

MUIR VILLAGE COUNCIL

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Jerrett Loomis

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April 14, 2026 Regular Meeting

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Muir Village Council met Tuesday, April 14, 2026. 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:**
PRESENT: President Doug Hyland, Trustees: Garber, Kacos, Ogden, Piselli, Vanderwerff
ABSENT: Trustee Stewart
VILLAGE PERSONNEL PRESENT: Susan Craft, Jim Newman, Jerrett Loomis
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
BOARD ACTION: Motion by Trustee Piselli, 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 Garber to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026 regular meeting and the March 31, 2026 special meeting with corrections to the spelling of Kacos.
MOTION CARRIED
- VII. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/BILLS:**
BOARD ACTION: Motion by Trustee Vanderwerff, supported by Trustee Garber to accept the disbursements and accounts payable in the amount of \$120,569.27
MOTION CARRIED
- VIII. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Summary report given
- IX. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 1. Street/Water/Sewer Committee: none
 2. Cemetery Committee: none
 3. Fire & Safety Committee: none
 4. Finance/Personnel Committee: Budget meeting soon
 5. Ordinance Committee: none
 6. Parks & Recreation/Rail Trail Committee: none
- X. **BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:**

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1. Revised Cemetery Ordinance No. **38**:
BOARD ACTION: Motion by Trustee Kacos, supported by Trustee Garber to adopt to adopt the revised version of the Cemetery Ordinance No. 38 with changes to Section 13 Penalties.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Trustees Garber, Kacos, Ogden, Piselli, Vanderwerff and President Hyland
Nays: None
Absent: Trustee Stewart
MOTION CARRIED
2. Parking One Way on Railroad St:
BOARD ACTION: Motion by Trustee Kacos, supported by Trustee Vanderwerff to make W. Railroad Street from Ionia Street to Liberty Street a one way street with traffic flow from west to east and with parallel parking on the south lane, excepting the portion on the Ionia Street corner encompassing the driveway for house number 210 Ionia Street and pending Act 51 approval.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Trustees Kacos, Ogden, Piselli, Vanderwerff, Garber and President Hyland
Nays: None
Absent: Trustee Stewart
MOTION CARRIED
3. MSHDA Application: The letter of intent was accepted and a placeholder of \$350,000 in grant funds plus \$63,000 in Grant Administration was offered to the village. The village has 120 days to complete the application.
4. Clean Up Day April 18th from 7 am to 11 am. Two households have called in for additional assistance with items, to date.
5. Solicit bids for parking lot on the CIS Trail: DPW is working with contractors to gather bids for the proposed parking area behind the village office.

XI. TABLED ITEMS:

1. Annexation: The Ionia County Board of Supervisors held the public hearing April 14, 2026 but want to gather more information, therefore the item was tabled until the April 28, 2026 meeting.

XII. DPW REPORT: written report provided

1. Street Projects with Ionia County Road Department. Chip seal was put off until 2027 because of construction on Major Streets. Ionia Street MDOT project is scheduled for August 2026.
BOARD ACTION: Motion by Trustee Kacos, supported by Trustee Vanderwerff to approve up to \$10,000 in crack seal funding through Ionia County Road Department.
MOTION CARRIED
BOARD ACTION: Motion by Trustee Kacos, supported by Trustee Piselli to approve up to \$22,198.82 in asphalt overlay to Arthurburg St through Ionia County Road Department.
MOTION CARRIED
2. Old picnic tables from Douglas Park: Council to donate them to Feehan's for their Ionia Freak Fair campground honoring Billy Strings.
3. Water lines to new park: **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Kacos, supported by Trustee Vanderwerff to approve up to \$2,200 in materials for DPW to extend a service line from beside the Post Office to the area near the vault toilet with a sanitary hydrant for water. **MOTION CARRIED**

4. Concrete Projects: **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Kacos, supported by Trustee Vanderwerff to approve up to \$4,500 for the concrete project at Douglas Park pavilion and approximately 7 more yards of concrete for bench pads, bleacher pads, and sidewalk repairs, concrete estimate of \$1,400. **MOTION CARRIED**
5. Lift Station Generator: **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Vanderwerff, supported by Trustee Kacos to sell the old lift station generator, after repairs, to the Village of Pewamo for \$9,000. **MOTION CARRIED**
6. Tractor-Broom: **BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Kacos, supported by Trustee Vanderwerff to buy a new John Deere 3033 39 hp tractor with 60" broom and 60" snowblower, estimate \$29,880.87 and trade in 1993 Case 480 tractor and 2019 JD 2025 tractor.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Odgen, Piselli, Vanderwerff, Garber, Kacos, President Hyland

Nays: none

Absent: Trustee Stewart

MOTION CARRIED

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

XIV. CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor's Exchange- City of River Rogue was paired with Muir

XV. MEMBER COMMENTS:

Garber: asked about vandalism

Kacos: fence in park

Ogden: none

Piselli: none

Stewart: absent

Vanderwerff: none

Newman: none

Loomis: none.

Craft: none.

Hyland: none

XVI. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion by Trustee Vanderwerff, second by Trustee Kacos to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Susan Craft, Village Clerk