

Minutes
VILLAGE OF HONOR
Regular Council Meeting
10922 Platte Street Honor, Mi 49640
November 11, 2024

Meeting Called to order by President Pro Tempore at Theobald at 6:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Theobald, second by Wendel to approve October 14, 2024, Regular Council Meeting minutes with a motion clarification under Old Business b. Short Term Rental Ordinance #50; **all ayes, motion passed.**

Board Comments on Agenda: Additions to: **Correspondence** – b. Saffron Email c. Township Plowing Request, **Old Business** – a. Short Term Rental Ordinance #50, b. Radar Sign Bid, **New Business** – c. Stacey Alley Speed Bumps, d. DPW Insurance e. Village Owned Property on Highland Drive, f. Office Cleaning, g. 2025 Regular Council Meeting Dates h. Resignation – Bill Ward

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Theobald, second by Wendel to approve the agenda with above noted additions; **all ayes, motion passed.**

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Doug – Would like to thank Bill Ward for his years of service and all the positive changes he made in the village. Also wants to see Stacey Alley become a One Way with speed limit signs and stop signs at the exit from the gas station onto Stacey Alley.

Guests/Presentations: None

Zoning Administrator: No report

Planning Commission: Due to the Short-Term Rental Ordinance not being passed at the October Council meeting, Planning Commission will need to amend the timeline in the Ordinance at their December meeting and recommends that Council table the Ordinance until the amendment is completed.

County Commissioner/Fire Chief: Markey congratulated the Council members for winning their elections. Reported his reelection and the EMS/ALS and Jail millage passed. Year to date fire incidents: 343

Budget Amendments: (See attached)

- A.** Motion by Wendel; second by Denoyer to approve **General Fund amendment. Roll Call: Ayes; Hepner, Theobald, Wendel, and Denoyer. Nays: none. Motion passed.**
- B.** Motion by Theobald; second by Wendel to approve **Major Streets amendment. Roll Call: Ayes; Hepner, Theobald, Wendel, and Denoyer. Nays: none. Motion passed.**
- C.** Motion by Wendel; second by Denoyer to approve Local Streets amendment. **Roll Call: Ayes; Denoyer, Wendel, Theobald, and Hepner. Nays: none. Motion passed.**

D. Motion by Denoyer; second by Theobald to approve Sewer Fund amendment. Roll Call: Ayes; Denoyer, Wendel, Theobald, and Hepner. Nays: none. Motion Passed.

Financial Reports: Motion by Wendel; second by Theobald to approve the provided financial reports from the Treasurer. **Roll Call: Ayes; Denoyer, Wendel, Hepner, and Theobald. Nays: none. Motion Passed.**

Submission of Bills/Checks:

Motion by Denoyer, second by Wendel to pay the Invoice Register Report in the amount of \$6375.00. **Roll Call: Ayes; Hepner, Theobald, Wendel, and Denoyer. Nays; none. Motion passed.**

Correspondence:

Incoming: (All read aloud)

- a. **Resignation of Bill Ward.** Bill and his family are relocating to Manistee County; he appreciates the support of the community for his 10 years of service.
- b. **Saffron email** – Sited Short Term Rental Ordinance and new Rules of Procedure are against Honor Home Rule Law; in favor of removal of Stacey Alley gate.
- c. **Township Plowing Request** – The Township requested bids to plow their parking lots

Outgoing: a. None.

