

**VILLAGE OF HONOR**  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
June 12, 2023

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited.

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

**Comments on Agenda:**

**Approval of Agenda:** Additional of Special Guest, James Rayner/National Coho Festival. Addition of NB d. fertilizer. Motion by Ward/Sternburgh to approve amended agenda; all ayes, motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Sternburgh/Denoyer to approve May 8, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented; all ayes; motion passed.

**Guests/Presentations:** Jimmy Rayner gave an update on 2023 Coho Festival. There is a new board reviving the festival. They have been busy so far this year holding fundraisers and soliciting donations/sponsors. It will once again be held the last weekend in August (25-27). They are still looking for volunteers for many of the activities. The parade is scheduled for Saturday at 2:00 pm through downtown Honor. Other events such as the beer tent/live music and a cornhole tournament, etc. will be held at the Homestead Township Park. Additional information is available on their FB page: [nationalcohosalmonfestival.org](http://nationalcohosalmonfestival.org).

**Zoning Administrator:** Rosemary Naulty absent, written report received. Letters sent to six properties regarding blight, most took advantage of clean-up day and the Village is looking much better. She denied one LUP application, and the resident is requesting a ZBA hearing on the matter. President Sandman set the ZBA hearing for July 10, 2023 at 5:30 pm. ZA Naulty will send out proper notices.

**Planning Commission:** Rosemary Naulty absent, written report received. The Planning Commission is continuing work on a Short-Term Rental ordinance.

**County Commissioner/Fire Chief:** Tim Markey, verbal report. The County Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved. Their 2021-2022 fiscal audit was approved. The commissioners are continuing to work on the broadband issues.

Chief Markey asks everyone to be extra careful; the fire danger is still very high.

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

**Budget Amendments:** Motion by Sandman/Ward to approve budget amendment adding \$1,500 to new line item in GF for Sheriff Patrol that was approved at April meeting. Roll Call: Ayes; Sandman, Ward, Denoyer, Sternburgh. Nays; none. Absent; Smith. Motion passed.

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

**Correspondence:**

Incoming: E-mail from Dollar General representative regarding feasibility of connecting to Village sewer for a new construction in Homestead Township. Council was under the impression they would have a representative at the meeting, but there was not. There was brief discussion, no decision.

Outgoing: none.

**Old Business:**

a. None.

**New Business:**

a. Motion to authorize President to sign WWTP draw #12 in the amount of \$13,621.11 made by Denoyer/Sternburgh. Roll Call: Ayes; Ward, Denoyer, Sandman, Sternburgh. Nays; none. Absent; Smith. Motion passed.

b. Deleted, on agenda in error.

c. Discussion to set the Village Operating Millage for 2023. The maximum rate that can be levied July 1 is 7.1721. Motion by Sandman/Ward to levy 7.1721 mills. Roll Call: Ayes; Sandman, Sternburgh, Denoyer, Ward. Nays; none. Absent; Smith. Motion passed.

d. Request from maintenance for approval to purchased fertilizer for irrigation fields because it is low in nitrogen. Motion by Sandman/Ward to authorize up to \$2,400 for purchase of fertilizer. Roll Call: Ayes; Ward, Sandman, Denoyer, Sternburgh. Nays; none. Absent; Smith. Motion passed.

**Reports:**

a. Maintenance Report – Durkee, written report submitted. Manhole structure at lagoons has been replaced. Plow truck has not sold yet, will place it in another auction. They have begun clearing out overgrowth in ditches at the park, and the annual storm drain cleaning has been completed.

b. Street Administrator – Durkee, written report submitted. Cold patching completed and one stop sign replaced. New signs received will be installed soon. Received permit for MDOT for festival parade road closure, will need volunteers at intersections. Jake will order the new banners for Village light poles.

c. Ordinance Officer - None.

d. Park Committee – Reed, verbal report given. The park looks good, but we need to refurbish signs.

e. Sewer Committee - Ward, no report.

f. Budget Committee – Sandman, no report.

**General Discussion:** Thank you to Jean W. for planting flowers at the Village hall. Village flower pots are in place along Main St. Everyone is glad the Coho Festival is back. Jake will get estimates on needed sidewalk repairs. Also got update on Platte River Park progress.

**Public Input:**

**Announcements:** None.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Ward/Sternburgh to adjourn meeting at 6:58 pm. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Reed/Goodman

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