

VILLAGE OF HONOR
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2023

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Roll Call: Council- Denoyer, Sandman, Sternburgh, Ward, Smith; present.
Staff- Goodman, Reed, Leone; present. Sessions; absent.

Comments on Agenda: Resident complained that our sewer rates are too high, thinks the village should increase the waste haulers rates also.

Approval of Agenda: Additional item: Item “b” under reports, add village banners to be discussed. Motion by Sternburgh/Ward to approve agendas amended; all ayes, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Sternburgh/Smith to approve March 13, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented; all ayes; motion passed.

Guests/Presentations:

1. Chris, Eclipse Communications, presented and reviewed IT proposals and answered questions. Initial start-up cost will be \$1,455.00, with monthly fees thereafter of \$252.99. Which is substantially less than the \$524.73 we are currently billed from Spectrum. Motion by Ward/Smith to contract with Eclipse per estimates presented. Roll Call: Ayes; Sternburgh, Denoyer, Sandman, Ward, Smith. Nays; none. Motion passed.

2. Glenna Wood, Gosling Czubak gave an update on the sewer construction project, it is almost complete; still need to complete an O&M manual. SAW grant update: Glenna gave copies of sewer line televising and assessment management plan to the maintenance department. She explained the rate process again and feels the village is headed in a good direction. She is available to answer any other questions that arise. Village President will sign and submit the summary report to EGLE.

Zoning Administrator: Rosemary Naulty offered a verbal report. No new LUP's issued. She will be getting out and reminding residents about the spring clean-up day on May 20. She will get a status update and report to council on the True North project. Naulty requests a ZBA training session at 5:30 on May 8, prior to the next Council meeting. Members are continuing the recommended training.

Planning Commission: Rosemary Naulty, verbal report given. Recommends Heather Brushaber be appointed to P/C. Motion by Ward/Sternburgh to appoint Brushaber to P/C. all ayes, motion passed. Naulty plans to present the Master Plan draft and updated zoning map at the May 8 Council meeting to begin the adoption process. Next the Planning Commission will look at the Zoning Ordinances, specifically the short-term rental ordinance.

County Commissioner/Fire Chief: Tim Markey, verbal report. The Maples is currently serving 72 families, and has had increases in staffing. Sheriff Department is fully staffed. Current K-9 handler and dog are both retiring; BOC has authorized replacement K-9. The County has committed \$38,000 of its ARPA funds to the Henry Rd repaving project, which is half of the expected cost. They also allocated \$80,000 towards the Crystal Lake outlet project, which is scheduled to include a walk-boat launch. Commissioners are continuing work on policy updates. Homestead Township has changed their regular monthly board meeting to the 2nd Wednesday of the month, still at 6:00pm.

Fire Department breakfasts were successful. There have been a few fires (brush/buildings); Chief Markey urges caution, the area is dry and fire season is here.

Financial Reports: Submitted by Goodman. Motion by Denoyer/Ward to accept financial reports as presented. Roll Call: Ayes; Sandman, Sternburgh, Ward, Denoyer, Smith. Nays; none. Motion passed.

Submission of Bills/Checks: Presented by Deb Reed. Motion by Denoyer/Smith to approve \$11,374.41 monthly bills as presented. Roll Call: Ayes; Sandman, Sternburgh, Ward, Denoyer, Smith. Nays; none. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

Incoming: Letter from Homestead Township notifying the Village they are updating their Master Plan.

Outgoing: None.

Old Business:

a. None.

New Business:

a. Motion to authorize President to sign WWTP draw #10 in the amount of \$27,908.50 made by Ward/Denoyer. Roll Call: Ayes; Ward, Smith, Denoyer, Sandman, Sternburgh. Nays; none. Motion passed.

b. Village parking ordinance. Withdrawn-agreed not to pursue at this time.

c. Village noise ordinance. Withdrawn-agreed not to pursue at this time.

- d. Motion by Ward/Sternburgh to sign contract with Gabridge & Co. for 2022 audit. Roll Call: Ayes; Sternburgh, Denoyer, Ward, Sandman, Smith. Nays; none. Motion passed.
- e. Resolution #100-23, Support of workforce housing at former Platte River Elementary site. Motion by Sandman/Smith to adopt resolution#100-23 and send as a letter of support. Roll Call: Ayes; Sternburgh, Denoyer, Sandman, Ward, Smith. Nays; none. Motion passed.

Reports:

- a. Maintenance Report – Durkee, written report submitted. Storms knocked out telecommunications at our lift stations. Heavy rains caused the system to process 50,000 extra gallons of water and pond levels rose 3 inches. Everything is back to normal now. There is an abundance of duckweed they will be treating soon. MRWA conference went well; Jake will be testing for his operator license May 4.
Village banners on the light poles need to be replaced; we have an estimate for \$1,804.00. President Sandman appointed Bill, Deb and Jake to an Ad Hoc committee for design decisions. Motion by Ward/Sternburgh to allocate \$1,804 for banner replacement. Roll Call: Ayes; Sternburgh, Sandman, Denoyer, Smith, Ward. Nays; none. Motion passed.
- b. Street Administrator – Durkee/Leone, written report submitted. Jake and Brian will begin spring cleanup of streets and sidewalks. They will begin filling potholes as weather allows. Jake will get estimates for having ditches cleaned out. After discussion, Jake will take down Village of Honor sign on building and repair/replace it.
- c. Ordinance Officer - None.
- d. Park Committee – Reed, park looks better after grading.
- e. Sewer Committee - Ward, we are in good standing with USDA on reporting.
- f. Budget Committee – Sandman, no report.

General Discussion: Drew is working towards getting a television for the meeting room.

Public Input: Report of a washout on South Street, maintenance is already aware of it.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: Motion by Ward/Denoyer to adjourn meeting at 6:48 pm. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Reed/Goodman
April 11, 2023