

MUIR VILLAGE COUNCIL

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Jason Herbstreith
Derek Kacos
Dan Parker
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DPW Employees

Lyndon Randall
Dylan Erridge

May 9, 2017 REGULAR MEETING

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Muir Village Council met Tuesday, May 9, 2017. 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, Tom Ciganick, Jason Herbstreith, Derek Kacos, Dan Parker, Laura Stewart.
ABSENT: none
VILLAGE PERSONNEL PRESENT: Clerk Susan Craft, Treasurer Jim Newman, DPW Lyndon Randall
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Parker, supported by Trustee Stewart, to approve the agenda.
MOTION CARRIED.
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Stewart, supported by Trustee Ciganick, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017 regular meeting, March 16, 2017, March 20, 2017 Personnel meeting, and May 2, 2017 Finance meeting as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.
- VI. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT PAYABLE/BILLS:** **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Stewart, supported by Trustee Parker to pay the bills and Accounts Payable as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.
- VII. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer, Jim Newman, presented the Treasurer's Report. Question on interest rate of Checking Account from Trustee Kacos.
- VIII. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:** JR Trumble, Gary Bennett, Ron Bennett, Carol Randall
- IX. **PUBLIC COMMENTS :** None
- X. **BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:**
 1. **Lyons Sewer Treatment Bill:** Discussion on Lyons' questions regarding administrative costs on the year to date bill.
BOARD ACTION: Motion by Trustee Parker, supported by Trustee Kacos, to leave the Lyons-Muir Sewer Treatment agreement as is for one year.
MOTION CARRIED
 2. **MRWA Rate Study:** Trustee Kacos presented the results of the rate study for Water and Sewer. Discussion was held on the impact to residents. Proposal was to raise the rates over two years and hold a Public Hearing on the rates, June 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM
 3. **Health Insurance Plan:** The new DPW employee is still on his parent's plan and that dropped the policy to only one employee which the current McLaren Plan does not support. Discussion was held with input from

DPW Randall and his wife Carol Randall, it was decided to go with Blue Care Network and add in Dental and Vision coverage, an increase of 3% over the current year premium.

BOARD ACTION: Motion by Trustee Parker, supported by Trustee Anthony to change the healthcare plan to Blue Care Network HMO Gold \$500-20% and include Dental and Vision coverage, to start July 1, 2017

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Anthony, Ciganick, Herbstreith, Kacos, Parker, Stewart, Hyland

Nays: none

Absent: none

MOTION CARRIED

XI. **TABLED ITEMS:**

1. **Little Lending Library box location:** President Hyland brought information back regarding placing the box on the CIS trail and found that the box can't go in the 50 ft trail right-of-way. It was proposed to put the box on Village property next to the Post Office on Superior St.

XII. **DPW REPORT:** DPW Report as written. Additionally: Still waiting for numbers from the Ionia County Road Commission for asphalt on Railroad and Plains. Directed to purchase "Dog Excrement" signs for trail area

XIII. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. **Seventh Day Adventist Church group-door to door solicitation:** Group was given the forms for background checks. Ordinance Committee is to start the process for a No Solicitation Ordinance
2. **Bee Hives on village property:** Discussion was held on the insurance company's stance on liability.
BOARD ACTION: Motion by Trustee Stewart, second by Trustee Anthony to deny the request to put beehives on village property.
MOTION CARRIED
3. **Ionia County Treasurer's tax sale properties:** Discussion held on two properties, 101 Superior and 221 Plains that the Ionia County Treasurer offered to the village. Decision not to pursue purchase.

XIV. **MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Anthony: none

Ciganick: none

Herbstreith: none

Kacos: Asked about Speed limit sign to be purchased by Dollar General. There has been no reply from Dollar General.

Parker: Would like signs saying "No climbing" on the HVAC unit at the Lions Club building.

Stewart: Set up budget meeting for May 17, 2017 at 8:15 AM

Craft: none

Newman: none

Randall: Twin Rivers got an MStep award and were the only school in the district to do so. T-shirts are being ordered and lunch on the lawn will be May 26th

Hyland:

- The cost of tearing down wellhouse #1 was cost prohibitive so plans are to reside it instead.
- The Trail Committee purchased magnetic signs for official vehicles on the trail. There will be a set in each town.
- There is a problem with the trail surface to the east of town, it is too soft, and a meeting will be held on the trail on June 1st
- No news on Dollar General
- Consumers Energy has provided the name of an electric company in Michigan who has grant money to change the streetlights to LED

XV. **ADJOURNMENT:**

BOARD ACTION: Motion by Trustee Parker, supported by Trustee Stewart to adjourn at 8:11 PM

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned 8:11PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Susan Craft

Muir Village Clerk