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REGULAR MEETING Minutes VILLAGE OF SAND LAKE COUNCIL

February 17 2019, 7:00 p.m.
At the Sand Lake Municipal Building

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: President Quinlan called the meeting to order at 7pm.

2. Prayer: Pastor Darryl Miller lead the room in prayer.

3. Roll Call: Members Present: Theresa Jerome, Rachel Gokey, Tracy Quinlan, Bill Rau, Marcia Helton and Glenn Baker. Members Absent: Tonia Parkhurst (excused).

4. Comments by the President: Due to the size of the crowd this evening public comment will be limited to 1-3 minutes, for the good of the meeting. At the end of your public comment time I will you know what committee to take your discussion to as discussion occurs at the committee level. Public comment is public comment time not public discussion time.

5. Public Comments

The Council welcomes and encourages the public to speak during the public comment portion of the agenda. However, Council policy is to hear the public comment, not to act on the public comment at this time. Concerns brought before the Council during the Public Comment portion of the agenda will be referred to the appropriate committee for action. If, after communicating with the committee chair, no resolution is reached, the concern will be elevated to the Council for action.

Those citizens wishing to speak on agenda and non-agenda items will be allowed a maximum of **five minutes** each to address their concerns. This is the only time during the Council meeting that citizens are allowed to address the Council. Please approach the council, when called, and state your name and address for the record.

Public comment opened at 7:04pm

Darcy Strypko, Nelson Township, stood and addressed the room that the letters on chairs would not be able to be read out loud due to time constraints put on public comment time.

Tom Norton, still owns property in the Village of Sand Lake and still has a renter, he stated that his renter has two small children and all wells need to be working. Mr. Norton continued discussion about the previous DPW supervisor, the current supervisor and his dislike for what has been occurring in the Village since he has no longer been President but he felt like after the way he was treated it wasn't his problem. He reminded everyone that all Village residents pay Village and Township taxes. He filed to run for Congress because he has always believed in constitution relations.

Alice McNess, 87 W. Oak Street, wanted to complain about the snowplowing. The corners aren't being widened enough. This is the worst winter she has ever seen in the Village and she has lived here for 46 years. She stated that alleys aren't being plowed and people are getting stuck and she knows what people pay in taxes for it to be handled.

Maggie Merritt, 45 N. 6th Street, wanted to make sure that the Council had received her paperwork for the Sand Lake Historical Museum Society to hold *charitable gaming raffles to help raise funds for the Museum.*

Tom Gore, 210 W. Oak Street, had a late fee on the September bill. Instructed to pay the late fee by the 29th of November. They placed their check inside the drop box on Wednesday, November 26th. They received an additional late fee because their payment did not get input until Thursday, December 5th. He was informed he would need to address the Council to get that additional late fee waived by the Council.

Robert Whalen, Village of Sparta, he is a part of the Council in Sparta. Was drawn to our meeting for a number of items. He felt like the shut off and turn on for our water system is too pricey. Mr. Whalen said that they would love to help evaluate our system, no charge (Randy Carter, Village of Sparta would be willing to consult)

Craig Moore, on behalf of Maggie and the Chamber of Commerce, he would like the Council to approve a charitable gaming license on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce for

Gary Brice, lives on Ritchie Ave, he inquired the number of Wells the Village has and how many wells are currently running.

Carlos Rodriguez, W. Oak Street, wants to know what is being done about all the empty buildings in the Village. They have been trying to rent or purchase a building for over five (5) years.

Kevin Wright, 147 E Oak Street, was hoping to have some questions answered. 1. What happened to our Act 51 money? 2. What are the Council members salaries? 3. What is happening with the audit? 4. How many wells do we have and are they working? 5. What does the Village pay for the Fuelman fueling card?

Steve Brandow, yielded his time back to Tom Norton

-*Tom Norton*, states that the Village has a problem with the Fire Department and we should turn them over to Nelson Township and create a 5-10 year plan with them. He says that while he was President, he explained himself to everyone even when they yelled and screamed at him. He then went Council member by Council member stating how they individually knew him. A heated discussion between President Quinlan and Mr. Norton took place.

Sara Brinks, 551 W. Lake Street, these are the people you serve and it doesn't feel like you are serving the people of the Village. Are our questions ever going to get answered or are they going to be passed off to Glenn? Did the CPA quit?

President Quinlan stated that this Council is after fiscal responsibility and that we are sorry not everyone likes that. We have people doing jobs that are qualified to do the job they are in. I am sorry you do not like some of the decisions made by Egle, Kent County Health Department, Kent County Road Commission. They are not our decisions. They are decisions made by those specific department. We do not govern those agencies. Please call them if you have questions, concerns.

