

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019 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  
ELAINE GLOWICKI, MELISSA WEST, DOUGLAS BRONKEMA,  
BARBARA MULLALY, PATRICIA PERLMAN and GERARD KNOPH.**

**STAFF: VILLAGE MANAGER WILLIAM COOPER, ASSISTANT  
MANAGER/VILLAGE CLERK CAROLINE KENNEDY, DPW  
SUPERINTENDENT MARCUS EVANS, PLANNING & ZONING  
ADMINISTRATOR MATT LAFFERTY and POLICE CHIEF DAVE  
CENTALA.**

**ALSO PRESENT: INTERESTED CITIZENS – 29**

President Janisse stated without objection, Item 8. A. (Resolution 19-27) would be removed from the agenda. Hearing no objection, the item was removed.

**MOTION** by **WEST**, second by **BRONKEMA**, to add **COUNCIL COMMENTS** to the agenda. All those present voting yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None

**MOTION** by **WEST**, second by **GLOWICKI**, to adopt the Consent Calendar as follows:

**A. ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES**

1. Regular Council Meeting – July 1, 2019
2. Downtown Development Authority –June 12, 2019
3. Harbor Commission –June 10, 2019

**B. HARBOR DAYS**

1. Schedule of Events with update of annual changes
2. Road Closures
3. Permit for Fireworks other than consumer or low-impact (Municipal)

**C. APPROVAL OF BILLS** in the amount of \$151,231.20 and payroll in the amount of \$63,260.53

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Two citizens spoke about Dam Beach detritus and ungraded parking lot. Evans responded that DPW has provided three beach clean-ups thus far this year and three rounds of grading in the parking lot, also Dam Beach restroom construction is now underway.

**ANTRIM CONSERVATION DISTRICT PRESENTATION:** Antrim Conservation District Manager Wendy Warren presented an activity update by explaining the following district programs: Forestry, Soil Erosion Control, Natural Resource Education, Solid Waste and Recycling, and Hunting Access. Warren noted the Erosion Control Program is a great tool for this area.

**FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BALLOT PROPOSAL**

**PRESENTATION:** Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy Executive Director Glen Chown and Land Preservation Specialist Laura Rigan provided regional background on the issue, explained benefits of the proposal and answered questions. Peninsula and Acme Townships have previously approved similar proposals, and both were renewed. Most farmlands in the area are orchards and vineyards, which are close to natural systems like forests, regarding water protection. Farmland prevents sprawl and uses few municipal services. This fruit belt is one of the 10 most-threatened in America. The variety of crops grown in Michigan is second only to California. The State of Michigan has the Public Act 116 program, (10-99 years) but farmers can back out of it at any time by paying the back taxes. This proposal funds the purchase of development rights.

Six residents spoke and/or asked questions following the presentation.

**VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT:** Received.

**MOTION** by **WEST**, second by **BRONKEMA**, to move Item 6. C. (Village Sewer Study) to follow Village Manager's Report. All those present voting yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**VILLAGE SEWER STUDY DISCUSSION:** Village Manager Cooper asked Council if he should move ahead with investigating sewer options by meeting first with Mitchell Street residents. Discussion resulted in the following: Cooper will draft a letter to all property owners of Mitchell Street and Mitchell Court inviting them to an informational meeting on Tuesday, July 30, at 6:00 pm. At that meeting Cooper will address the following:

- Present the facts to eliminate rumors about a new sewer line.
- Answer any and all questions related to a potential new sewer line.
- Clearly explain the process to be followed before the Village can or will do anything related to a new sewer line.

The information being presented is primarily for those residents not currently connected to the village sewer system. Any research of the Meguzee Point and Green Acres areas in this regard will wait.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE #496** – General Code of Ordinances – Amend Chapter 2, Administration, Ethical Conduct. After discussion, Mullaly was asked to draft amendments.

Janisse called a recess at 9:00 p.m.

Janisse called the meeting back to order at 9:05 p.m.

**EMPLOYEE MANUAL** – After discussion council members were asked to send their comments to the village manager.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION** by **WEST**, second by **PERLMAN**, to approve **RESOLUTION 19-28: Authorize DPW Vehicles Purchase.**

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Perlman, Knoph, Glowicki, West, Bronkema, Janisse, Mullaly;  
Nays – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by **MULLALY**, second by **KNOPH**, to approve **RESOLUTION 19-29: Authorize DPW Lawn Mower Purchase.**

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Knoph, Glowicki, West, Bronkema, Janisse, Mullaly, Perlman;  
Nays – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Received.

**MONTHLY CONSOLIDATED STAFF REPORT:** Received.

**COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Received

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Received.

**UPCOMING MEETING DATE AND OTHER EVENTS:**

Regular Council Meeting – Monday, August 5, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

Green ER -- *Our Towns* authors James and Deborah Fallows, Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., at the HERTH.

Coffee with the Village Council -- for the general public, Saturday, September 7; time and location TBD.

**MOTION** by **BRONKEMA**, second by **WEST**, to adjourn at 10:10 p.m.  
All those present voting yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**