

VILLAGE OF HONOR  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
August 9, 2021

Meeting Called to Order by President Sandman at 6:00pm.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance:** recited.

**2. Roll Call:** Council-Denoyer, Leone, Sandman, Sternburgh and Ward-Present

Employees-Goodman, Reed, Sessions-Present; Adkins-Absent; Naulty-Absent

**3. Comments on Agenda:** None

**4. Approval of Agenda:** Addition to New Business, b. Sewer Operator. Motion by Leone/Ward to approve amended agenda, all ayes, motion carried.

**5. Approval of Minutes:** July 12, 2021 minutes amended to read: \*New Business a. motion by Ward/Sandman, \*extra Roll Call deleted. \*New Business d. motion by Sandman/Ward to appoint \*Theobald (sp); \*motion by Denoyer/Sternburgh to appoint Anthony Sellers. \*Sternburgh (sp) 2<sup>nd</sup> under adjournment.

Motion by Ward/Sternburgh to approve amended minutes, all ayes, motion carried.

**6. Presentations:** Jon Stinson presented an update on the Homestretch Housing Project. They will be meeting with the Planning Commission regarding possible roofing changes to comply with Consumers Energy regulations.

**7. Guests:** Tim Markey, County Commissioner; the County Administrator is looking to hire an assistant. Commissioners are working on the proposed budget and discussing their strategy for spending ARPA funds. Countywide broadband is still a top priority with the commissioners. He also stated they are looking at a possible handicap boat launch site near Railroad Point on Crystal Lake. Homestead Fire Department had 193 runs as of July 20, and they are at 219 runs to date. These numbers are much higher than normal and that seems to be the trend throughout the county. He also reported they flushed the dry hydrants in and around the village.

**8. Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Goodman, motion to accept treasurer's by Sternburgh/Ward. Roll Call: Denoyer, Leone, Sandman, Sternburgh, Ward, all ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

**9. Submission of Bills/Checks:** Presented by Reed, motion to accept by Leone/Ward. Roll Call: Denoyer, Leone, Sandman, Sternburgh, Ward, all ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

**10. Correspondence:**

Incoming: a. Letter from Benzie Senior Resources regarding their annual walk-a-thon.  
b. Bid for Security Camera for the Village offices. Motion by Ward/Leone to table decision until additional information is gathered by the President. All ayes, motion carried.  
Outgoing: None

**11. Old Business:** a. Tree Removal-tabled from July. Additional discussion, motion to table until September meeting by Sandman/Ward, all ayes, motion to table carried.

**12. New Business:** a. Ordinance 41 Amendment regarding alternate P/C member; motion to table until September meeting by Sandman/Sternburgh, all ayes, motion to table carried.

b. Sewer Operator; President Sandman presented a resignation letter from Butch Adkins giving three weeks' notice. Sandman told the council he had spoken with Butch who let him know he was entertaining offers and would consider negotiating with the village for a pay increase of \$30 per hour. Council discussed some available options regarding sewer maintenance since Doug has a sewer license, but would like to transition out of working in that capacity for the village. Butch would be taking his sewer license test again in November. There was much discussion regarding salary/hourly options for sewer and street maintenance work needed, and possible additional responsibilities.

Motion by Ward/Sandman to offer Butch \$23.50 per hour and another \$1.50 per hour after passing his sewer test. As additional responsibilities, he would also be expected to be 1<sup>st</sup> on the call list for the sewer alarms and complete the DEQ reports currently done by Doug. After additional discussion, motion withdrawn by Ward/Sandman.

Motion by Ward/Sandman to authorize President to negotiate with Butch up to \$25.00 per hour, with the added responsibilities of 1<sup>st</sup> on sewer call list, and DEQ reports.  
Roll Call: Roll Call: Denoyer, Leone, Sandman, Sternburgh, Ward, all ayes. No nays.  
Motion Carried.

**13. Reports:**

- a. Maintenance; Adkins-written report submitted. Everything is running smoothly.
- b. Street Administrator; Adkins-written report submitted.
- c. Zoning Administrator; Naulty-written report submitted.
- d. Planning Commission; Naulty-written report submitted. Kaczan Site Plan/LUP approved; Prentice Variance Request denied.
- e. Ordinance Officer; none
- f. Park Committee; Reed-Park is clean, but wet.

g. Sewer Committee; Ward-No report

h. Budget Committee; Sandman-No report

i. Attorney Communications; Ward-No report

**14. Amendments:** None

**15. General Discussion:** None

**16. Public Input:**

-Tom Richardson spoke in favor of reversal of Prentice variance denial.  
-Jeff Nason spoke regarding residences on Stacy Alley and believes Prentice trailer should be allowed.  
-Dennis Rodzik described village 'clean-up' efforts and spoke about sewer charges.

**17. Announcements:** None

**18. Adjournment:** Motion by Ward/Leone to adjourn meeting at 7:17pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Reed/Goodman  
August 10, 2021