

# MUIR VILLAGE COUNCIL

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Laura Stewart

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Jeremy Cameron

Derek Kacos

Dan Parker

Ron VanderWerff

## Treasurer

Jim Newman

## Clerk

Susan Craft

## DPW Employees

Jerrett Loomis

## July 14, 2020 Regular Meeting

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Muir Village Council met Tuesday, July 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: Derek Kacos, Dan Parker, Laura Stewart, Ron VanderWerff  
**ABSENT:** Jeremy Cameron  
**VILLAGE PERSONNEL PRESENT:** Clerk Susan Craft, Treasurer Jim Newman
- 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 June 9, 2020 regular meeting.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**  
**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Kacos, supported by Trustee Parker, to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2020 public hearing.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
- VII. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT PAYABLE/BILLS:** **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Kacos, supported by Trustee Parker to approve the bills in the amount of \$101,060.40.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
- VIII. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The market has been volatile and CD rates have decreased again, money is waiting in the ICS account. A CD matures in the fall. At this point we are in a wait and see pattern. Taxes have been coming in.
- IX. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:** Gary Bennett
- X. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Gary Bennett commented on the mowing.
- XI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  1. **Street Committee:** none
  2. **Cemetery Committee:** none
  3. **Fire & Safety Committee:** none
  4. **Finance Committee:** Marathon gas credit cards are in and set up.
  5. **Ordinance Committee:** Trustee VanderWerff gave an update on violations. Send letters to Plain Street residents re: mowing. Cleanup day went well but there is still a lot of trash out in the village.

6. **Parks & Recreation Committee:** Park upgrades were discussed. **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Parker supported by Trustee Kacos to start engineering for park improvements of the extension of Railroad Park by Prein and Newhoff in the amount of \$5,000.

**MOTION CARRIED**

7. **Personnel Committee:** none  
8. **Water & Sewer Committee:** none

**XIV. BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:**

1. **Ethics Policy:** **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Kacos, supported by Trustee Stewart, to approve the Village of Muir Code of Ethics, Conduct and Conflict of Interest for Elected Officials and members of Appointed Boards, Committees and Village Employees.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

Nays: none

Absent: Trustee Cameron

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. **USDA:** The engineers have the preliminary application almost complete. They expect to be ready to submit by the end of the month.

**XV. TABLED ITEMS: None**

- XVI. DPW REPORT:** Update on chip seal. The Ionia County Road Dept. received and accepted bids from Fahrner which put the village's estimated costs lower than originally expected. Work to commence in August and be completed by September 15, 2020.

**XVII. CORRESPONDENCE:** MML ballot

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Stewart supported by Trustee Parker to vote for the two listed candidates on the MML ballot.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**XVIII. MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Cameron:** absent

**Kacos:** Thank you to DPW Loomis for cleaning up and adding sand to the sandbox in Douglas Park.

**Parker:** none

**Stewart:** Residents asked about Community-wide garage sales. Due to COVID council feels they should not participate.

**VanderWerff:** none

**Craft:** none

**Newman:** none

**Hyland:** Lots of property sales in the last month. Tranquility Fields called and updated their position with licensing. Council discussed offering the Lions Club site to the company or offering the building for sale.

**Loomis:** absent

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Parker, supported by Trustee Kacos to adjourn to closed session for a personnel matter at 7:45 PM.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Kacos, supported by Trustee Parker to go back in to open session at 8:03 PM

**MOTION CARRIED**

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT:**

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Parker, supported by Trustee Kacos to adjourn at 8:04 PM

**MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned 8:04 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Susan Craft Muir Village Clerk