

# MUIR VILLAGE COUNCIL

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## April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Muir Village Council met Tuesday, April 13, 2021. Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. by President Doug Hyland.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- III. **ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:** Roll was called and a quorum reported.  
**PRESENT:** President Doug Hyland, Trustees: Brent Piselli, Jacob Garber, Derek Kacos, Brian Nelson, Ron Vander Werff  
**ABSENT:** Laura Stewart  
**VILLAGE PERSONNEL PRESENT:** Clerk Susan Craft, Treasurer Jim Newman, DPW Jerrett Loomis
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Vander Werff, supported by Trustee Garber, to approve the agenda.  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- VI. **GUEST SPEAKER:**
  1. Scott Truman:-Granger Waste Services. The new ten year contract for waste services was presented and discussed. A recycling contract was discussed and it was noted that in order to participate 100% of the residents would have to receive the service. The new ten year contract will actually be cheaper than the current rates until Year 4 of the new contract. A 3% multiplier was used to increase the rate from \$12.00 for the life of the ten year contract.
- VII. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Kacos, supported by Trustee Vander Werff to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2021 regular meeting.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
- VIII. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT PAYABLE/BILLS:** **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Vander Werff, supported by Trustee Nelson to approve the bills in the amount of \$68,616.19.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
- IX. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The higher interest rate CD's matured and were put into the ICS account because the difference in interest was only 0.02% and it will be easier to react to higher CD rate offerings with the cash liquid. It is fully insured. A pooled CD became due at the beginning of April. It was only a four month CD.
- X. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:** none
- XI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none
- XII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  1. **Street/Water/Sewer Committee:** none
  2. **Cemetery Committee:** none
  3. **Fire & Safety Committee:** A meeting between Trustee Vander Werff, President Hyland and Township Supervisor Babcock and Trustee Scheurer was held April 7, 2021 to discuss the lack of information Muir gets

regarding the shared Fire Department. Supervisor Babcock said that all equipment and gear is supplied by the Township and the villages do not need to supplement. Many questions were brought up on both sides that the Township is going to research. Trustee Scheurer said that he has wanted a Fire Board for years and all parties agreed that it would be a good idea to have a board with a representative from all three towns and one from the township. More communication will be forthcoming.

4. **Finance/Personnel Committee: BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Kacos, supported by Trustee Vander Werff to accept the Third Quarter Budget Amendments as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

5. **Ordinance Committee:** Trustee Vander Werff reported that blight letters were sent out to some of the unoccupied building owners. An email was received from the owner of 136 E Railroad saying the village had no rights, which was in turn forwarded to the attorney. The village attorney replied that the letter sent was sufficient notice under our ordinance. The attorney will be consulted as to the next legal step. No answer was received from three of the owners, the fourth owner started work on his place on Maple St. last weekend.

Regarding the Arthurburg fines, an attorney for the ex-husband of 400 Arthurburg called requesting the fines be lowered so that the divorce could proceed with split costs. Council denied this request because things had been going on for over a year and the plaintiff's were not answering calls plus the place was still a mess.

6. **Parks & Recreation Committee:** none

**XIII. BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:**

1. **Building Remodel Items:**

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Kacos, supported by Trustee Vander Werff to accept the bid from River City Carpet for \$12,392.93 for carpet and vinyl plank, materials and install, in the community room and the front office.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Vander Werff supported by Trustee Kacos to approve an allowance of \$15,000 from the Building account for the remaining incidentals of the remodel project including minor plumbing, wall covering, hallway interior panelling and new doors for the bathroom, plus concrete outside.

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. **Granger Ten Year Trash Contract:**

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Kacos, supported by Trustee Vander Werff to accept the bid from Granger Waste Services for a Ten-Year Contract for waste collection services.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Trustees Piselli, Vander Werff, Garber, Nelson, Kacos, President Hyland

Nays: none

Absent: Trustee Stewart

**MOTION CARRIED**

**XIV. TABLED ITEMS:**

1. **Proposed Animal Ordinance:** Move forward next month even without Lake Odessa's ordinance.
2. **BS&A Cemetery software:**

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Vander Werff supported by Trustee Kacos to approve the purchase of BS&A Cemetery software for a bid of \$3,835.00

**MOTION CARRIED**

**\*Note:** Trustee Kacos had to leave the meeting.

**XV. DPW REPORT:**

1. Roof bid:

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Vander Werff, supported by Trustee Piselli to accept the bid from Schrocks for the installation of steel roofing material on both DPW garages for a quoted cost of \$17,500, using funds from the Building Fund proceeds of the Community Center sale.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Trustees Vander Werff, Garber, Nelson, Piselli, President Hyland

Nays: none

Absent: Trustees Stewart, Kacos

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. A table of costs for running the lagoon discharge samples was submitted. Trace Analytical was the lowest with the added bonus of offering a pickup service so DPW does not have to make a two-hour round trip to drop off samples. First samples were picked up already and the company is good to work with.
3. Costs of a new zero turn lawnmower were presented

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Vander Werff, supported by Trustee Piselli to purchase a JD 920M from Bader and Sons for a cost not to exceed \$9,100.00.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**XVI. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Life EMS: New rates were received.
2. Granger Recycling Service: Tabled until later.
3. Signs: Tabled until a reply is received from Billy Strings

**XVII. MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Piselli:** none

**Garber:** Commented that the cemetery looks good but the road is getting bad

**Nelson:** none

**Kacos:** absent at the close of the meeting.

**Stewart:** absent

**VanderWerff:** Noise from neighbor's ATV's are obnoxious. Look into noise ordinance.

**Craft:** none

**Newman:** none

**Hyland:** none

**Loomis:** none

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Vander Werff supported by Trustee Garber to adjourn at 9:00 PM

**MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Susan Craft Muir Village Clerk