

**VILLAGE OF HONOR**  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 2023

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited

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

**Board Comments on Agenda:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Theobald/Sternburgh to approve agenda with the addition of f. NB-Board Pay; all ayes, motion passed.

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

**Public Input:** None.

**Guests/Presentations:**

a. Glenna Wood of Gosling Czubak thanked the Council and reported the WWTP is complete. She will keep in contact with Jake regarding some miscellaneous issues. Village Council extended their thanks and appreciation to Glenna for assisting the Village through the project.

**Zoning Administrator:** Rosemary Naulty, absent; no report.

**Planning Commission:** Rosemary Naulty, absent; no report. See NB e.

**County Commissioner/Fire Chief:** Tim Markey, reported County Commissioners held a town hall type meeting to discuss possible Headlee reset being put on ballot next year; they are waiting on township backing. He will gladly explain/discuss this with anyone that wants additional information. County Administrator Katie Zeits voted one of the most influential women in northern Michigan for 2023 by Record Eagle. A portion of the opioid settlement funds will be going to Centra Wellness and first responder training.

Homestead Twp Fire Department is at 315 runs for the year, roughly 65% are medical calls and 35% fire and other issues. Chief Markey has had two recent applicants, and things are generally going well.

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

**Budget Amendments:** Treasurer presented proposed amendments. Motion to approve budget amendments as presented:

General Fund – Theobald/Denoyer, roll call Ayes; Ward, Sternburgh, Denoyer, Theobald. Nays; none. Absent; Smith. Motion passed.

Major Streets Fund – Denoyer/Sternburgh, roll call Ayes; Sternburgh, Denoyer, Ward, Theobald. Nays; none. Absent; Smith. Motion passed.

Local Streets Fund – Theobald/Denoyer, roll call Ayes; Denoyer, Ward, Theobald, Sternburgh. Nays; none. Absent; Smith. Motion passed.

Sewer Fund – Denoyer/Theobald, roll call Ayes; Ward, Theobald, Denoyer, Sternburgh. Nays; none. Absent; Smith. Motion passed.

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

**Correspondence:**

Incoming: a. None.

Outgoing: None.

**Old Business:** Ward presented contract with Homestretch Housing to allow Stacey Alley gate to intrude on a small portion of their property. Motion by Sternburgh/Theobald to authorize President to sign. All ayes; motion passed.

**New Business:**

a. Intergovernmental agreement (425) between Homestead Township and Village of Honor regarding sewer extension/proposed Dollar General project received from Village attorney Tom Greer. Motion to authorize President to sign the presented agreement made by Ward/Sternburgh. Roll Call: Ayes; Ward, Sternburgh, Theobald. Nays; Denoyer. Absent; Smith. Motion passed 3-1-1.

b. Proposed Village of Honor Grant Policy presented. Council read through and discussed proposed policy. Motion by Theobald/Sternburgh to adopt presented policy with deletion of bullet points #4 & 5. Roll Call: Ayes; Ward, Denoyer, Theobald, Sternburgh. Nays; none. Absent; Smith. Motion passed.

c. Denoyer presented playground project update. Council agreed to form a Playground Committee, Motion by Theobald/Ward to appoint Denoyer in as committee president. Will begin gathering volunteers to be on committee (website, Facebook, newspapers, etc), with possible public meetings also. Motion by Ward/Theobald to authorize sharing of Village EIN number with MEDC fundraising website. Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Sternburgh, Ward, Denoyer. Nays; none. Absent; Smith. Motion passed. Motion by Denoyer/Theobald to authorize treasurer to change project construction bank account (project complete-account zero) to be playground donation account. Roll Call: Ayes; Denoyer, Sternburgh, Theobald, Ward. Nays; none. Absent; Smith. Motion passed. Motion by Denoyer/Theobald to authorize Playground Committee to begin fundraising. Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Denoyer, Sternburgh, Ward. Nays; none. Absent; Smith. Motion passed.

d. Clerk submitted regular Village Council meeting dates for 2024. Second Monday of each month, no holiday conflicts. Motion by Theobald/Ward to approve dates as submitted. All ayes; motion passed.

e. Theobald shared the PC has completed their work on STR ordinance requests council approval to forward it to the Village attorney for review.

f. Denoyer questioned Resolution 100-19 regarding increase in council meeting pay. Resolution was adopted January 2019, to increase pay to \$60 per meeting beginning December 2020 for trustees elected in 2020. It appears the pay increase was not instituted for those councilmembers. Discussed making increase retroactive after researching which members it would affect, or possibility of instituting the increase going forward for those members. There was a suggestion this resolution may have been rescinded prior to taking effect. Clerk and Deputy will research further. Motion by Denoyer/Ward to table the issue until January meeting. All ayes; motion passed.

**Reports:**

- a. Maintenance Report – Leone reported the lift station, irrigation field and pump house have been winterized. He had the new level transducer installed at Ely Rd. station, US31 station is scheduled next, as well as the new autodialer alarm system. He has been working with Glenna Wood on the sampling and analysis draft for EGLE. The sander and plows have been installed on trucks.
- b. Street Administrator – Leone reported only light plowing required. No Parking signs installed by Honor Village Apartments. Waiting on gate for Stacey Alley, hoping to have it installed before spring.
- c. Ordinance Officer – No report.
- d. Park Committee – Reed reported Maley Park looks good. Requests we keep portable restrooms available longer into the fall next year.
- e. Sewer Committee – No report.
- f. Budget Committee –No report.

**General Discussion:** Village will not be putting up a Christmas tree this year.

**Public Input:** A. Browning stated Village of Beulah is beginning budget meetings; their PC is slow right now.

**Announcements:** None.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Denoyer/Theobald to adjourn meeting at 724pm. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Reed/Goodman  
December 13, 2023