

Minutes
VILLAGE OF HONOR

Regular Council Meeting

10922 Platte Street Honor, MI 49640

February 10, 2025

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

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

Roll Call: Council- Denoyer, Theobald, Hepner, Wendel PRESENT.

Staff: Leone, Brow PRESENT Reed, Wilkins ABSENT

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Theobald second by Denoyer to **approve** January 13, 2025 regular council meeting minutes as presented. 4/4 Ayes, MOTION PASSED.

Board comments on Agenda: NEW BUSINESS Theobald suggest amendment to new business item A to be switched with item D and vice versa. Addition to New business item k. Blight Be Gone an online zoning course for 2 planning commission members.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Mary Haan Inquired about CIA progress-Theobald responded a committee has not been appointed yet. Upon approval, correspondence to be sent out to fill committee.

Special Guests/Presentations- NONE

Planning Commission - Naulty - There is a need to review and update zoning ordinances, last updated 4 years ago. Currently seeking bids for a consultant to assist with review and updates. Intends to RESubmit Short Term Rental Agreement to possibly approve and implement for 2026. Request to approve payment for on-line training course- Blight Be Gone for \$95 per person for two people.

County Commissioner - Tim Markey - Emergency Operation Plan has been approved. Board of Commissioners meeting 9:00 am 2/11 to discuss additional housing to be built for Frankfort EMS.

Financial Reports -Brow: Waste hauler revenue just shy of \$12,000 to date. MiClass direct deposit for February. Standard ins & outs. Requested approval for on-line training course for bank reconciliation. Cash vs. Accrual: database indicates accrual, audit will indicate as fiscal year cash.

Motion by Denoyer; second by Theobald to approve the financial reports provided from the treasurer. **Roll call: Ayes: Theobald, Wendel, Denoyer, Hepner. Nays: NONE. MOTION PASSED.**

Budget Amendments: None

Financial Correspondence: None

Submission of Bills/Checks- Reed: \$8,224.95

Consumers Amt. Pd* \$4,122.18

1. Motion by Theobald, second by Denoyer to pay the Invoice Register Report as presented. **Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Wendel, Denoyer, Hepner. Nays: None. Motion Passed.**

Correspondence:

Incoming:

- a. Mr. Saffron 1/31/25 Email pertaining to Planning Commission only, not read.
- b. FOIA Request submitted by D. Rodzik 2/3/2025 General description was given, not read. Attorney was consulted. FOIA request was rescinded by Rodzik.

Outgoing: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- a. Appoint Deputy Clerk**\$15 an hour 10 hours per week
One applicant who lives in the village applied; Jessica Roth.
Motion to hire Jessica Roth by Theobald; second by Wendel. Roll Call: Ayes: Theobald, Wendel, Denoyer, Hepner. Nays: None. Motion Passed.
- b. Appoint FOIA Officer
Theobald volunteered to be FOIA officer. **Motion to appoint Theobald by Wendel; second by Denoyer. Roll Call: Ayes: Wendel, Denoyer, Hepner. Nays: None. Theobald Abstained. Motion Passed.**

- c. Appoint Village of Honor Trustee to fill Vacant Council**Mary Haan/Anna Fuller

Anna Fuller was not present; Council reviewed applicant Anna Fuller's Resume, Theobald spoke about grant writing experience being an asset to the village. Applicant Mary Haan spoke on her own behalf about her studies at MSU in human ecology, worked as an interior designer; and additionally that she is currently renting/living in Frankfort due to her husband's medical treatments. **Motion to appoint Anna Fuller as Trustee by Theobald; second by Denoyer. Roll Call: Ayes: Theobald, Denoyer, Wendel, Hepner. Nays: None. Motion Passed.**

- d. Appoint President Pro Tempore

President Theobald explained the appointment and responsibilities; Wendel volunteered to be President Pro Tempore. **Motion to Appoint Mike Wendel as President Pro Tempore by Denoyer; Second by Hepner. Roll Call: Ayes: Theobald, Denoyer, Hepner. Nays: None. Wendel Abstain.**

- e. Expense Approval for Letters sent to Businesses & Residents to Apply for a Corridor Improvement Authority Seat

President Theobald spoke about effectiveness/cost of mailing letters vs. advertising in the newspaper. **Motion to approve up to \$200 for letters/postage to be sent to businesses/residents within the corridor by Theobald; second Wendel. Roll Call: Ayes: Denoyer, Theobald, Wendel, Hepner. Nays: None. Motion Passed.**

