

**MINUTES  
REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017, AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

**(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 MANAGER/CLERK CAROLINE KENNEDY, DPW SUPERINTENDENT BRAD KLUCZINSKI, PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAVEZZANI AND TREASURER TAMMIE VIGLIONE

**ALSO PRESENT: INTERESTED CITIZENS – 12**

**MOTION** by **SCHULER**, second by **MULLALY** to adopt the Consent Calendar as follows:

**A. ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES:**

1. Regular Council Meeting – May 15, 2017
2. Beautification Commission – April 19, 2017
3. Downtown Development Authority – April 12, 2017
4. Housing Commission – March 21, 2017
5. Housing Commission – April 18, 2017
6. Elk Rapids District Library Board – April 13, 2017
7. Planning Commission – March 28, 2017
8. Planning Commission – April 25, 2017

**B. \*\*\*REMOVED\*\*\*RESOLUTION 17-18:** Authorize Annual PTAF Fees

**C. \*\*\*REMOVED\*\*\*RESOLUTION 17-19:** Authorize Annual Tax Liens

**D. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

After discussion, **MOTION** by **PERLMAN**, second by **BRONKEMA** to adopt Resolution 17-18 and Resolution 17-19. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Schuler, Janisse, Mullaly, Ball, Perlman, West and Bronkema. Nays - None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Don Reynolds announced there is a free fishing seminar on June 18 at the Harbor Pavilion at 7 pm and that Michigan Out of Doors recently filmed a segment on fishing in Elk Rapids which is a nice portrayal of the community. Pat Stites announced the need for tree-planting volunteers the morning of June 17. Howard Richter inquired about sidewalk funding that had been previously discussed. Village Manager Cooper responded that this is being coordinated with the water system work. Barb Mullaly announced that Experience ArtRapids! is June 10-24.

**VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT:** No report this evening.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A.** Commission By-laws (pending)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION** by **BRONKEMA**, second by **SCHULER** to adopt **Resolution 17-20.**

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

**MOTION** by **BRONKEMA**, second by **SCHULER**, to offer the following amendments:

Amend line 5, by striking “12.0000”, and inserting “11.8000”

Amend line 10, after COLLECTION, by striking “0.9700” and inserting, “0.7700”.

Amend line 13, after MILLAGE, by striking “12.0000” and inserting, “11.8000”

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

All those present voting yes, the amendments were adopted.

The question being on the adoption of **Resolution 17-20**, as amended,

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Janisse, Mullaly, Ball, Perlman, Wet, Bronkema, Schuler, Janisse; Nays - None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by **BALL**, second by **WEST**, to cancel the July 3, 2017 Council Meeting due to the holiday weekend.

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

Gary Stauffer of Green Elk Rapids presented a 2017 Adopt-a-Highway Certificate of Recognition to the Village of Elk Rapids. The Council thanked Mr. Stauffer and Green Elk Rapids for their work.

The Council discussed stream clean-up on the east side of the library bridge. After discussion, the remainder of a partially cut tree that was damaged in the 2015 wind storm will be removed, and the brush area on the east side will be cleaned up. Roots will remain to avoid erosion. All concurred. Village President Janisse remarked upon how this issue got as far as the village council level, noting that the village did not violate its own ordinances.

Village Manager Cooper provided a history on the formation of the village's various Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Tax Increment Finance (TIF) districts, noting that each time a district is formed or reformed, it falls under the latest version of state legislation, meaning different districts operate under different versions of state statute. Cooper also explained what TIF is and how it works.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **CONSOLIDATED MONTHLY REPORT (for April)**

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

- A.** ASSISTANT MANAGER/CLERK CAROLINE KENNEDY reported on attending a required Michigan Economic Development Corporation training, and attended Michigan Government Finance Officer trainings with the treasurer; she has been working with the Parks and Recreation Commission which will be starting updates to the 5-Year Community Recreation Plan; in June Experience ArtRapids! will display art in the Government Center lobby; and, she has a Networks Northwest Board meeting June 12.
- B.** DPW SUPERINTENDENT BRAD KLUCZYNSKI reported the iron filtration plan is complete and power is complete; they are working on communications; they will be turning valves over the next few weeks; and the composting site may be ready in few weeks.
- C.** POLICE CHIEF TOM EMERSON – Village Manager Cooper reported the chief is currently at certification training for the volunteer fire department.
- D.** PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAVEZZANI reported permitting has increased; the Planning Commission is discussing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) and the related survey is on-line, and available at the government center, library and major employers. Surveys are due June 12 and depending on the pulse of the community ADUs could be allowed “by right” or regulated by the community.
- E.** HARBORMASTER ERIC CRISSMAN – No report.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS** – West mentioned the village should develop a capital improvement plan for park infrastructure such as the tennis, pickle ball and basketball courts and schedule regular trenching to prevent root damage. She also commended Green ER on their presentation during the last council meeting and asked about passing a resolution against Pipeline 5. Janisse mentioned Triston Cole would be here June 26 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Perlman noted that at the next Rotary dinner at 6:30 p.m., Chuck Goossen will provide a presentation on Harbor Days 2017.

The next Regular Council Meeting is Monday, June 19, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

**MOTION** by **SCHULER**, second by **WEST** to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. All those present voting yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**