.

J.Lynch Jones addresses Ward about Landbank property and upcoming plans regarding the Question Mark Building and additional lot. Notes bids out on Buds property and desire that the demolition happen before CoHo Festival.

General comments about Village of Honor Facebook page being controlled by Rodzik. Clerk speaks to the attempts to update the official website page.

Fast motions to adjourn, Ward seconds...Clerk notes that Correspondence needs to be reviewed. Fast reads out submissions, including Doug Durkee's letter addressing various policies being instituted. Motion passes 3/0. Meeting adjourned at 7:48p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Ward, Clerk 7/30/15