

**VILLAGE OF HONOR**  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2024

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited

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

**Board Comments on Agenda:** None

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Denoyer/Theobald to approve February 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented; all ayes; motion passed.

**Public Comment:** Homestretch requested use of the village hall to hold a meeting with the residents of their apartments in the Village. Will schedule date/time with Clerk.

**Guests/Presentations:**

Julie Bensinger-gave update on Honor Farmers Market. Market is scheduled to run June 4<sup>th</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am – 2pm. Will sponsor Yoga at 9:30am also. She asked if the Village would look into having wi-fi installed/available in the park. She is looking into purchasing yard-type signs to advertise the market and will distribute them around the county.

**Zoning Administrator:** Rosemary Naulty, verbal report. She is currently dealing with one complaint. The Master Plan is still being finished before the draft is presented to the council for approval to go into public hearing/comment period. Also finishing up the STR ordinance that will need draft approval and public hearing/comment also. She is anticipating it being in effect in 2025.

**Planning Commission:** Jana Goldman introduced herself as the new Chairperson of our P/C. They rescheduled their meetings to the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 5:30 in hopes of attracting more interest from residents. She requested funds to mail out postcards to residents to keep them informed of the new schedule, openings on commission, and public hearing dates and times. Motion by Theobald/Denoyer to approve up to \$300 for postcards and postage. Roll Call: Ayes; Ward, Denoyer, Theobald. Nays; none. Absent; Smith, Wendel. Motion passed.

**County Commissioner/Fire Chief:** Tim Markey gave an update on County issues. Hoping to have 24/7 road patrols soon. County Treasurer Thompson retired Kelly Long has been appointed to complete the term.

Medical calls have been increasing during the past month. They will be holding two more pancake breakfast fundraisers; Sunday March 17 and 24.



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

**Budget Amendments:** Motion by Denoyer/Theobald to approve budget amendments as presented. Roll Call: Ayes; Ward, Denoyer, Theobald. Nays; none. Motion passed.

Motion by Ward/Theobald to authorize treasurer to:

Move the Bond Reserve and Sewer RR&I accounts to State Savings Bank.

Purchase a \$50,000 CD (State Savings or Honor Bank, depending on rates).

Authorized signers on accounts are to be: Reed; Goodman; Theobald.

Roll Call: Ayes; Ward, Theobald, Denoyer. Nays; none. Motion passed.

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

Clerk wants to extend a thank you to Honor Tax & Accounting for doing E-filing of our 2023 W-2's.

**Correspondence:**

Incoming: a. Letter from resident Harold Saffron read aloud by President Ward.

b. Received a blight complaint; Naulty is looking into it.

c. Letter of resignation from Andrew Smith; accepted, effective immediately.

d. D. Durkee offering to fill vacant council seat through term. Ward nominated Durkee, after brief council discussion there was a motion by Denoyer/Theobald to table issue until April meeting. All ayes.

Outgoing: a. None.

**Old Business:**

a. None.

**New Business:**

a. Contract with GFL for spring cleanup on May 18, 2024 in conjunction with Homestead Twp. Council discussed and agreed it is a worthwhile service for residents. Motion by Denoyer/Theobald to sign contract. Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Denoyer, Ward. Nays; none. Motion passed.

b. Deputy Treasurer/Office Assistant. Discussed the need for trained back-up personnel. Will place ad in local paper.

c. Seasonal Maintenance help and office cleaner needed. Will place ad along with office assistant. Motion by Denoyer/Theobald to authorize up to \$150 for two-week ad for all three positions. Roll Call: Ayes; Ward, Theobald, Denoyer. Nays; none. Motion passed.

d. Contract with Sheriff for extra summer road patrols. After brief discussion and agreement, it was helpful last summer there was a motion by Theobald/Denoyer to authorize President to sign contract for ten hours per month. Roll Call: Ayes; Ward, Denoyer, Theobald. Nays; none. Motion passed.

**Reports:**



a. Maintenance Report – Leone, written report provided. Sewer system has experienced a couple of issues, but it is running well now. Lagoon depth is at a good level. EGLE requested we have our effluent flow meter re-calibrated. Estimate from McCrometer for \$454 for the re-calibration. Motion by Ward/Denoyer to approve expenditure per estimate. Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Denoyer, Ward. Nays; none. Motion passed.

