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Minutes
VILLAGE OF HONOR
Regular Council Meeting

10922 Platte Street Honor, Mi 49640

August 12, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Wendel, second by Denoyer to approve July 8, 2024, Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented; **all ayes, motion passed.**

Board Comments on Agenda: Add New Business b. Use of General Funds to Fulfill Grant Match and c. Hiring of Deputy Treasurer.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Public Comment Heard: Rodzik – Kayak and canoe use is eroding the side of the road on South Street.
Doug – Great job on the Car Show.

Guests/Presentations: None

Zoning Administrator: No LUPs given but answered several questions.

Planning Commission: The Short-Term Rental Ordinance Public Hearing yielded a few comments from the public; final draft ordinance will be presented at the regular meeting held on September 4, 2024, at 5:30pm. Email from H. Saffron given to Rosemary McNaulty.

County Commissioner/Fire Chief: All millages but one passed in the August elections; Public Hearing set for County Master Plan; The Solid Waste (Trash, Recycling, Hazards) Director position is being outsourced. The FD reports 5 incidents in July and is utilizing the UTV for Ironman on September 15th.

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

Budget Amendments: None

Submission of Bills/Checks: Discussion of the now resolved GFL Environmental invoice for cleanup day. Motion by Denoyer, second by Wendel to pay the Invoice Register Report in the amount of \$12,107.65.
Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Wendel, Ward, Denoyer. Nays; none. Absent; Hepner. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

Incoming: a. **Maryann Goodman** – Resignation of Treasurer position; Last day September 20, 2024. Resignation acknowledged by Council.

b. **H. Saffron** – Email for Planning Commission.

Outgoing: a. None.

Old Business:

a. **GFL Invoice for Spring Clean-up.** Corrected amount approved during Submission of Bills.

New Business:

a. **Rules of Procedure Policy.** No hard copies were given to council members; The draft was emailed to each Council member with no explanation of the policy. Motion by Denoyer, second by Theobald to table until September meeting. **All ayes, motion passed.**

b. **Use of General Funds to Fulfill Grant Match.** With an August 31st deadline to raise \$25,000 to receive the MEDC match of \$25,000 for the Maley Park Playground. Discussion to use General Fund money as a gap fill in fundraising dollars to guarantee receiving the \$25,000 in grant from MEDC. Motion by Denoyer, second by Ward to approve using up to \$8,000 in General Fund money to cover the gap in fundraising dollars and authorize the treasurer to transfer the amount needed on August 31, 2024. **Roll Call: Ayes; Denoyer, Ward, Wendel, Theobald. Nays; none. Absent: Hepner. Motion passed**

c. **Hiring Deputy Treasurer.** 1. The resignation of Maryann Goodman on September 20, 2024, leaves the Treasurer position vacant. Motion by Ward, second by Theobald to authorize the clerk to spend no more than \$200 on ads for the Treasurer position. **Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Ward, Wendel, Denoyer. Nays; none. Absent: Hepner. Motion Passed**

2. **Application and resume received by Christy Brow.** Christy has BS&A and municipal experience and lives in the village. Braugh attended the meeting and asked and answered questions of the board. Discussion on hourly rate occurred. **Motion by Ward, seconded by Denoyer to hire Christy Brow at \$20.00 an hour and as Deputy Treasurer for training purposes. Roll Call: Ayes; Denoyer, Ward, Theobald, Wendel. Nays; none. Absent: Hepner Motion Passed.**

Reports:

a. Maintenance Report – Leone, written report provided, verbal highlights lagoon depth lowered to 6.2' due to the good weather; After the annual inspection BLDHD recommended a more secure gate for delivery drivers, one with a keypad.

b. Street Administrator – Leone, written report provided, verbal highlights brush hogged along Riverside; Street lights all working; Sidewalks cleaned up before Coho Festival on August 23-25th.

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c. Ordinance Officer – None.

d. Park Committee – Reed reported that drug paraphernalia, vandalism, and lack of routine cleaning of the porta-potties are causing an issue during the Farmers Market; Urges Council to take corrective actions.

Motion by Ward, second by Wendel to order a third porta-pottie for the remainder of the season. Roll Call: Ayes; Wendel, Ward, Theobald, Denoyer. Nays; none. Absent: Hepner. Motion passed

e. Sewer Committee – No Report

f. Playground Committee – The grant for Maley Park has been lowered from \$50,000 to \$25,000 due to lack of donations for the match. Denoyer thanked everyone that volunteered to help with all the fundraisers.

General Council Discussion: Theobald discussed the South Street erosion. Jake said he could lay down a few yards of gravel to temporarily help the situation.

Public Input: Doug – Thank you for all you do. **Annie Browning** – Update on Beulah and talked about local use of security cameras. **Kevin Kaczan** – Mentioned the expense and upkeep of maintaining a security system.

Announcements: September 9th 5:00pm Corridor Improvement Authority Special Meeting

Adjournment: Motion by Denoyer, second by Theobald to adjourn meeting at 7:22pm. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Reed

August 19, 2024