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Minutes
VILLAGE OF HONOR
Regular Council Meeting
10922 Platte Street Honor, Mi 49640
December 9, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Denoyer, second by Wendel to approve November 11, 2024, Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented; **all ayes, motion passed.**

Board Comments on Agenda: Additions to: **New Business** – b. Resolution #105-24 FY2025 Wage & Compensation Pay Scale for DPW Leone c. Sewer Rate Increase, d. Clerk Shadow

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Doug Durkee – Lights in the park look great. Pleased that Dollar General will not be built in town. Mary Haan – Introduced her son-in-law as new manager of Sleeping Bear Riverside Cabins.

Guests/Presentations: None

Zoning Administrator: No report

Planning Commission: No meeting and nothing to report.

County Commissioner/Fire Chief: Markey reported on the opening of the casino at the tribal center behind Wesco, and the role of the county in the Corridor Improvement Authority. Warned to drive safe in the winter weather conditions, reports of many accidents from the recent storm.

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

Budget Amendments:

General Fund Moton by Wendel; second by Theobald to approve the presented amendments to the General Fund. **Roll Call: Ayes: Hepner, Theobald, Wendel, and Denoyer. Nays; none. Motion Passed.**

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Major Streets Fund Motion by Denoyer; second by Theobald to approve the presented amendments to the Major Streets Fund. **Roll Call: Ayes: Hepner, Theobald, Wendel, and Denoyer. Nays; none. Motion Passed.**

Local Streets Fund Motion by Theobald; second by Wendel to approve the presented amendments to the Local Streets Fund. **Roll Call: Ayes: Denoyer, Wendel, Hepner, and Theobald. Nays; none. Motion Passed.**

Sewer Fund Motion by Theobald; second by Wendel to approve the presented amendments to the Sewer Fund. **Roll Call: Ayes: Hepner, Wendel, Theobald, and Denoyer. Nays; none. Motion Passed.**

Submission of Bills/Checks:

1. Motion by Theobald, second by Wendel to pay the Invoice Register Report as presented. **Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Wendel, Denoyer and Hepner. Nays; none. Motion passed.**
2. Denoyer's approval to spend \$2500 to decorate the park for the holidays went over budget and had taxes applied to them on the requests for reimbursement. A municipality does not pay taxes on goods and cannot reimburse sales tax. The totals with taxes are \$3025.99. The office is requesting clarification on where to take the money from in the budget to make the reimbursements. Motion by Wendel; second by Theobald to make the reimbursements less the sales tax to the purchasers, Dallas Denoyer and Kevin Kaczan. **Roll Call: Ayes: Hepner, Theobald, Wendel, and Denoyer. Nays; none. Motion Passed.**

Correspondence:

Incoming: (All read aloud)

- a. **Saffron email** – Numerous complaints were discussed and noted.
- b. **Northern Disposal Proposal** – Rates discussed; proposal will be archived until the current disposal contract is up.
- c. **Resignation of Bill Ward** - Bill and his family have relocated to Manistee County, he will be unable to fulfill his elected position on Council; he appreciates the support of the community for his 10 years of service. **Motion by Wendel; second by Theobald to accept the resignation of Bill Ward as Council Trustee. All Ayes, motion passed.**
- d. **Village Office Cleaning Quote** – Wilkins reminded Reed that all Council decision topics need to be considered under New Business, \$30 biweekly cleaning quote received from Sleepy Bear Cleaning Care. No other quotes have been received. Motion by Theobald; second by Wendel to approve the quote from Sleepy Bear Cleaning Care pending proof of bonding and insurance. **Roll Call: Ayes; Hepner, Theobald, Wendel, Denoyer. Nays; none. Motion passed**

Outgoing: a. None.

Old Business

- a. **Resolution of Intent to Establish a Corridor Improvement Authority** - After lengthy discussions between council and meeting attendees for clarification purposes. Motion by

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Theobald; second by Wendel to approve the Resolution of intent to establish a Corridor Improvement Authority. **Roll Call: Ayes; Hepner, Theobald, Wendel, Denoyer. Nays; none. Motion passed**

New Business:

a. Hometown Decoration & Display LLC 3-year Contract. The contract was misplaced by the Clerk. Deb stated the pricing from memory. Motion by Wendel; second by Hepner to approve the three-year contract to install holiday decorations on light poles in the village at \$73 a pole. **Roll Call: Ayes; Denoyer, Wendel, Theobald, Hepner. Nays; none. Motion passed**

b. Resolution #105-24 Fiscal Year 2025 Wage and Compensation Pay Scale for Department of Public Works. The resolution details the budgeted hourly rate for DPW, Christian “Jake” Leone, and the percentage of health insurance that the village will cover for Leone (90%). Motion by Wendel; second by Hepner to approve Resolution #105-24 as presented. **Roll Call: Ayes; Hepner, Theobald, Wendel, and Denoyer. Nays; none. Motion passed**

c. Sewer Rate Increase. Leone explained the rate increase strongly suggested by EGLE representative Glenna Wood in order to maintain the sewer system. A Resolution with the suggested rate increase was not drafted by the clerk. Motion by Theobald; second by Wendel to table the rate increase until a resolution detailing the increase by percentage is presented. **All Ayes, motion passed.**

d. Clerk Shadow. Deb will only be the clerk until her current term ends in 2026. She would like anyone interested in being the village clerk to shadow her on the job to make sure the job duties interest them. Motion by Theobald; second by Wendel to approve a job shadow for the village clerk provided village insurance will cover the liability of an unappointed individual in the office. **All Ayes, motion passed**

Reports:

- a. Maintenance Report – Leone, written report provided, irrigation system winterized, lift stations prepped, meter removed at receiving station for winter, lagoon depth at 5.5’, snow equipment ready, and helped decorate in the park.
- b. Street Administrator – Leone, written report provided, leaf clean up complete, keeping streets plowed and calling Consumers energy regarding light poles with malfunctioning outlets.
- c. Ordinance Officer – None.
- d. Park Committee – Looks beautiful
- e. Sewer Committee – Nothing to report
- f. Playground Committee – Applying for the Tribal Grant.

General Council Discussion: Deb commented on how impressed she is with how the village looks.

Public Input: Doug Durkee – Thank you all for what you do, disappointed that Stacey Alley wasn’t discussed or the vacant seat on Council. Maryanne Goodman – with the lights in the park, it’s a good time to promote the park in the Record Patriot or a local paper to draw attention to the fundraising efforts.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: 7:30pm by President Theobald; seconded by Wendel.

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