

VILLAGE OF HONOR
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2023

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

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

Comments on Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Sternburgh/Ward to approve April 10, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented; all ayes; motion passed.

Guests/Presentations: None

Zoning Administrator: Rosemary Naulty absent, no report.

Planning Commission: Rosemary Naulty absent, no report.

County Commissioner/Fire Chief: Tim Markey, verbal report. They are working on updating security at the County Building, and improvements are continuing for the County Dispatch location. The jail now has a full body scanner. There is continuing progress on broadband coverage issues. County Commissioners are once again looking into a possible Headlee Rollback amendment. They are also continuing review/revision of county policies. Homestead Fire Department has been busy with fires. They recently responded to three structure fires and three wildfires.

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

Budget Amendments: Motion by Ward/Sternburgh to approve budget amendments as presented. Roll Call: Ayes; Sandman, Ward, Sternburgh. Nays; none. Absent; Denoyer, Smith. Motion passed.

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

Correspondence:

Incoming: None. Outgoing: None.

Old Business:

a. None.

New Business:

a. Motion to authorize President to sign WWTP draw #11 in the amount of \$27,572.00 made by Ward/Sternburgh. Roll Call: Ayes; Ward, Sandman, Sternburgh. Nays; none. Absent; Smith, Denoyer. Motion passed.

b. Discussion over hiring an extra Sheriff patrol during the summer months. Ward stated other entities nearby pay approximately \$47 per hour. He will investigate exact per hour cost and possible contract with County Sheriff Dept. Motion by Ward/Sternburgh to budget up to \$1,500 for an extra Deputy to patrol the Village during summer months. Roll Call: Ayes; Sternburgh, Sandman, Sternburgh, Ward. Nays; none. Absent; Smith, Denoyer. Motion passed.

c. Resolution 101-23 Request to MDOT for closure of US-31 for Coho Festival parade August 26, 2023. Motion by Ward/Sternburgh to approve resolution 101-23. Roll Call: Ayes; Ward, Sandman, Sternburgh. Nays; none. Absent; Smith, Denoyer. Motion passed. Clerk will invite festival organizers to attend the next meeting and bring the council up to date on proposed activities.

Reports:

a. Maintenance Report – Durkee, written report submitted. Sewer system is operating correctly. Jake has taken his sewer operator test. Installation of new communication system is almost complete. Construction project is nearing completion as well. Equipment has been changed and serviced for the coming season. Spring cleanup of the park is complete and will begin general mowing/trimming this week. The Village is selling the used aerators and will be auctioning off the old truck with a lower reserve for a sure sale.

b. Street Administrator – Durkee, written report submitted. General spring cleanup of roads, curbs, and sidewalks has begun. Cold patching will commence soon.

c. Ordinance Officer - None.

d. Park Committee – Reed, verbal report given. Portable restrooms, picnic tables and trash cans have been installed for the season. Maintenance will begin mowing/trimming for summer season. Signs need attention.

e. Sewer Committee - Ward, no report.

f. Budget Committee – Sandman, no report.

General Discussion: Banner samples were looked at and options discussed, no decision made. Village/township cleanup day is May 20 and we still need volunteers to help pick up through the village. The Village received a donation of \$500 from Attitude Wellness for the purchase of a

large screen television and mounting bracket for the village hall. Treasurer will contact Andrew Smith to coordinate purchase and installation. Motion by Sandman/Ward to approve up to \$500 for purchase of television and bracket. Roll Call: Ayes; Sandman, Sternburgh, Ward. Nays; none. Absent; Denoyer, Smith.

Public Input: There will be a Barter Sale at Grow Benzie May 13, Noon-5pm, bring and take items, no cash allowed. Discussed possibility of holding a community yard sale. There is a large tree blocking the river, believe Riverside Canoes will be addressing it.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: Motion by Smith/Sternburgh to adjourn meeting at 7:04 pm. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Reed/Goodman
March 14, 2023

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