

# MUIR VILLAGE COUNCIL

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Jerrett Loomis

James Paulin

## January 14, 2020 Regular Meeting

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Muir Village Council met Tuesday, January 14, 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: Jessica Anthony, Jeremy Cameron, Derek Kacos, Dan Parker, Laura Stewart, Ron VanderWerff  
**ABSENT:** none  
**VILLAGE PERSONNEL PRESENT:** Clerk Susan Craft, Treasurer Jim Newman, DPW Jerrett Loomis
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Parker, supported by Trustee Stewart, to approve the agenda.  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- V. **GUEST SPEAKER:** none
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Stewart, supported by Trustee Parker, to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019 regular meeting.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
- VII. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT PAYABLE/BILLS:** **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Parker, supported by Trustee Stewart to pay the bills in the amount of \$37,240.50.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
- VIII. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Newman discussed the drop in interest rates and the auditor's suggestion of consolidating some investment accounts into pooled accounts.
- IX. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:** Gary Bennett, Ron Bennett
- X. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Gary Bennett asked about all of the dog waste on the grass right of way beside the apartments on Superior.
- XI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  1. **Street Committee:**
    - i. Crack seal, Chip/Fog seal quote:  
**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Kacos supported by Trustee Parker to have the Ionia County Road Department add Summit, Railroad, and Liberty to their crack seal schedule with an estimated cost of \$2,500 and to add Summit, Railroad, and Liberty to their chip/fog seal schedule for an estimated cost of \$32,200.  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
Ayes: Trustees Anthony, Cameron, VanderWerff, Kacos, Parker, Stewart, President Hyland.  
Nays: none  
Absent: none

**MOTION CARRIED**

- ii. Alley Abandonment: Discussion was held on alleys to abandon.

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Parker supported by Trustee Kacos to abandon the unused alleys, The alley between Summit Street and Garden Street, Original Plat-Village of Muir, said alley running adjacent to lots 438-439-440-441-442-443-444-445-446-424-425-426-427-428-429-430-455-457-458-459-460 and

The portion of the alley between Summit Street and Garden Street, Original Plat-Village of Muir, said portion running adjacent to lots 419-420-421-422-423-462-464-465-466 and

The alley between Summit Street and Maple Street, Original Plat-Village of Muir, said alley running adjacent to lots 482-483-484-485-486-487-488-499-501-502-503-504 and

The alley between Garden Street and Prospect Street, Original Plat-Village of Muir, said alley running adjacent to lots 373-374-375-376-377-378-379-380-381-382-383-384-385-386-387-388- 390-391-392-393-394-395 and

The alley between Prospect Street and Railroad Street, Original Plat-Village of Muir, said alley running adjacent to lots 312-313-314-315-316-317-318-319-321-322-323-324 and

The alley between Garden Street and Prospect Street, Addition 1-Village of Muir, said alley running adjacent to lots 34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48 and

The alley between Prospect Street and Railroad Street, Addition 1-Village of Muir, said alley running adjacent to lots 12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33

per the map, reserving easement rights for utilities, and send out letters to affected residents. A public hearing to be held March 10, 2020 at 6:45 PM before final adoption.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- iii. Resident question about the status of North St. and the cutting of wood on the village Right of Way, plus the dumping of debris at the village brush dump. Council wishes a letter sent to Jim Cory asking him not to cut wood on the East St right-of-way and send a letter to Feehan and Son requesting them to limit their dumping to brush and leaves because of the creek running behind the dump.

2. **Cemetery Committee:** none

3. **Fire & Safety Committee:**

- i. Letter of support for grant- President Hyland will ask the fire chief.

- ii. Check that was returned from Lyons for fire station generator

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Parker supported by Trustee Stewart to void the check # 1652 in the amount of \$5,031.00 sent in October 2019 to Lyons which Lyons sent back uncashed.

**MOTION CARRIED**

4. **Finance Committee:**

- i. Capital Improvement Plan

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Kacos supported by Trustee Cameron to accept the Capital Improvement Plan for 2019 through 2025 as amended.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Trustees Cameron, VanderWerff, Kacos, Parker, Stewart, Anthony, President Hyland

Nays: none

Absent: none

**MOTION CARRIED**

5. **Ordinance Committee:** none

6. **Parks & Recreation Committee:**

- i. DALMAC Grant: President Hyland has received letters of support and the grant will be submitted for the bicycle repair station at Railroad Park.

7. **Personnel Committee:** none

8. **Water & Sewer Committee:**

- i. MEDC low income grant: Engineers are working on the final draft. A public hearing will be held February 4, 2020 at 6:45 PM

**XII. BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:**

- 1. Approve meeting dates and Office Closings 2020:

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Kacos supported by Trustee Parker to accept the 2020 meeting dates with the amendment of February 4, 2020 at 6:45 PM and March 10, 2020 at 6:45 PM

**MOTION CARRIED**

- 2. Tractor trade:

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Parker supported by Trustee Stewart to trade the 710x tractor and purchase a 1025 tractor with 54" mower deck and quick tach kit for \$15,043.92 from John Deere.

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. Move February meeting date to February 4, 2020: Done in item 1.

**XIV. TABLED ITEMS:** none

**XIV. DPW REPORT:** as presented by DPW Loomis. In addition, the possibility of truck trade-in programs was discussed.

**XV. CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**XVI. MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Anthony:** none

**Cameron:** Asked about timeclock for DPW. It is being done through an internet login. Drainage on Summit- DPW to look at it.

**Kacos:** Asked if village residents could hire their own company to trim a village tree in front of their residence.

**Parker:** none

**Stewart:** Thanked DPW for doing a great job and mentioned residents and out of town people are commenting on how good things look.

**VanderWerff:** none

**Craft:** none

**Newman:** none

**Hyland:** none

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT:**

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Parker, supported by Trustee Stewart to adjourn at 8:38 PM

**Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned 8:38 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Susan Craft Muir Village Clerk