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Minutes
VILLAGE OF HONOR
Regular Council Meeting
10922 Platte Street Honor, Mi 49640
June 10, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Roll Call: Council- Denoyer, Hepner, Theobald, Wendel, Ward; **present.**

Staff- Goodman, Leone, Reed, Wilkins; **present.**

Board Comments on Agenda: None

Approval of Agenda: Add New Business b; Bond Proposal – AJ's Excavating, c; Ballots. Motion by Theobald, second by Denoyer to approve the agenda as amended; all ayes, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Denoyer, second by Wendel to approve May 13, 2024, Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented; all ayes, motion passed.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Public Comment Heard: Jana Goldman – urged everyone to attend the Farmers Market held every Tuesday at 9:30am at Maley Park. Mary Haan – Circulating a letter in opposition to shopping at the new Dollar General. President Ward suggested contacting EGLE to start a petition.

Guests/Presentations:

a. Maley Park Playground Project. Drew Smith gave an updated presentation on the playground project and fundraising status. Patronicity donation window opens July 1, 2024. Playground information given out to the schools. Dallas talked to the County and applied for a tribal grant. New signs were hung. Drew requested additional funds for more fliers. Goodman, Village Treasurer, asked where the council would like the funds to come from since these are unbudgeted expenses, suggested creating a separate department in the General Fund to track the park project expenses.

1. Motion by Ward, second by Theobald to approve the Village Treasurer creating a new General Fund Department titled, Playground Project, and moving \$1000 from the General Fund to fund it. Roll Call: Ayes; Denoyer, Ward, Theobald, Wendel, Hepner. Nays; none. Motion passed.

2. Motion by Wendel, second by Ward to approve spending another \$250 on Maley Park Playground fundraising fliers. Roll Call: Ayes; Denoyer, Ward, Theobald, Wendel, Hepner. Nays; none. Motion passed.

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Zoning Administrator: Rosemary Naulty was absent; verbal report given by Jana Goldman. 2 Land Use Permits issued, one for a deck, the other, a coffee shop. Rosemary is encouraging the public to use the complaint forms as they could be responded to quicker than a call back.

Planning Commission: Verbal report by Goldman. Still waiting for response from consultant regarding the final draft Master Plan. Short Term Rental Ordinance Public Hearing is scheduled for August 7, 2024, at 5:30pm.

County Commissioner/Fire Chief: Tim Markey gave an update on County issues. County submitted a letter of intent for Material Management Plan; Emergency Services approved to help during Ironman competition on September 15, 2024, Ironman will reimburse for services. Truth in Taxation Hearing Scheduled at 9am before regular County Commissioners meeting. Emergency Medical Dispatch has been implemented in the county. Homestead twp. appointed a new Clerk, Kit Wilson. The FD is at 158 incidents to date, old tanker posted on auction site to sell.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Denoyer, second by Wendel to accept financial reports as presented. Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Wendel, Ward, Denoyer, Hepner, Nays; none. Motion passed.

Budget Amendments: None

Submission of Bills/Checks: Request by Reed to have invoice checks cut prior to meetings from here on out for faster processing and less late fees. Ward said that is an accounting practice and didn't see a problem with it. Discussion of the very high GFL Environmental invoice for cleanup day.

1. Motion by Ward, second by Theobald to approve bills as presented, minus the GFL invoice. Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Wendel, Ward, Denoyer, Hepner. Nays; none. Motion passed.

2. Motion by Ward, second by Denoyer to pay the corrected amount of the GFL Environmental invoice. Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Wendel, Ward, Denoyer, Hepner. Nays; none. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

Incoming: a. E-mail from the Seabury Foundation for the second annual Benzie County Community Connects event held at the Garden Theater in Frankfort on July 11, 2024 at 2pm. RSVP required due to limited seating.

Outgoing: a. None.

Old Business: None

New Business:

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a. Mileage Reimbursement. President Ward stated that the village has always paid for mileage and there is no reason why Goodman shouldn't be reimbursed for traveling to banks to make deposits on behalf of the village. **No action taken, process already in place.**

b. Bond Proposal – AJ's Excavating. President Ward requested a \$50,000 bond from AJ's Excavating to guarantee the alley be fully repaired if the project damages it in any way. **Motion by Ward, second by Wendel to approve the \$50,000 Bond provided by AJ's Excavating for Alley. Roll Call: Ayes; Hepner, Ward, Wendel, Denoyer, Theobald. Nays; none. Motion passed**

c. Ballots. Every board member is up for election. President Ward, appointed members Hepner and Wendel will have to run, if they choose to, for two-year terms ending in 2026. Denoyer and Theobald will have to run, if they choose to, for four-year terms ending in 2028. Reed supplied copies of paperwork needed to run for council.

Reports:

- a. Maintenance Report – Leone, written report provided, verbal highlights for sewer, equipment, park and general.
- b. Street Administrator – Leone, written report provided, verbal highlights on the pavement completion of Riverside Drive and the parking lots being sealed by Molon this weekend.
- c. Ordinance Officer – None.
- d. Park Committee – Reed noted the unusable porta-potties, one with a broken door handle, the other full. Reed called Ken/Jac Elliot's Pumping to service the issue. Will call again in the morning, if Elliotts does not clean and repair before the Farmers Market Tuesday morning they will be asked to pick them up and a new company will be called to furnish the park with clean and working porta-potties.
- e. Sewer Committee – President Ward noted that Honor is in good standing after spending the time to upgrade the system and inventory assets.
- f. Playground Committee – Denoyer plans to attend Gathering Place events to promote the playground fundraiser.

General Council Discussion: Denoyer expressed curiosity regarding the cleanup of some parking lot areas. Others commented on how good the lots looked. Goodman reported putting sewer bill delinquencies on property taxes and needing information emailed to her that anyone wants in the newsletter that will go out with property taxes.

Public Input: Doug praised Julie for the success of the first Farmers Market. Tim Markey announced that he plans to run for County Commissioner again. Browning (Beulah Planning Commission) reported on the sewer situation needing up to 12.5 million, finalizing Beulah's Master Plan, and looking into a sound system for their meetings.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: Motion by Theobald, second by Denoyer to adjourn meeting at 7:30pm. All ayes; motion carried.

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Respectfully Submitted by:
Reed/Goodman
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