

VILLAGE OF HONOR
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2023

Meeting Called to Order by President Pro-Tem Ward at 6:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Moment of silence observed for Jeffery Sandman.

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

Vacant Council Seat: Motion to appoint Ward to fill vacated council seat of Village President made by Smith/Sternburgh. All ayes, motion carried. Ward appointed to complete President Sandman's term.

Motion to appoint Jesse Theobald to complete Ward's vacated council seat term made by Ward/Sternburgh. All ayes, motion carried. Theobald sworn in by Clerk Reed.

Comments on Agenda: None.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Smith/Denoyer to approve June 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented; all ayes; motion passed.

Guests/Presentations: None

Public Input: D. Durkee noted large screen television that was donated to the village. D. Rodzik asked if the council could please make people cut their grass, including the Village. He thinks the Village is looking junky. D. Durkee stated that he is cleaning up his property after receiving notice from our ZA.

Zoning Administrator: Rosemary Naulty gave a verbal report, noted she is working on notifying residents of ordinance violations. She had one LUP denial which resulted in a ZBA hearing prior to this meeting, and a setback variance was granted. The True North station project is waiting on one additional permit. They hope to begin the project in Sept /Oct, pause for the winter weather, then continue and finish in 2024.

Planning Commission: Rosemary Naulty gave a verbal report. The P/C meeting scheduled for earlier today was due to lack of a quorum. Continuing work on the Master Plan draft and short-term rental ordinance.

County Commissioner/Fire Chief: Tim Markey, called out on an emergency. No report.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Sternburgh/ Smith to accept financial reports as presented. Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Smith, Sternburgh, Ward, Denoyer. Nays; none. Motion passed.

Budget Amendments: None.

Submission of Bills/Checks: Motion by Denoyer/Smith to approve bills as presented. Roll Call: Ayes; Sternburgh, Ward, Denoyer, Smith, Theobald. Nays; none. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

Incoming: Packet of information received regarding request by Dollar General for a sewer extension on a proposed project in Homestead Township. Council discussed various aspects of the issue. The rate should be 1.5% of formula for out-of-village sewer. We will need to see how our ordinance addresses this type of situation. Discussed handling of possible non-payment for out-of-village sewer account. Motion by Ward/Theobald to have our attorney review the information packet and advise. Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Ward, Smith, Denoyer, Sternburgh. Nays; none. Motion passed.

Outgoing: None.

Old Business:

a. None.

New Business:

- a. No new draw documents received.
- b. Jake Leone received his sewer operator license, wage increase to \$25.00 per hour as of May 4, 2023. Motion by Ward/Sternburgh to approve the wage increase. Roll Call: Ayes; Denoyer, Sternburgh, Smith, Ward, Theobald. Nays; none. Motion passed.
- c. Council seat filled earlier in meeting.

Reports:

- a. Maintenance Report – Durkee, written report submitted. EGLE inspection of our treatment system. It went well, we will continue to address the duckweed and cattail issues at the lagoons. Irrigation fields have been fertilized. With Jake now having his L1/L2 license, we will begin transferring everything to his name.
Had tractor window repaired, was broken by a sprung branch. Placing old truck in auction again.
Quarterly water test at Maley Park was negative for bacteria/E.coli. Results submitted to BLHD.
Have been cleaning out ditches around the Village and WWT facility.
- b. Street Administrator – Durkee, written report submitted. Will put up new signs this week. Looking into options for gate on Stacey Alley, would like to get one soon. Will get quotes for sidewalk repair, and should be done mowing ditches with the Bush Hog by later this week.
- c. Ordinance Officer – No report.
- d. Park Committee – Reed, verbal report given. Park is in good shape, still need to work on refreshing the signs. Have interest in starting up the Farmers Market again for next year.
- e. Sewer Committee – Ward reported that BLUA has raised their waste hauler rates from \$.04 to \$.045 per gallon and thinks the Village should follow suit. After brief discussion, motion by Smith/Denoyer to charge a waste hauler fee of \$.045 per gallon effective August 1, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Ward, Smith, Denoyer, Sternburgh. Nays; none. Motion passed.
- f. Budget Committee –No report.

General Discussion: Thank you to Dave Purkiss and family for cleaning out and replanting flowers at the WWII memorial at the Honor Post Office.

We need to get the sign ordinance to Coho Festival organizers.

Public Input: Village resident Dennis Rodzik asked when we will repave South Street, he was advised the Village repairs streets as finances allow and we are hoping to get South St. scheduled in the next couple of years. Rodzik also asked how we plan to stop vehicles from speeding through the Village? President Ward replied he would like to increase our budget for extra Sheriff patrols next year.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: Motion by Smith/Sternburgh to adjourn meeting at 7:03 pm. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Reed/Goodman
July 11, 2023

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