

VILLAGE OF HONOR
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2022

Meeting Called to Order by President Sandman at 5:10pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Roll Call: Council- Sandman, Ward, Sternburgh, Denoyer (arrived late); Present.
Perri; Absent.

Staff- Goodman, Reed, Leone, Sessions (arrived late); Present.

Comments on Agenda: None.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ward/Sternburgh to approve agenda; all ayes, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Sandman/Ward to approve October 10, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented; all ayes; motion passed.

Guests/Presentations: Andy Campbell with Baker Tilly presented a study of the Village's sewer rates. This rate study was conducted as a part of the Village's current SAW grant and was needed to comply with USDA for our WWTP funding. He explained that while Honor's current rates are in the mid-range statewide, they are not adequate to cover the sewer operating expenses and current bond debt. He gave an overview of funds needed to cover these costs, and a couple of options for the council to consider for revenue increases. These include immediate REU increases and additional automatic increases each year hereafter; budgeting adjustments; and possible waste hauler fee increases. Mr. Campbell answered questions and discussed the various options in more detail.

He also stressed the need to begin saving for future sewer infrastructure **now** as many of the village sewer lines are reaching their 50-year expected life span, and will need replacing. There are a few already noted from the sewer line televising that will need replacement soon.

Zoning Administrator: Rosemary Naulty, verbal report. She has approved a permit for a dog grooming business in the Village.

Planning Commission: Rosemary Naulty, verbal report. They are finalizing the Village Master Plan rewrite. She will present P/C by-laws for Council approval/adoption at the December meeting.

County Commissioner/Fire Chief: Tim Markey, verbal report. The County Administrator and Sheriff are working on providing residents 24/7 road patrols. The county currently provides road

patrols only 4 hours per night. They have hired Corey Ellis as Dispatch Director. Administrator is interviewing for a new HR Director. The County Board of Commissioners committed \$1.5 million to Cherry Capital Communications for their \$8-9 million project to provide internet for the unserved and underserved within our County.

Homestead Fire Department runs are at 320 to date.

Treasurer's Report: Village financial reports submitted by treasurer.

Motion by Ward/Sternburgh accept financial reports. Roll Call: Ayes; Sandman, Ward, Denoyer, Sternburgh. Nays; none. Absent; Perri. Motion passed.

Motion by Sternburgh/Ward to accept budget amendments as presented. Roll Call: Ayes; Ward, Sandman, Denoyer, Sternburgh. Nays; none. Absent; Perri. Motion passed.

Submission of Bills/Checks: Presented by Deb Reed. Motion by Ward/Denoyer to approve \$22,539.19 bills as presented, including addition of invoice for Lark & Lawn. Roll Call: Ayes; Denoyer, Sandman, Ward, Sternburgh. Nays; none. Absent; Perri. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

Incoming: None

Outgoing: None.

Old Business:

a. Contract, Eclipse Communication. Tabled until December.

New Business:

a. Motion to authorize President to sign WWTP draw #5 made by Denoyer/Ward. Roll Call: Ayes; Ward, Sandman, Denoyer, Sternburgh. Nays; none. Absent; Perri. Motion passed.

Reports:

a. Maintenance Report – Durkee/Leone, written report submitted by Durkee. Construction is continuing without issue. Irrigation is complete for the season and the system has been winterized. Mulch pit area had been cleaned of wood and brush.

Requesting up to \$1,200 to purchase new tires for the 2010 Ford pickup. Motion by Ward/Sternburgh to approve funds up to \$1,200 for tires. Roll Call: Ayes; Ward, Sandman, Denoyer, Sternburgh. Nays; none. Absent; Perri. Motion passed.

b. Street Administrator – Durkee/Leone, written report submitted by Durkee. Have been working on sidewalk clean-up; may have to wait for next spring to continue due to inclement weather. Link Drive ditch has not been cleaned out yet, and again may have to wait for next year. Radar sign will be moved to Deadstream Rd. soon.

c. Ordinance Officer - None.

d. Park Committee – Reed, Park is in good shape going into winter season. Port-a-potties were removed 2 weeks later than planned, but there will be no additional cost to the Village.

e. Sewer Committee - Ward, no report.

f. Budget Committee – Sandman, initial 2023 budget workshop will be on held Thursday.

General Discussion: Council wishes to thank Joe Perri for his service to the Village by stepping in to complete the vacant Trustee term, and wish him all the best.

Ward discussed that PAR Plan has a grant available for cyber security. Council agreed to have Ward pursue, apply and accept the grant, on behalf of the Village. Motion by Sandman/Sternburgh. Roll Call: Ayes; Ward, Sandman, Denoyer, Sternburgh. Nays; None. Absent; Perri. Motion passed.

Public Input: None

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: Motion by Ward/Sternburgh to adjourn meeting at 6:32pm. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Reed/Goodman
November 15, 2022