

# MUIR VILLAGE COUNCIL

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## September 13, 2022, Regular Meeting

### REGULAR MEETING

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Muir Village Council met Tuesday, September 13, 2022. 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, Ron Vanderwerff, Brian Nelson, Laura Stewart  
**ABSENT:** Derek Kacos  
**VILLAGE PERSONNEL PRESENT:** Treasurer Jim Newman, DPW Dan Heckman
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Laura Stewart, supported by Trustee Ron Vanderwerff to approve the agenda as is.  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- V. **GUEST SPEAKER:** Mattie Cook-Hildebrandt Director Lyons Township District Library.  
Ms. Cook-Hildebrandt provided the Fall 2022 Program Calendar and encouraged everyone to visit the library.
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Ron Vanderwerff, supported by Trustee Jacob Garber to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022, regular meeting.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
- VII. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT PAYABLE/BILLS: BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Ron Vanderwerff, supported by Trustee Laura Stewart to approve the bills in the amount of \$336,045.78  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
- VIII. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Interest rates for MI Class have proven to be favorable for the Village. Tax payments are coming to an end with September 14, being the last day allowable to collect. Delinquent taxes will be turned over to Ionia County Treasurer for collecting after this deadline.
- IX. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:** Gary Bennett, Pat Rogers, Mattie Cook-Hildebrandt
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
- VII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  1. Street/Water/Sewer Committee: none
  2. Cemetery Committee: none
  3. Fire & Safety Committee: none
  4. Finance/Personnel Committee: none

5. Ordinance Committee: Wellhead Ordinance #63. Draft provided for Council's review and comments. Language needs to be updated and an appeal process clause needs to be added.
6. Parks & Recreation/Rail Trail Committee: Trustee Jacob Garber inquired about the date for reapplying for the Parks Grant. Date is October 1, 2022

**VIII. BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:**

1. No Parking signs on south side of E Garden from Liberty to 171 E Garden.  
Directed to the Street Committee for review
2. Pay Application 6,7,8,9,10 for Malley Contract A MDOT.  
**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Stewart, supported by Trustee Brent Piselli to approve pay applications 6,7,8,9,10 to MDOT.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustees: Jacob Garber, Brian Nelson, Brent Piselli, Laura Stewart, Ron Vanderwerff, President Doug Hyland  
Nays: none  
Absent: Derek Kacos  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
3. Pay Application 5 for Nashville Construction Contract B.  
**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Ron Vanderwerff, supported by Trustee Jacob Garber to pay contract in the amount of \$290,698.95.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustees: Jacob Garber, Brian Nelson, Brent Piselli, Laura Stewart, Ron Vanderwerff, President Doug Hyland  
Nays: none  
Absent: Derek Kacos
4. Retainer agreement for PFAS Class Action with Napoli Shkolnik at no cost to the Village. Trustee Jacob Garber question validity of trusting an "out of state" law firm.  
**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Laura Stewart, supported by Trustee Ron Vanderwerff to accept the retainer agreement.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustees: Brian Nelson, Brent Piselli, Laura Stewart, Ron Vanderwerff, , President Doug Hyland  
Nays: Jacob Garber  
Absent: Derek Kacos

**IX. TABLED ITEMS:**

1. Codification of Ordinances. Currently there are no updates

**X. DPW REPORT:** Dan Heckman highlighted the Bridge Inspection Report indicating the north rubber joint seal needs replacement. The Contractor's "punch list" needs to be reviewed and updated to complete restoration of property and yards. Working on the two-inch water line under M21 to Sparrow Health Clinic. Preparing for upcoming Fall Discharges.

**XI. CORRESPONDENCE:** Received Thank You note from ICEA regarding the Village's recent donation.

**XII. MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Garber:** none

**Piselli:** none

**Kacos:** absent

**Nelson:** none

**Stewart:** Asked that construction signs be removed from lawns and street when appropriate. Noted Halloween festivities will remain the same as previous year with Trick or Treat being on Monday October 31. Recommended minimizing the area for displaying Christmas trees on the Trail. This event has not been well received as hoped for.

**Vanderwerff:** Property owners need to be reminded ditches need to be mowed or weed wacked. Suggested considering tiling ditches. President Hyland referred this matter to the Street Committee for discussion.

**Hyland:** Announced Consumers Energy Open House will be hosted at the Muir Community Room September 15, 2022, at 6 PM. Noted interest from Ionia Schools in acquiring the Village property on south side M21, adjacent to the Twin Rivers Elementary School.

**Newman:** none

**Craft:** absent

**Loomis:** absent

**Heckman:** none

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Vanderwerff supported by Trustee Stewart to adjourn at 7:55 PM

**MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted by: James Newman, Village Treasurer