Old Business

- a. **Short Term Rental Ordinance #50.** Planning Commission will have to amend the ordinance timeline at their December meeting. Motion by Denoyer; second by Wendel to table Short Term Rental Ordinance #50 until Planning Commission completes updates. **Roll Call: Ayes; Hepner, Wendel, Denoyer. Abstain: Theobald. Motion passed**
- b. **Radar Sign Bid (New).** Leone provided a quote from Trafficlogix for two solar powered, flashing strobe light radar speed signs for less than the previous presented quote from All Traffic Solutions Inc. Motion by Wendel; second by Theobald to purchase the two signs from Trafficlogix for the quoted price of \$6375.00. **Roll Call: Ayes; Hepner, Theobald, Wendel, Denoyer. Nays; none. Motion passed**

New Business:

a. **Christmas Tree Lights in the Park.** Denoyer suggested purchasing lights to decorate the pavilion, bridge, and trees at Maley Park like Bear Lake does. Council discussion on who would install the lights, Jake, volunteers, or hire an entity to decorate. Motion by Denoyer; second by Hepner to spend \$2500 for Christmas lights and decorations for volunteers to hang up in the park. **Roll Call: Ayes; Denoyer, Hepner, Theobald. Nays; Wendel. Motion passed**

b. **MiClass – State Shared Revenue Payments.** Motion by Theobald; second by Wendel to approve the Treasurer to fill out the paperwork to receive direct deposit of State Shared Revenues moving forward. **Roll Call: Ayes; Denoyer, Theobald, Wendel, and Hepner. Nays; none. Motion passed**

c. **Stacey Alley Speed Bump Bids.** Leone provided quotes for removable and permanent speed bumps. Removable was favored for plowing purposes and cost. Motion by Theobald; second by Wendel to install two speed limit signs in the alley and table purchasing speed bumps until April 2025. **All Ayes, motion passed.**

d. DPW Insurance Contribution. Village Policy provides \$200 a month towards health insurance. A recent meeting raised the village contribution to 80% of the monthly cost. Leone requesting additional contribution due to significant price increases in insurance policies in the enrollment window. Motion by Theobald; second by Denoyer to table so the policy can be updated to reflect an accurate insurance contribution. Hepner volunteered to amend the current policy. **All Ayes, motion passed.**

e. Village Property on Highland Drive. A half-acre parcel on Highland Drive owned by the village lies vacant. Motion by Wendel; seconded by Theobald to contact the Township Assessor to determine the value of the property. **All Ayes, motion passed.**

f. Office Cleaning. Motion by Theobald; second by Wendel to post the job on Facebook and the village website. **All Ayes, motion passed.**

g. Regular Council Meeting Days and Times. Motion by Theobald; second by Wendel to approve the 2025 Regular Council Meeting Dates. **All Ayes, motion passed.**

h. Resignation – Bill Ward. Motion by Wendel to accept the resignation letter by Bill; second by Theobald. **All Ayes, motion passed.** Motion by Theobald; second by Wendel to declare a Trustee seat as vacant and spend \$200 on ads for candidates. **Roll Call: Ayes; Hepner, Theobald, Wendel, and Denoyer. Nays: none. Motion Passed.**

Reports:

a. Maintenance Report – Leone, written report provided, discharge season ended at a safe level to get through until the next discharge season; several alarms occurred during October, all easily remedied; lawn mowers and equipment are cleaned and stored for winter.

b. Street Administrator – Leone, written report provided, leaf clean up and flags down for the season.

c. Ordinance Officer – None.

d. Park Committee – Porta-potties picked up and the driveway has potholes.

e. Sewer Committee – Motion by Denoyer; second by Hepner to appoint Theobald and Wendel to the Sewer Committee. **All ayes, motion passed.**

f. Playground Committee – Applying for the Tribal Grant. Motion by Theobald: second by Wendel to approve a Go Fund Me account for the Maley Parks Playground Project. Discussion on legality of a municipality having a Go Fund Me page. **Roll Call: Ayes; Hepner, Theobald, Wendel, and Denoyer. Nays: none. Motion Passed.**

General Council Discussion: Hepner suggested getting more fliers and banners to promote fundraising for Maley Park.

Public Input: Haan – The playground will not be in a safe spot so close to the road and is a waste of money. John – flashing signs get attention. Doug – Thank you all for what you do. Haan – asked when the next corridor meeting was; December 9, 2024 at 6pm.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: 7:33pm by President Pro Tempore Theobald; seconded by Wendel.