

**MINUTES
REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017, AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

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

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

EXCUSED: COUNCIL MEMBER MELISSA WEST

STAFF: VILLAGE MANAGER WILLIAM COOPER, ASSISTANT MANAGER/CLERK CAROLINE KENNEDY, DPW SUPERINTENDENT BRAD KLUCZINSKY, PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAVEZZANI, and HARBORMASTER ERIC CRISSMAN

GUEST: ANTRIM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER AND OPERATOR OF DAMS MARK STONE

ALSO PRESENT: INTERESTED CITIZENS - 10

MOTION by **SCHULER** second by **MULLALY**, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for Monday, March 6, 2017, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Bronkema – yes; Schuler—yes; Janisse—yes; Mullaly—yes; Ball—yes; Perlman—yes; West—excused.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None.

Antrim County Drain Commissioner and Operator of Dams Mark Stone provided an update on the hydro-dam. The FERC license is in place. Elk Rapids can be assured the hydro-dam will be operating for the next 30 to 35 years. Stockhausen is the contractor responsible for the operation of the dam and sale of electricity, averaging about \$250,000 in sales per year. The county receives 10 percent of gross revenue. The Michigan Public Service Commission determines what the rates are and we are competing with Consumers Energy and DTE, which makes the margin tight on fair rates. The county has hired a company to clean the inside of the dam for \$180,000 (plus monies already spent on exterior), demonstrating the county's investment in this facility. Clean up will take about six-weeks. The interior will be freed of cadmium paint and some asbestos; the floor will be leveled, resurfaced and refinished with epoxy. The natural brick walls will be exposed, with the ceiling and other areas freshly painted. The dam provides enough power for about 300 households and is used locally. Elk Rapids can truly claim it is a green community. Stone thanked the community for its in-kind contributions in the beginning and continuing support.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT JANISSE OPENS A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT ON THE PROPOSED DAM BEACH AND FISHING PARK RESTROOM at 7:21 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission Chair James Dake presented the project background. The Commission established a subcommittee to research options and obtain plans; this was an agenda item for more than 18 months. The current plans from Gosling Czubak presented at a cost of \$199,100 are the Commission's recommendation to the Village Council. The Commission recommends village staff apply to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant program. Two residents expressed concern about the safety/emergency aspect of the design with single stall and door that locks from the interior. No other written or public comment was received. The public hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m.

MOTION by **SCHULER**, second by **BRONKEMA**, to authorize submission of a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources with \$100,000 village matching funds for the Dam Beach restroom plan, projected to be \$199,100. Roll Call Vote: Schuler—yes; Janisse—yes; Mullaly—yes; Ball—yes; Perlman—yes; West—excused; Bronkema – yes.

MOTON by **PERLMAN**, second by **BRONKEMA**, to approve the adoption of the Consent Calendar as follows:

A. ACCEPTANCE OF COMMISSION/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. Housing – January 17, 2017
2. Planning – January 24, 2017
3. Parks and Recreation – February 2, 2017
4. Downtown Development Authority – February 8, 2017
5. Elk Rapids District Library – February 9, 2017
6. Harbor – February 13, 2017

B. APPROVE HARBOR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Harbor WiFi
2. Harbor LED Light Pole Conversion

C. RESOLUTION 17-13: Authorize Purchase of DPW Pick-Up and Plow

D. APPROVE payroll in the amount of \$42,651.16 and bills in the amount of \$344,202.47. All those present voting yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by **BRONKEMA**, second by **MULLALY**, to set a Public Hearing on April 17, 2017 for **PROPOSED ORDINANCE #477—Chapter 2, Administration, Division 1. Officers – Sec. 2-3, b, 2. (Compensation of Village President and Trustees)**. Roll Call Vote: Janisse—yes; Mullaly—yes; Ball—yes; Perlman—yes; West—excused; Bronkema – yes; Schuler—yes.

MOTION by **SCHULER**, second by **BALL**, to set a Public Hearing on April 17, 2017 for **PROPOSED ORDINANCE #478 – Chapter 62 –Utilities**. Roll Call Vote: Mullaly—yes; Ball—yes; Perlman—yes; West—excused; Bronkema – yes; Schuler—yes; Janisse—yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS:

- B.** HOUSING – Ball reported the next meeting is Tuesday, March 21 at 3:30 p.m. at Noble Pines.
- C.** BEAUTIFICATION – Perlman reported the next meeting is April 19 at 10 a.m.
- D.** HARBOR – Bronkema reported the Commission met a week ago and went over the WiFi and LED pole lights that Council approved tonight.
- E.** TOWNSHIP – Perlman reported there was public comment against the TART Trail and the township rescinded its support; the sheriff, MMR and HERTH reports were received; the meeting time has been changed to 9 a.m., but public hearings will be at 7 p.m.; they reviewed trustee compensation and the Birch Lake sewer evaluation; Len Harrett is retiring; the next meeting is April 6 at 11 a.m.
- F.** PLANNING – Mullaly reported nothing new; the next meeting is Tuesday, March 28 at 7 p.m.
- G.** PARKS/RECREATION – Kennedy reported discussion on the public hearing and grant application for the Dam Beach restroom, the parkour bars are expect to arrive in April, the Commission is

seeking modification of the Paddle Antrim grant, the Lion's Club asked for suggestions for a legacy project, Kennedy to contact Networks Northwest about the five-year plan, Dake to finish drafting of the by-laws for April meeting, and the next meeting is April 6 at 6 p.m. for annual park assessment with regular meeting to follow.

- H. GREEN ER – Schuler reported on Green ER's upcoming schedule, this year's theme is the water; he encouraged Council to attend as many meetings as possible. Royce Ragland added that J. Carl Ganter, co-founder and director of TC-based "Circle of Blue" (and a Green ER speaker), is part of a worldwide live-streaming global initiative on March 22 taking place at the Vatican and being kicked off by the Pope's address. Please try to come; details are in today's Ticker. All village storm drains will soon be marked as such to raise awareness. The next meeting is April 5 in the conference room.
- I. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA) – Janisse reported the DDA has virtually no money and is working to revitalize downtown under the current circumstances.

MONTHLY CONSOLIDATED STAFF REPORT

The next Regular Council Meeting is Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

MOTION by **SCHULER**, second by **MULLALY**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. All those present voting yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Caroline Kennedy, Assistant Manager/Clerk

Approved by James Janisse, President

Date

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