

VILLAGE OF HONOR
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2023

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

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

Board Comments on Agenda: None

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Sternburgh/Denoyer to approve October 9, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented; all ayes; motion passed.

Public Input: Dennis Rodzik complimented ZA Naulty for facilitating improvements in Village appearance. He wanted to remind the Council there are books available detailing Roberts Rules of Order, Mr. Rodzik also stated he has papers from Harold Saffron regarding Village purchase of a truck in 2021, and that the Village should have a bid policy.

Guests/Presentations:

- a. Paul Olson - Insurance. Absent
- b. Kris K - Website Update. Kris utilized the new screen and gave an overview of the new village website. He asked for input, ideas, and corrections. Council was pleased with the website progress.
- c. Drew Smith – Park/Grant. Drew gave a PowerPoint on the proposed Maley Park Playground, which will be in the ‘triangle’ area of the park. The goal is to have a fenced park with a children’s playscape structure for both residents and visitors to enjoy. He is still in the process of gathering quotes and exploring financing options, including a possible MEDC grant which utilizes a specific website for donations. All agreed the Village should be ready to accept cash or check donations for this project that may come directly to the Village.

Motion made by Smith/Theobald to authorize opening separate bank account for any funds donated directly to the Village specifically for the Maley Park Playground project. Roll Call: Ayes; Denoyer, Smith, Theobald, Ward, Sternburgh. Nays; none. Motion passed.

Zoning Administrator: Rosemary Naulty, gave verbal report. She currently has one open LUP. She has had one complaint regarding no parking zones, which she is following up on.

Planning Commission: Rosemary Naulty, gave verbal report. The Master Plan draft is still in the process of being formatted. The P/C is making progress on the short-term rental ordinance, and she hopes to bring it to the council by late winter.

County Commissioner/Fire Chief: Tim Markey, unexpectedly absent.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Theobald/Denoyer to accept financial reports as presented. Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Sternburgh, Ward, Denoyer, Smith. Nays; none. Motion passed.
Treasurer requested Council hold a public hearing on the 2024 budget at 5:30 on December 11, 2023. Motion by Ward/Sternburgh to authorize up to \$150 to publish ad for public hearing. Roll Call: Ayes; Smith, Ward, Theobald, Sternburgh, Denoyer. Nays; none. Motion passed.

Budget Amendments: None.

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

Correspondence:

Incoming: a. Protest e-mail dated October 28, 2023 from resident H. Saffron read aloud by President Ward.

b. Correspondence from Joshua Mouch requesting consideration for installation of one electric vehicle charging station in the Village parking lot downtown. Another possible would be in the private parking lot near the Secretary of State office. Information only at this point.

Outgoing: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

a. USDA WWTP final draw #13. Motion by Ward/Denoyer to approve President to sign for draw in the amount of \$11,802.50. Roll Call: Ayes; Ward, Smith, Denoyer, Theobald, Sternburgh. Nays; none. Motion passed.

b. President Ward advised council Dollar General requested engineering firm to advise them on possible connection to the Village sewer system. Motion by Theobald/Sternburgh to authorize agreement between Gosling Czubeck and Dollar General, with funds to be paid out of escrow account. Roll Call: Ayes; Ward, Smith, Sternburgh, Theobald. Nays; Denoyer. Motion passed.

c. Theobald began discussion of snow removal on village sidewalks. Discussed options of making pedestrian travel safer during winter months, as people tend to walk in roadways when sidewalks are not cleared. Village ordinance states the property owners is responsible for removal; how to best enforce it? Or should we consider doing all snow removal for residents, or pay for a third party for the service? Council agreed to start reminding residents of the snow removal ordinance before beginning extreme enforcement. Motion by Ward/Theobald to approve up to \$150 for ad in local paper citing sidewalk clearing ordinance #***. Roll Call: Ayes; Smith, Ward, Sternburgh, Denoyer, Theobald. Nays; none. Motion passed.

d. Ward brought a grant policy to Council for review. No action taken at this time.

e. Smith discussed grant info for proposed park during presentation earlier in the meeting.

Reports:

a. Maintenance Report – Leone. Irrigation discharges ended season at safe level, quarterly testing done. He will begin winterization of pump house, receiving station and left stations in the next few weeks. Having the methane sensor inspected. After experiencing a level indicator failure, Leone brought estimates to replace/upgrade both US31 and Ely Rd stations to a much more reliable transducer system for \$6,498. He also included estimates on replacing our outdated autodialer system at the same time for

approximately \$5,600. He advised these upgrades are necessary to keep things running smoothly. Motion by Ward/Theobald to approve expenditures as stated for sewer system upgrades. Smith questioned if there was enough money in the budget. Roll Call: Ayes; Denoyer, Sternburgh, Ward, Denoyer, Smith, Theobald, Nays; none. Motion passed.

The mowers have been winterized and the plows and sanders will be installed on trucks shortly. He will be getting Maley Park ready for winter next week. Also finished painting interior of the maintenance shop.

b. Street Administrator – Leone. Streets are in good shape, have been doing fall cleanup. American flags have been taken down and the holiday lights have been installed by Display Sales. He will inspect roads and gather information for possible repairs/repaving in 2024.

c. Ordinance Officer – No report.

d. Park Committee – Reed, verbal report given. Portable restrooms have been removed for the season. She noted other communities still have theirs available and requested we consider]74/5+

e. Sewer Committee – No report.

f. Budget Committee –No report.

General Discussion: Denoyer would like copy of Roberts Rules of Order.

Public Input: A. Browning of Beulah complimented both our video and security systems. D. Rodzik reiterated H. Saffron's letter regarding P/C membership; also stated he had read honest concerned citizen Saffron's papers regarding Village FOIA requests, then talked about wind turbines and solar panel use in Europe.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: Motion by Sternburgh/Smith to adjourn meeting at 7:47 pm. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Reed/Goodman
November 14, 2023