

VILLAGE OF HONOR
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2022

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Roll Call: Council- Denoyer, Sandman, Sternburgh, Ward; Present.

Staff- Goodman, Sessions; Present. Reed, Adkins; Absent.

Comments on Agenda: Ward adds New Business b. “Community Center.”

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Sternburgh/Ward to approve February 14, 2022 Council Village minutes as presented; all ayes; motion passed.

Guests/Presentations: Glenna Wood, Gosling-Czubak, update on Wastewater Treatment Project and Rural Development loan. Three bids were received for the project, all over anticipated costs. President signed for \$158,000 additional funds from USDA loan. Village contribution total will be \$240,000. We have contributed \$83,000 to date. Anticipated yearly costs for loan repayment are \$36,400. She will set up bid award very soon. Construction is expected to begin before the end of the year.

Zoning Administrator: Rosemary Naulty, absent. She reported to Clerk that she will be taking phone inquiries. Also noted the Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for April 4, 2022 at 6pm at the Village Hall. The purpose is to hear a request from True North for a SLUP to construct a gas station/convenience store on the old Bud’s property.

County Commissioner/Fire Chief: Tim Markey reported Benzie County Commissioners are looking into a new space for the County Dispatch. Amy Bissell, the Register of Deeds is retiring soon and the County is working to replace her ASAP. Commissioners have been working on millage wording for the August ballot. They will be requesting an increase for animal Control and Jail millage. TNT Narcotics should be renewal only, and the School Resource Officer millage will have some wording changes of note.

Homestead Fire Department has been working with Chip Johnston of Centra-Wellness towards a “memorandum of understanding” in hopes of providing better service for persons with mental health challenges. The FD has received their new brush truck and will be placing the old truck

out for auction. Also noted the annual Fire Department Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for 3/20, 3/27, 4/3 & 4/10. Breakfast will be available from 8am – noon. All funds collected are used toward the good of the community.

Treasurer’s Report: Bank & Treasurer reports presented by Goodman. Motion by Ward/Sternburgh to accept the bank report. Roll Call: Ayes; Sandman, Sternburgh, Ward, Denoyer. Nays; none. Motion passed. Goodman also noted we opened a new checking account at the Honor Bank for the Wastewater Project (construction phase) per USDA RD guidelines.

Submission of Bills/Checks: Presented by Goodman on Reed’s behalf, motion to accept by Sternburgh/Denoyer. Roll Call: Ayes; Sandman, Sternburgh, Ward, Denoyer. Nays; none. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

Incoming: E-mail from Gabridge inquiring of our auditor decision, see Old Business.

Outgoing: None

Old Business:

a. Audit Firm: We received three bids for annual village audit; costs were \$7,600, \$8,600 & \$9,000. After brief discussion, council thought it best to stay with our current auditor (\$7,600) for assistance with our software conversion this year. Motion by Ward/Denoyer to keep Gabridge as the audit firm for the Village of Honor and accept their bid of \$7,600 for 2021 audit year. Roll Call: Ayes; Ward, Sandman, Denoyer, Sternburgh. Nays; none. Motion passed.

b. Vacant Council seat discussed, we expect interest by the next council meeting.

New Business:

a. Motion by Ward/Sternburgh to approve joining Homestead Twp. Cleanup Day on May 21, pending acknowledgment and approval of ‘cost per yard,’ and declining the September 17 date at this time. Roll Call: Ayes; Sternburgh, Ward, Denoyer, Sandman. Nays; none. Motion passed.

b. Ward has been in touch with BC Road Commission inquiring which areas of the former Platte River school building can be utilized as a Community Center. Talks are ongoing, and Dallas agreed to be on the committee also. They will keep the Council updated.

Reports:

a. Maintenance Report - Butch Adkins absent. Written report submitted. Sewer treatment pump #1 needs replacing along with some pipes. After Council discussion, it was agreed purchasing a new pump would be in the best interest of the village at this time. Motion by Ward/Sternburgh to authorize up to \$25,000 for sewer system repairs. Roll Call: Ayes; Denoyer, Ward, Sandman, Sternburgh. Nays; none. Motion passed.

Dump truck has not sold, council discussed possibility of taking it to the auction with the Township's old brush truck. Maley Park needs spring clean-up as weather allows. He has gotten estimates for building repairs.

b. Street Report - Butch Adkins, absent. Written report submitted. Holding off for better weather to begin road patching, brush clean-up.

c. Ordinance Officer; none.

d. Park Committee - Deb Reed-absent

e. Sewer Committee; Bill Ward-no report.

f. Budget Committee; Jeff Sandman-no report.

General Discussion:

Public Input: Chip Johnston annual St. Patty's Day Parade will be held March 19th beginning at 11:35 am.

Announcements:

Adjournment: Motion by Ward/Sternburgh to adjourn meeting at 7:02pm. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Reed/Goodman
March 15, 2022