

MUIR VILLAGE COUNCIL

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October 11, 2022, Regular Meeting

REGULAR MEETING

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Muir Village Council met Tuesday, October 11, 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: Clerk Susan Craft, Treasurer Jim Newman, DPW Jerrett Loomis
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Stewart, supported by Trustee Garber to approve the agenda as is.
MOTION CARRIED
- V. **GUEST SPEAKER:** none
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Vanderwerff, supported by Trustee Garber to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022, regular meeting.
MOTION CARRIED.
- VII. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT PAYABLE/BILLS: BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Vanderwerff, supported by Trustee Garber to approve the bills in the amount of \$172,878.57
MOTION CARRIED.
- VIII. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Interest rates for MI Class have proven to be favorable for the Village, currently at 3.091%. Tax payments came to an end with September 14, being the last day allowable to collect. Delinquent taxes of \$25,739.80 were turned over to Ionia County Treasurer for collecting after the deadline.
- IX. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:** Gary Bennett, Pat Rogers, Charles Babcock
- X. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Charles Babcock presented a check of \$30,000 to the Village as a share of the Township's ARPA monies. Charles also asked the Board to consider raising elected official compensation for next budget year.
- XI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 1. Street/Water/Sewer Committee: Tree work to be discussed in the DPW report
 2. Cemetery Committee: none
 3. Fire & Safety Committee: Third Quarter fire activity was presented.

4. Finance/Personnel Committee: Budget Updates: **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Stewart, supported by Trustee Vanderwerff to adopt the proposed Budget Amendments as presented.
MOTION CARRIED
5. Ordinance Committee: Wellhead Ordinance #63. **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Stewart, supported by Trustee Vanderwerff to adopt Ordinance #63 Provide for Protection of Groundwater Resources in the Village of Muir
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Trustees Piselli, Vanderwerff, Garber, Nelson, Stewart, President Hyland
Nays: none
Absent: Trustee Kacos
MOTION CARRIED
Other Ordinance issues: Chickens violating the Animal Ordinance, 187 W Superior is still blighted and has done nothing since coming to the meeting last spring and promising to have the blight abated. Determination to send new letter and fine.
6. Parks & Recreation/Rail Trail Committee: Trustee Garber inquired about the date for reapplying for the Sparks Grant. Trunk or Treat was discussed. DPW to check on damage to the first bridge east of town on the CIS trail.

XII. BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:

1. Pay Application 11 for Malley Contract A MDOT.
BOARD ACTION: Motion by Trustee Vanderwerr, supported by Trustee Garber to approve pay application 11 submitted to MDOT.
MOTION CARRIED.

XIII. TABLED ITEMS:

1. Codification of Ordinances. Currently there are no updates

- XIV. DPW REPORT:** As presented in the report. **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Stewart, supported by Trustee Piselli to approve bid by Schrock Construction for metal roofs for both wellhouses in the amount of \$6,900. **MOTION CARRIED**

BOARD ACTION: Motion by Trustee Stewart, supported by Trustee Garber to accept the bid for tree removal in the cemetery by Wickham Cemetery Maintenance, LLC in the amount of \$7,100. **MOTION CARRIED**

BOARD ACTION: Motion by Trustee Vanderwerff, supported by Trustee Garber to accept the bid by Rick White for trees and stump removal, not to exceed \$25,000 with the addition of two trees on W Summit and the deletion of the tree at 308 Ionia, which is to be trimmed only. **MOTION CARRIED**

- XV. CORRESPONDENCE:** none

XVI. MEMBER COMMENTS:

Garber: Clarified budget amount for the cemetery

Piselli: none

Kacos: absent

Nelson: none

Stewart: none

Vanderwerff: Asked for approval of the Master Plan Draft. **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Stewart, supported by Trustee Garber to approve the draft of the Master Plan and Recreation Plan.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Vanderwerff, Garber, Nelson, Stewart, Piselli, President Hyland

Nays: none

Absent: Trustee Kacos

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Vanderwerff brought the attention of the council to all of the extra work Jerrett Loomis has done during the project and how lucky Muir is to have such a hard worker.

Hyland: The Lyons Township Library Director received a grant to work with Twin Rivers Elementary. The Lions Club received a grant to purchase books for the school and intend to read them during March is Reading Month

Newman: none

Craft: none

Loomis: absent

Heckman: none

XVII. ADJOURNMENT:

BOARD ACTION: Motion by Trustee Vanderwerff supported by Trustee Stewart to adjourn at 8:18 PM

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned 8:18 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Susan Craft, Village Clerk