- f. Benzie County Road Commission acct#630 Sewer Billing Charges

President Theobald explained this is for the billing of sewer at the old Platte River School. Capping of sewer was completed later than expected and the road commission accrued quarterly billing during that time while not using service. Theobald explained the road commission also expressed dismay about the cost of the capping fee of \$1600. Furthermore, Theobald explained Bill Ward had verbally told them they would not be charged. Council member Wendel recalled a meeting where it was discussed to no longer charge them, he recalls it being approved. Council expressed they agreed that the quarterly charges were not appropriate due to non use, the capping fee was appropriate. They are currently charged \$558/quarter. They have paid two quarterly payments at that price for a total of \$1116.00. Currently owing \$1729.80 for quarterly bills plus \$1600 for capping fee for a total of \$3329.80. If council absolves payments due (\$1729.80) and credits payments made (\$1116.00), and applies them to the capping fee (\$1600 minus 1116.00), current owed would be \$484. **Motion to rescind all payments starting 1/9/24 to**

date, apply all payments as a credit to date to the capping fee by Theobald; second by Wendel. Roll Call: Ayes: Denoyer, Theobald, Hepner, Wendel.

- g. Storage Totes for Park Holiday Lights
Doug Durkee volunteered to donate totes.
- h. Department of Public Works First Net Cell Phone Approval
Leone presented the cost of \$0.99 and \$50/month for a cell phone to be used for DPW business. Leone presented reasons to no longer use his personal cell phone and be reimbursed for privacy as well as using a DPW phone between himself and a new hire for DPW business. The phone could be used amongst both employees of DPW for business. **Motion to provide a new cell phone from FirstNet for DPW officer by Theobald; second Wendel. Roll Call: Ayes: Theobald, Wendel, Hepner, Denoyer. Nays: None. Motion Passed.**
- i. Kennedy Industries Quote for Sewer Pump Maintenance
Kennedy Industries honored their price quote for maintenance from earlier this fall. Recommended to do preventative maintenance every other year, this has not been done in 2.5-3 years. Leone stated Kennedy is our authorized Vaughn Dealer and is the preferred company for this maintenance. **Motion to approve Kennedy Industries to do the routine maintenance by Denoyer; second by Theobald. Roll Call: Ayes: Denoyer, Theobald, Wendel, Hepner. Motion passed.**
- j. AAA Playground Equipment
Playground committee explained there were two quotes, one from AAA and one from ProPlaygrounds but ultimately AAA was cheaper for the same equipment and able to ship at no expense to Indianapolis where volunteers will pick up equipment. Previously Pro Playgrounds was voted on and approved, but after further exploration AAA is cheaper for the same equipment. Tax exempt has been applied. **Motion to rescind approval to pay ProPlaygrounds by Wendel; Second by Denoyer. Roll Call: Ayes: Theobald, Hepner, Wendel, Denoyer. Nays: None. Motion passed. Motion to pay AAA Stay to Play invoice for \$45,690 by Wendel; second by Theobald. Roll Call: Ayes: Theobald, Wendel, Hepner, Denoyer. Nays: None.**
- k. Blight Be Gone
Request for payment of \$95 per person for 2 people for virtual training Presented by Rosemary- Virtual training put on by Michigan Association of Planning regarding blight in communities. This training provides legal strategies and tools to combat and eliminate blight in communities to elected and appointed officials, zoning administrators etc. **Motion to approve up to \$200 for Blight Be Gone training by Theobald; second by Wendel. Roll Call: Ayes: Denoyer, Hepner, Theobald, Wendel. Nays: None. Motion passed.**

Reports:

Maintenance Report- Leone- lost internet for approx 1.5 wks. due to ice damage. Has been repaired. Only 1 alarm, working on rate analysis

- a. Street Administrator- Leone, nothing to report
- b. Ordinance Officer-NONE...
- c. Park Committee-Reed*Nic Hepner, lights are off
- d. Playground Committee**Dallas D, will be working with new Trustee Anna Fuller on grant writing for playground et al
- e. Sewer Committee-Jesse*Mike*Jake, nothing to report

General Discussion: Dark Skies- Not clear if this was officially rescinded. Providing the council more time to review. To be added to next month's agenda.

Brow- Three things to be added to next month's agenda, insurance and fire escrow partnership, dark skies initiative, deadline for DPW employee applications.

Public Input: Doug Durkee- Thank you for what you do!!!!

Adjournment: 7:09pm

1st: Theobald 2nd: Denoyer Ayes: 4/4

Respectfully submitted by:
Deputy Clerk Jessica Roth for Clerk Deb Reed