

MUIR VILLAGE COUNCIL

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Brian Nelson

Jeremy Cameron

Derek Kacos

Dan Parker

Ron VanderWerff

Treasurer

Jim Newman

Clerk

Susan Craft

DPW Employees

Jerrett Loomis

Dan Heckman

August 11, 2020 Regular Meeting

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Muir Village Council met Tuesday, August 11, 2020. 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: Derek Kacos, Dan Parker, Laura Stewart, Ron VanderWerff
ABSENT: Jeremy Cameron
VILLAGE PERSONNEL PRESENT: Clerk Susan Craft, Treasurer Jim Newman, Jerrett Loomis

BOARD ACTION: Motion by Trustee Parker, supported by Trustee Stewart to appoint Brian Nelson to the Muir Village Council as Trustee to fill a vacant position.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Trustees Kacos, Parker, Stewart, VanderWerff, President Hyland
Nays: none
Absent: Trustee Cameron
MOTION CARRIED
Trustee Nelson was sworn in by Clerk Craft
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Parker, supported by Trustee Kacos, to approve the agenda.
MOTION CARRIED
- V. **GUEST SPEAKER:** none
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Kacos, supported by Trustee Parker, to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2020 regular meeting and the July 14, 2020 Closed Session.
MOTION CARRIED.
- VII. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT PAYABLE/BILLS:** **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Stewart, supported by Trustee Parker to approve the bills in the amount of \$27,275.50
MOTION CARRIED.
- VIII. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tax collections have slowed, about \$29,000 collected. One CD matured in Sewer Fund which will be invested in a shorter term at the best rate available.
- IX. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:** Ron Bennett, Jacob Garber
- X. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none
- XI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 1. **Street Committee:** none

2. **Cemetery Committee:** none
3. **Fire & Safety Committee:** none
4. **Finance Committee:** Audit will be virtual this year with documents loaded to the cloud.
5. **Ordinance Committee:** Trustee VanderWerff gave an update on violations. Send letters to Blanchard St. re: junk. Violation ticket to Garden St. More complaints about the goats and chickens on Prospect.
6. **Parks & Recreation Committee:** Bike repair station is here. Concrete work to be scheduled. Jerrett to get quotes.
7. **Personnel Committee:** James Paulin was terminated 7/15/2020 and Dan Heckman was hired 7/16/2020
8. **Water & Sewer Committee:** Trustee Kacos asked about sewer infiltration

XIV. BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:

1. **USDA:** The application is almost ready for submittal. We still aren't sure if we qualify for the low income rate or the intermediate rate.
2. **MDOT Grant:** Notification came today that Muir's submittal for a TEDF street grant was approved for \$223,000. There is a fifty percent match.

XV. TABLED ITEMS: None

XVI. DPW REPORT: as written. DPW Loomis provided quotes for a standby generator for the lift station.

XVII. CORRESPONDENCE: MML Conference, voting attendee. Muir will not be sending a voting member.

XVIII. CLOSED SESSION: BOARD ACTION: Motion by Trustee Parker, supported by Trustee Stewart to go in to Closed Session for a property issue at 7:45 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

BOARD ACTION: Motion by Trustee Parker, supported by Trustee Stewart to go back to Open Session at 8:03 PM

MOTION CARRIED

XIX. MEMBER COMMENTS:

Cameron: absent

Kacos: Asked that trees be trimmed over road on Cliff St. Suggested instituting a Vacant Building Ordinance, he will research.

Parker: none

Stewart: Thank you to Doug Hyland for all of the extra volunteer work he does in the community. Asked about sending a letter to resident who has an old refrigerator out by the road for a long time.

VanderWerff: none

Craft: none

Newman: none

Hyland: Working on various grants.

Loomis: absent

BOARD ACTION: Motion by Trustee Stewart, supported by Trustee Parker to counteroffer the second offer on 228 E Superior and to use Cathy Hoppough as the agent for the Village of Muir.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Parker, Stewart, VanderWerff, Kacos, Nelson, President Hyland

Nays: none

Absent: Trustee Cameron

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Parker submitted a letter of resignation effective after the council meeting August 11, 2020 due to moving from the area.

BOARD ACTION: Motion by Trustee Stewart, supported by Trustee Kacos to accept the letter of resignation from Trustee Parker.

MOTION CARRIED

XX. ADJOURNMENT:

BOARD ACTION: Motion by Trustee Stewart, supported by Trustee Kacos to adjourn at 8:07 PM

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned 8:07 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Susan Craft Muir Village Clerk