

**VILLAGE OF HONOR**  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2024

Meeting Called to Order by President Ward at 6:04pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited

**Roll Call:** Council- Denoyer, Theobald, Ward; present. Smith, Sternburgh; absent.  
Staff- Goodman, Reed, Leone; present. Sessions; absent.

**Board Comments on Agenda:** None

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Denoyer/Theobald to approve 2024 Budget Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2023 as presented; all ayes; motion passed.

Motion by Theobald/Denoyer to approve December 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented; all ayes; motion passed.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Guests/Presentations:** None.

**Zoning Administrator:** Rosemary Naulty, absent; no report.

**Planning Commission:** Rosemary Naulty, absent; no report.

**County Commissioner/Fire Chief:** Tim Markey, absent; no report.

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

**Budget Amendments:** None.

**Submission of Bills/Checks:** Motion by Denoyer/Theobald to approve bills as presented. Roll Call: Ayes; Denoyer, Theobald, Ward, Denoyer. Nays; none. Absent; Smith, Sternburgh. Motion passed.

**Correspondence:**

Incoming: a. Letter of resignation from Dennis Sternburgh effective December 21, 2023. Accepted with regrets. Council seat declared vacant.

b. E-mailed letter of complaints from Harold Saffron read into minutes by President Ward. Council discussed plans to sealcoat and restripe Village lot on Main Street.

Outgoing: None.

**Old Business:**

- a. Council discussed Resolution 100-19 which approved Council meeting pay increase to \$60 per meeting effective December 2020. Appears increase was not applied. Motion by Denoyer/Theobald to initiate pay increase per Resolution 100-19 effective January, 2024.
- b. Sidewalk Clearing; Cheri is still researching. Motion by Denoyer/Theobald to table discussion until we have additional information.
- c. President Ward will draft a letter reminding residents of our Parking Ordinance and distribute to recurring offenders.

**New Business:**

- a. Ward nominated, Denoyer seconded appointing Mike Wendel to fill Village Trustee vacancy.
- b. Brief discussion on need for upgrades to Office software for treasurer and maintenance. Motion by Denoyer/Ward to authorize purchase and installation of software upgrades as needed. Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Ward, Denoyer. Nays; none. Absent; Smith. Motion passed.

**Reports:**

- a. Maintenance Report – Leone reported there have been issues with the Ely Road lift station. Found that we need to replace the water pump, coolant lines and belts. He will get repairs completed as soon as he can. He and Doug will attend a free training seminar in Cadillac on Jan 9, will turn in mileage only. Requests up to \$440 for himself and Doug Durkee to attend MRWA annual conference March 21. Quarterly water test at Maley Park was negative for bacteria. Motion by Ward/Theobald to approve up to \$500 for registration. Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Ward, Denoyer. Nays; none. Absent; Smith, Sternburgh. Motion passed.
- b. Street Administrator – Leone reported the streets are quiet, street lights functioning. Holiday decorations have been taken down, he will look into the possibility of extending the decorations further along Main Street. Brief update and discussion regarding corridor improvements/streetscape.
- c. Ordinance Officer – None.
- d. Park Committee – Reed-no report.
- e. Sewer Committee – Ward reported Gosling Czubak filed a permit for Dollar General.
- f. Playground Committee – Denoyer reported they are still working with Patronicity site, and will work on setting up meetings after the donation site is up and running.

**General Discussion:** Council approved budgeted salary increase for Clerk and Treasurer in December, but hadn't approved the increase. Motion by Ward/Denoyer to increase Clerk yearly salary to \$15,000 and Treasurer yearly salary to \$13,000. Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Denoyer, Ward. Nays; none. Absent; Smith, Sternburgh. Motion passed.

General Council discussion regarding meeting attendance and whether it is addressed in the Village by-laws.

**Public Input:** none.



**Announcements:** NMC is putting on listening sessions for information on a possible millage in exchange for in-district tuition rates for Benzie County residents. Complete list of sessions on Benzie Area Chamber of Commerce website.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Theobald/Denoyer to adjourn meeting at 7:07pm. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Reed/Goodman  
January 9, 2023

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