

Minutes
VILLAGE OF HONOR
Regular Council Meeting
10922 Platte Street Honor, Mi 49640
October 14, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Roll Call: Council- Ward, Denoyer, Theobald, Wendel, Hepner; **present.**
Staff- Goodman, Leone, Brow, Reed, Wilkins; **present.**

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Denoyer, second by Wendel to approve September 9, 2024, Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented; **all ayes, motion passed.**

Board Comments on Agenda: none

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Theobald, second by Denoyer to approve the agenda as presented; **all ayes, motion passed.**

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Several public comments heard in favor of keeping the Stacey Alley gate and several comments opposed to keeping it. Safety concerns in the alley and other intersections within the village were the biggest concern

Public Comment Heard: Regarding biting dogs on Cedar Street. Three people have reportedly been bitten. Animal control has written two citations, and the sheriff has been called.

Guests/Presentations:

- a. None

Zoning Administrator: No report

Planning Commission: Planning Commission gathered public input and followed public meeting protocol. The attorney approved Short Term Rental Ordinance #50 including the good neighbor guide is ready for adoption.

County Commissioner/Fire Chief: Markey reported on the progress of the radio tower in Frankfort, completion date proposed now for February 2025; the dual deputy social worker pilot program is gaining notice from local areas because of its effectiveness.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Denoyer, second by Theobald 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:

Motion by Theobald, second by Ward to pay the Invoice Register Report in the amount of \$5,269.68. **Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Wendel, Ward, Denoyer, Hepner. Nays; none. Motion passed.**

Correspondence:

Incoming: Read aloud

- a. Christopher Byczek/opposed to gate - never notified of it
- b. John Randall/ opposed to gate – never notified of it
- c. Pam Nason/dog biting issue
- d. Zach Grime/Stacey alley gate
- e. Mary Haan/Maley Park safety concern

Outgoing: a. None.

Old Business:

a. Rules of Procedure Policy. A three-month review period garnered final approval. Theobald mentioned the need for a guiding tool as a new trustee and made a motion to approve the rules of procedure policy for the Village of Honor; second by Wendell. **Ayes: 5, motion passed.**

b. Short Term Rental Ordinance #50. With a max of 10 allowable short-term rentals within the village limits, a good neighbor policy accompaniment and all ordinance adoption procedures met by the Planning Commission. Motion by Ward to adopt Short-Term Rental Ordinance #50. Council discussion occurred. Motion to adopt failed due to lack of support. New motion to table Ordinance #50 for further review by Ward; second by Wendel, **all ayes, motion passed.**

c. Key to Stacy Alley Gate. Pushed to new business

d. Radar Sign Bids. Jake presented the council with three different bid proposals for radar solar-powered speed signs. A discussion on the locations of speed signs occurred. Motion by Theobald, second by Ward to purchase two radar speed signs from All Traffic Solutions Inc. in the amount of \$7,833.93. **Roll Call: Ayes; Denoyer, Theobald, Wendel, Ward, and Hepner. Nays; none. Motion Passed.**

New Business:

a. Property Tax \$3.00 Overages and Underpayments. Former Treasurer Goodman explained the over/under process, the two accumulate and pay for each other when the public makes tax payments slightly over or under the actual price. Motion by Theobald, second by Wendel to approve having an over/under payment for property taxes. **Roll Call: Ayes; Hepner, Ward, Wendel, Denoyer, Theobald. Nays; none. Motion passed.**

b. Municipal Underwriters Insurance Par Plan. Annual village liability insurance is due prior to the November council meeting, clerk requests approval to pay invoice by October 15, 2024. Motion by Theobald, second by Denoyer to pay \$18,806 for the annual par plan insurance. **Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Hepner, Ward, Wendel, Denoyer. Nays; none. Motion passed**

c. Stacey Alley Gate. Motion by Denoyer, second by Theobald to remove the gate on Stacey Alley. Discussion on adding safety measures, speed bumps, and signs. **Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Denoyer, Wendel, Hepner. Nays: Ward. Motion Passed.** Safety measures for Stacey Alley will be decided on at the November Council Meeting.

d. Gosling and Czubak Proposal. Proposal presented to begin a phosphorous removal study in the lagoons to be in compliance with EGLE requirements. Motion by Theobald, second by Wendel to approve the proposal for up to \$10,500 from Gosling and Czubak. **Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Wendel, Hepner, Denoyer, Ward. Nays; None. Motion Passed**

Reports:

- a. Maintenance Report – Leone, written report provided, verbal highlights regarding lagoon depth and working with Gosling and Czubak to lower phosphorous levels
- b. Street Administrator – Leone, written report provided, verbal highlights purchase or radar speed signs
- c. Ordinance Officer – None.
- d. Park Committee – Park reported as being good. Porta-potties picked up for the season on November 1st.
- e. Sewer Committee – No Report
- f. Playground Committee – Grant seeking and fundraising will occur during the winter months.

General Council Discussion: None

Public Input: Several comments and rebuttals were heard regarding Stacey Alley, the three dogs on Cedar Street, and noise/disturbance of the peace. **Annie Browning** – Beulah trustee who relates to speeding issues and reports that Beulah will be restricting Short Term Rentals soon. It was made known that more information from the village needs to be sent out to the public via mail, email, or on the village website. Several people thanked the council for the work they do.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: Motion by Theobald, second by Denoyer to adjourn meeting at 8:13pm. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Wilkins for Clerk Deb Reed
October 18, 2024