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Minutes
VILLAGE OF HONOR
Regular Council Meeting

10922 Platte Street Honor, Mi 49640

July 8, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

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

Board Comments on Agenda: None

Approval of Agenda: Add Special Guest b; Jim Rayner Coho Fest. Correspondence a; Mary Haan Dollar General petition and b; Grand Traverse Band letter. New Business b; Sunrise Rotary Grant Application. Motion by Denoyer, second by Theobald to approve the agenda as amended; **all ayes, motion passed**.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ward, second by Wendel to approve June 10, 2024, Regular Council Meeting minutes with noted amendments; **all ayes, motion passed**.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Public Comment Heard: **Jana Goldman** – Newly sealed and striped parking lots look great, add to the charm of the village. **Doug** - Garage sale being held this weekend rain or shine. **Victor Densmore, Treasurer, Senior Resources** – funding for Senior resources is on the ballot this year.

Guests/Presentations:

- a. **Maley Park Playground Project.** Drew Smith gave an updated presentation on the playground project and fundraising status. Patronicity donation window is live until September 1, 2024. Several donations have been made. Fliers are printed and ready for circulation. Volunteers are needed to help fundraise. Andrew has applied for a grant from Sunrise Rotary. Fundraising events can be seen on the Maley Park Facebook Page.
- b. **Coho Festival Report.** Jim Rayner (SP) requested items that involve help or permits from DPW. Poker Fundraiser at Fallen Timbers on July 28, 2024.

Zoning Administrator: Rosemary Naulty was absent; verbal report given by Jana Goldman. Blighted properties are receiving a second warning to get into compliance with village ordinance.

Planning Commission: Verbal report by Goldman. Public Hearing at 5:30pm on August 7, 2024 on the proposed draft Short Term Rental Zoning Ordinance. Written comments are encouraged through August 7, 2024 and should be sent to the village office.

County Commissioner/Fire Chief: Markey was absent. Written report noted the Benzie County website housing the multiply millages proposed for August 7th and November 6th elections. Register of Deeds experienced their first property fraud in Benzie County, people are encouraged to sign up for the free Property Fraud Alert Program through the Register of Deeds website. EMD program is up and running and has fielded 47 medical calls. The FD is at 181 incidents to date.

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

Budget Amendments for Major and Local Streets Funds: Motion by Ward, second by Denoyer to approve the budget amendments as presented. Roll Call: Ayes; Hepner, Ward, Wendel, Denoyer, Theobald, Nays; none. **Motion Passed**

Submission of Bills/Checks: Discussion of the unresolved high priced GFL Environmental invoice for cleanup day.

1. Motion by Denoyer, second by Theobald to table payment of the \$7,200 to GFL Environment for further clarification. Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Wendel, Ward, Denoyer, Hepner. Nays; none. **Motion passed.**

2. Motion by Theobald, second by Ward to pay the Invoice Register Report as presented, omitting the \$7,200 invoice from GFL Environmental. Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Wendel, Ward, Denoyer, Hepner. Nays; none. **Motion passed.**

Correspondence:

Incoming: a. **Mary Haan** – presented a petition to sign to “Save Honor from another Dollar General”

b. **Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa** – Letter informing that the Maley Park Playground was not chosen to receive a grant at this time.

Outgoing: a. None.

Old Business: None

New Business:

a. Resolution of Intent to Establish a Corridor Improvement Authority. President Ward explained the incentives the village could receive by establishing a Corridor Improvement Authority for US31 through the Village of Honor. This resolution sets a public hearing date of September 9, 2024 to consider establishing a Corridor Improvement Authority. **Motion by Ward, second by Theobald to approve Resolution #102-24.** Ayes; Denoyer, Wendel, Hepner, Ward, Theobald. Nays; none. **Motion Passed**

b. Sunrise Rotary Grant Application for Maley Park. Andrew is applying for a grant for the Maley Park Playground from Sunrise Rotary. **Motion by Wendel, second by Denoyer to approve the grant**

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application to Sunrise Rotary. Ayes; Hepner, Ward, Wendel, Denoyer, Theobald. Nays; none. Motion passed

Reports:

- a. Maintenance Report – Leone, written report provided, verbal highlights for sewer, equipment, park and general.
- b. Street Administrator – Leone, written report provided, verbal highlights on the pavement completion of Platte Street and the seal coating and striping on village parking lots.
- c. Ordinance Officer – None.
- d. Park Committee – Hepner agreed to be on the committee; Reed reported that the port-a-potty company needs to be kept on for routine cleaning and repairs.
- e. Sewer Committee – No Report
- f. Playground Committee – Denoyer praised the diligent work of Andrew and plans to apply for the next round of grant funding through the Grand Traverse Band in the fall.

General Council Discussion: Ballots need to be in to the township by July 23, 2024.

Public Input: Continued praise on Julie's dedication to the Farmers Market

Announcements: Benzie Senior Resources annual sale held Saturday July 13, 2024.

Adjournment: Motion by Wendel, second by Theobald to adjourn meeting at 7:11pm. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Reed/Goodman

July 10, 2024