

**VILLAGE OF HONOR**  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 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; present.

**Board Comments on Agenda:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Add New Business e; Stacey Alley/True North. Motion by Denoyer/Wendel to approve amended agenda as presented; all ayes, motion passed.

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

**Public Comment:** D. Reed advised Janelle Pelky is new Postmaster at Honor Post Office. New resident inquired about Village Short Term Rental policy.

**Guests/Presentations:**

- a. Steve Stephens reported Eden Hill Greenhouse is ready for the Village flower pots to be delivered, then he will oversee the filling of the planters. Costs have increased by \$20 per container. Council believes this to be a worthwhile cost for beautification of the Village. Motion by Ward/Theobald to approve \$630 for the filling of nine flower pots.
- b. Drew Smith gave a presentation on the playground project and a fundraising overview. Patronicity donation window opens July 1, 2024. Advised of his plans to get playground information out to the schools and welcomes any other fundraising ideas. Playground committee meets weekly; Wednesdays at 8:00pm online. He brought estimates for a sign the committee would like to have installed in the triangle to be visible from both directions on US-31. The estimates were discussed by the council. Motion by Denoyer/Wendel to approve \$450 for purchase of two single sided signs and lumber for installation. Roll Call: Ayes; Denoyer, Ward, Theobald, Wendel, Hepner. Nays; none. Motion passed. He will get information from ZA Naulty for sign permit.

**Zoning Administrator:** Rosemary Naulty gave verbal report. Issued one LUP for demolition of former school building. Has been talking with BCRC regarding future building. She has sent out seven blight letters and is in hopes they will take advantage of the upcoming clean up day before she will need to pursue it further. There are two or three current sign violations she will be addressing very soon.

**Planning Commission:** Naulty gave verbal report. They are still waiting for response from consultant regarding the Master Plan update. She submitted the Planning Commission's annual report. Motion by Ward/Wendel to accept said report; all ayes, motion passed.

Naulty requested approval from council to make the proposed Short Term Rental ordinance available to the public for sixty days prior to the August public hearing. Motion by Ward/Denoyer to approve the request; all ayes, motion passed.

**County Commissioner/Fire Chief:** Tim Markey gave an update on County issues. County will be adding an additional corrections officer; Commissioners authorized an additional \$3,000 opioid funds for motivational speakers in the schools. County Building capital improvement projects are still being completed. Emergency Communications tower project will begin soon. Request for Headlee reset will be on the August ballot.

Homestead Fire Department: wildfire season is here and they are seeing a rise in fire runs. The FD is at 119 runs to date, which puts them on pace to reach about 320 incidents in 2024. Firefighter Mike Mead retired April 30, after serving the community for the past 56 years.

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

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

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

**Correspondence:**

Incoming: a. E-mail from H. Saffron regarding ordinance #33 and snowmobile signage.

Outgoing: a. None.

**Old Business:**

- a. Brief discussion regarding replacing Village banners. No change, they are still good.
- b. Still need volunteers to help with clean-up day Saturday.
- c. Cory Brown will be coming to September meeting to present trash removal service.

**New Business:**

a. Resolution #101-24 regarding Sewer Administrator retirement plan. Resolution states Village will provide matching funds up to 5% of SA salary to deposited into a retirement fund of their choosing at the end of each calendar year upon proof of his/her contribution, beginning calendar year 2024. Motion by Denoyer/Theobald to approve Resolution #101-24. Roll Call: Ayes; Hepner, Ward, Wendel, Denoyer, Theobald. Nays; none. Motion passed.

b. Friends of Honor Facebook Site. Discussed briefly under presentations. No action.

c. Resolution #100-24, Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Five-year update of plan from the County Emergency Management Co-Ordinator. Motion to adopt resolution #100-24 by Ward/Hepner; all ayes, motion passed.

d. Jen Wilkins introduced herself and expressed her interested in the part-time office assistant position. Motion by Ward/Theobald to hire Jen Wilkins as office assistant, 8-10 hours per week at \$18.00 per hour, beginning June 1, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes; Ward, Hepner, Denoyer, Wendel, Theobald. Nays; none. Motion passed.

e. Bill has been in discussion with the contractor for True North regarding possible contaminated soils at edge of Stacey Alley. He will keep Council updated on any information gleaned. Jake informed Council he will check into new company for gate at Stacey Alley.

**Reports:**

a. Maintenance Report – Leone, written report provided. Lagoon depth is in good shape to begin the summer season. Experienced issues with alarms and traced it to Spectrum; he is in the process of getting it squared away. Need our grit tank pumped and grit disposed of. We will probably need to do this twice yearly now that we are talking in additional sewage. Presented Council with two bids, recommends PowerVac. He will check with MRWA regarding need to disc/reseed irrigation field.

Motion by Ward/Denoyer to approve up to \$15,000 for grit tank pumping/disposal. Roll Call: Ayes; Ward, Hepner, Denoyer, Wendel, Theobald. Nays; none. Motion passed.

Leone requested authorization to purchase new pole saw. After some Council discussion, he will check into other options prior to purchase.

Wi-Fi has been installed at the park and proposed playground area; tables and trash cans set up for the season.

Two of the three new message boards have been installed and are a great improvement.

b. Street Administrator – Leone, written report provided. BCRC has completed street sweeping. Sidewalk bids presented. After brief discussion the issue was tabled without decision until the Council gets additional information regarding amount available for non-motorized repairs. Three bids presented for sealcoating and restriping both Village parking lots. Motion by Ward/Wendel to approve Molan bid up to \$4,200 for said services. Roll Call: Ayes; Theobald, Wendel, Denoyer, Ward, Hepner. Nays; none. Motion passed.

c. Ordinance Officer – None.

d. Park Committee – Reed, verbal report. Nichole Hepner volunteered to join Park Committee. Park looks good, new trees planted, Wi-Fi installed. Bike race is scheduled to stop at park June 1. Farmer's Market begins June 4.

e. Playground Committee – Denoyer, Playground covered in Presentations. Clerk requested list of committee member names, he will get them to her shortly.

f. Sewer Committee – Ward, no report.

**General Discussion:** Jesse Theobald would like to remove the "Honor" rocks and fence section on the hill in front of his cabins (is actually his property anyway). Council had no issue with this request.

**Public Input:** Annie Browning gave update from Beulah.

**Announcements:** None.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Denoyer/Wendel to adjourn meeting at 7:56pm. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Reed/Goodman

May 16, 2024