He plans to remove damaged portion of large swing set in Maley Park; Council agrees.

b. Street Administrator – Leone, written report provided. He received bids from three asphalt companies for work on Platte Street and Riverside Drive. Motion by Ward/Theobald to accept Proposals from Ron Brown & Sons in a total amount of \$70,614.00. Roll Call: Ayes; Denoyer, Ward, Theobald. Nays; none. Motion passed. He is waiting on bids for sidewalk repairs and seal coating.

Received a quote from BCRC to brush hog the ditches on Link Drive and a portion of Riverside Drive. Motion by Theobald/Ward to approve four hours of brush hog work at a cost of \$590.39. Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Denoyer, Ward. Nays; none. Motion passed.

The local Road Commission will have a street sweeper available April and May. They quoted us \$716.79 for four hours of use. Motion by Theobald/Denoyer to approve up to four hours use. . Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Denoyer, Ward. Nays; none. Motion passed c. Ordinance Officer – None.

d. Park Committee – Reed requested we install the portable restrooms April 1 since the weather has been so nice and the park is getting a lot of use already. Benzie Sunrise Rotary will be using Maley Park as a stop on a bicycle run they are sponsoring in June. The Honor Farmers Market will be utilizing the park on Tuesdays 9-2 from June through September. There will also be yoga in the triangle park Tuesdays June-August. Motion by Ward/Denoyer to approve extra funds for early installation of Port-a-Johns. Roll Call: Ayes; Denoyer, Theobald, Ward. Nays; none. Motion passed.

e. Playground Committee – Denoyer reported there has been a couple of people sign up to be on the Playground Committee and they held their first meeting. It was small, but he gathered input and ideas. Continually working on fundraising.

f. Sewer Committee –No report.

**General Discussion:** None.

**Public Input:** Julie B. asked if we could get the Maley Park sign facing the plaza repainted. Annie B. gave us an update on Village of Beulah.

**Announcements:** There will be a fundraising Soup Night at the Gathering Place on March 21st from 5-7pm..

**Adjournment:** Motion by Denoyer/Theobald to adjourn meeting at 7:55pm. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Reed/Goodman  
March 12, 2024

D&B

VILLAGE OF HONOR  
MAINTENANCE REPORT  
MARCH 2024

SEWER: As of 4/8/2024 our storage lagoon depth is 8.0' which keeps us in a safe position until our upcoming discharge season. We are still taking in the waste haulers, and are seeing roughly a 30% increase from last year. I have been experiencing higher than normal muskrat activity and have addressed this issue with the local DNR. I will be setting traps to hopefully eradicate them to prevent any further damage to our lagoon dikes. On 3/29/2024 at 1:15 AM I received a connection alarm at Riverside lift station. I verified this and the connection was restored around 3:00 AM.

EQUIPMENT: The plows and sander have been removed from the trucks for the season.

PARK: The porta-potties have been placed for the summer. The tables and trash cans will be placed soon. Chris from eclipse has set up temporary equipment to test the park for the possibility of providing public internet access and had promising results. Our quarterly water results came back negative for bacteria and were submitted to the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department.

GENERAL: I would like to purchase new public message boards to replace our old ones, we budgeted \$2175.00 for the park, office, and corner by the post office. I suggest we go with a larger size message board at the park and office and a normal sized one at the post office. The total for all 3 including shipping would be \$2501.46.

Wastewater treatment operator/ public works administrator

Christian Leone





VILLAGE OF HONOR  
STREET ADMINISTRATOR  
MARCH 2024

STREETS: Ron Brown and Son's is planning to begin paving work on Riverside Drive the 2<sup>nd</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May and after completion they will start on Platte street.

SIDEWALKS: Nothing new to report- still waiting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> bid.

STREET LIGHTS: All appear to be functioning.

DITCHES: The Benzie County Road Commission has completed brush hogging Link Drive and some of Riverside Drive.

GENERAL: Still waiting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> bid for the seal coating of both parking lots.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christian Leone', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.