

**MINUTES
REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017, AT 7:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL MEETS THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY EACH MONTH, EXCEPT HOLIDAYS
AT 315 BRIDGE ST. - VILLAGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS; 231.264.9274**

(PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – ROLL CALL -- TAPED MEETING NOTICE)

PRESENT: VILLAGE PRESIDENT JAMES JANISSE; COUNCIL MEMBERS MELISSA WEST, DOUGLAS BRONKEMA, CHUCK (MERTON) SCHULER, BARBARA MULLALY, LARRY BALL AND PATRICIA PERLMAN

STAFF: VILLAGE MANAGER WILLIAM COOPER, ASSISTANT VILLAGE MANAGER/CLERK CAROLINE KENNEDY, DPW SUPERINTENDENT BRAD KLUCZYNSKI, PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAVEZZANI, AND INTERIM HARBOR MASTER TIA BLACKMORE

ALSO PRESENT: INTERESTED CITIZENS – 16

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None.

MOTION by **BRONKEMA** second by **MULLALY**, to approve the adoption of the Consent Calendar as follows:

A. ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES:

1. ***Removed***
2. Harbor – November 13, 2017

B. ADOPTED 2018 COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR

C. ADOPTED RESOLUTION 17-37: ADD ADDITIONAL PUBLIC WATER ACCESS SITE TO CHAIN OF LAKES TRAIL MAP

D. APPROVED BILLS in the amount of \$98,914.99 and payroll in the amount of \$70,044.28

All those present voting yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*****Regular Council Meeting Minutes—December 18, 2017**

A technical correction will be made regarding the audit firm, by striking “2002” and inserting “2020”.

MOTION by **PERLMAN**, second by **BRONKEMA**, to amend the minutes as follows:

Under Citizen Comment, by striking, “A resident spoke about the library proposal.” and inserting, “Tim Moller stated the village council should pass a resolution stating that any future plan for expansion of the Island House should be put to a vote by the residents of the Village of Elk Rapids.”

A majority of those present voting yes, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by **WEST**, second by **PERLMAN** to accept the minutes as amended.

A majority of those present voting yes, **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Perlman utilized this opportunity to follow up on her request of December 4, 2017 that a question be posed to the village attorney. The question is as follows: Does the Village of Elk Rapids hold the Island House and Property in trust for the residents of Elk Rapids?

Resident Rowland Johnston recommended a follow-up question, as follows: And if so, what are the implications?

By unanimous consent, Council instructed the village manager to present these questions to the village attorney.

President Janisse opened a public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Proposed Five-year Community Recreation Plan (2018-2022)

Dianne Richter, referencing her submitted written comment, recommended the property around the Island House be designated as a park, and also questioned the correlation between two items in the Harbor’s action plan and capital improvement plan.

Hearing no further public comment, President Janisse closed the hearing at 7:20 p.m.

After Council discussion, Mullaly recommended the following amendments:

Page 16, under the section “Volunteers and Community” by inserting, “Friends of the Library”

Page 23, under the section “Elk Rapids District Library” line 2, following “House,” by inserting “which sits on over four acres also owned by the village,”

By unanimous consent, the amendments were adopted.

MOTION by **BRONKEMA**, second by **SCHULER**, to approve **RESOLUTION 17-36: Adopt Five-year Community Recreation Plan (2018-2022)**, as amended.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes---Mullaly, Ball, Perlman, West, Bronkema, Schuler, Janisse. Nays—None.

MOTION CARRIED

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Items remain pending.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE #482---An amendment to the General Code of Ordinances, CHAPTER 62 – UTILITIES, ARTICLE II, WATER SERVICE, DIVISION 2. RATES AND CHARGES, Section 62-46(3) b, Benefit Charge.

MOTION by **SCHULER**, second by **BALL** to set a Public Hearing for January 16, 2018.

All those present voting yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PROPOSED ORDINANCE #483— An amendment to the General Code of Ordinances, CHAPTER 62 – UTILITIES, ARTICLE IV, SEWER RATES AND CHARGES, DIVISION 2. RATES STRUCTURE, Section 62-283, Schedule of Residential Equivalents.

MOTION by **MULLALY**, second by **PERLMAN** to set a Public Hearing for January 16, 2018.

All those present voting yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

SEPTIC INSPECTION AND PROPERTY TRANSFER DRAFT ORDINANCE – After discussion, by unanimous consent the item will be placed on First Reading for January 3, 2018.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mullaly inquired about Ravezzani’s memo regarding the application for working in the village rights-of-way. Ravezzani clarified the fee and permit are annual, and the village will be added as an additional insured. After discussion, Council directed Ravezzani and Kluczynski to draft specifics including enforcement and consequences.

VERBAL REPORT FROM COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS:

Commission and township report details may be found in their respective minutes.

GREEN ER – Schuler reported the committee set up the March-July calendar including super-recycling day, reviewed documentary films, had a land and water conservation overview, and learned more about the math correlation between coral growth and the art of crochet.

MONTHLY CONSOLIDATED STAFF REPORT:

Janisse inquired about the status of the compost site. Kluczynski reported no consensus has been reached with DEQ and the village may wish to consider an interim site.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES AND OTHER EVENTS:

The next regular Council meeting is Wednesday, January, 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

A Budget Work Session is scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

A Budget Work Session is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION by **SCHULER**, second by **WEST**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

All those present voting yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**