Mike Baczewski wants to know why anything he does has to be 600 feet away from Duke Creek and the Village can do anything they want to Duke Creek within 100 feet. He stated that someone called and told him he can not farm within 300 feet of the new development and claims that the Village sewer is running over into the creek right now.

Robert Whalen, from Sparta, said it is not uncommon for a well to be taken off line. If it has a sulfur smell it has to be taken off line and addressed. You do not want to deliver that quality of water to residents if you do not have to. It would definitely be something to address. He said that Sparta has done this while correcting issues. You just need to make sure that Transparency is the biggest thing for residents. Be as transparent as possible. Public comment is public comment. It is not a time to debate. It is not a time to answer questions. When you have a large crowd, it is a good time to answer questions.

Phil Andrews- yielded his time back to Tom Norton.

-*Tom Norton*, stood again and stated that he created the life time perpetual easement on the boat launch. He stated he has a letter on his phone from the DEQ and people can read it on his phone right now. Mr. Norton Go to his Congress page and he will have all kinds of information uploaded in a week.

Matt Baczewski asked Robert Whalen if it is okay to have the well off line for a month and a half. Mr. Whalen did have a well offline for well over the period of time we have had one offline because they were waiting for the DEQ to give the go ahead to put it back into use. You want to make sure you continue to exercise the well during the time it is offline.

President Quinlan stated please, please come to committee meetings and be a part of the discussions. Be a part of the problem solving, not a part of the social media hoopla. Instead of feeding into the masses, please come to the committee meetings. Come, be a part of the solution, come help.

Public comment closed at 7:45pm

6. ACTION Items

- a. Adoption of Agenda* - **Motion to accept Agenda:** Motion Made by President Quinlan, with support by Baker, to accept the agenda with adding 7. n. Sand Lake Museum Charitable Gaming License. And 7.o. Sand Lake Chamber of Commerce Charitable Gaming License. AIF. Motion Carried.
- b. Minutes - **Motion to accept and file January 2020 minutes.** Motion Made by Jerome, with support by Baker, to accept and file the January 2020 minutes. AIF. Motion Carried.
- c. Financial Statements - **Motion to accept and file financial statements.** Motion Made by Baker, with support by Helton, to accept and file the financial statements. AIF. Motion Carried.
- d. Accounts Payable - **Motion to authorize payment of accounts payable.** Motion Made by Jerome, with support by Baker, to pay the bills in the amount of Forty-Three Thousand Seventy-One Dollars and Ninety-One Cents (\$43, 071.91). AIF. Motion Carried.

7. Department Reports - ACTION Items

- a. Fire Department Report - **Motion to accept and file report.** Motion Made by Gokey, with support by Baker, to accept and file the Fire Department Report. AIF. Motion Carried.
 - i. **Resolution to increase fire contracts with all municipalities by 6%.** Motion Made by Gokey, with support by Baker, to create a resolution to increase fire contracts with all municipalities by 6%.
ROLL CALL VOTE:
Baker- Yes
Helton-Yes
Rau-Yes
Quinlan-Yes
Gokey-Yes
Jerome-Yes
Motion Carried.
- b. Buildings and Grounds Report - **Motion to accept and file report.** Motion Made by Jerome, with support from Helton, to accept and file the buildings and grounds report. AIF. Motion Carried.
- c. Clerk's Report - **Motion to accept and file report.** Motion Made by Jerome, with support by Baker, to accept and file the Clerk's Report. AIF. Motion Carried.
- d. Zoning and Ordinance Report - **Motion to accept and file report.** Motion Made by Gokey, with support by Jerome, to accept and file the Zoning and Ordinance Report. AIF. Motion Carried.

e. Public Safety Report - **Motion to accept and file report.** Motion Made by Jerome, with support by Helton, to accept and file the Public Safety Report. AIF. Motion Carried.

f. Department of Public Works – **Motion to accept and file report.** Motion Made by Baker, with Jerome, to accept and file the DPW report. AIF. Motion Carried.

i. **Resolution to designate Michael Armstrong as Street Administrator.** Motion Made by Baker, with support by Jerome, to create a resolution to appoint Michael Armstrong as Street Administrator.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Baker- Yes

Helton-Yes

Rau-Yes

Quinlan-Yes

Gokey-Yes

Jerome-Yes

Motion Carried.

g. Budget and Finance – **Motion to approve 2020 -2021 Budget.** Motion Made by President Quinlan, with support by Baker, to table the approval of the 2020-2021 Budget until it is finalized. AIF. Motion Carried.

h. **Resolution to set** President’s salary for FY2020. Motion Made by Baker, with support by Jerome, to table for further discussion. AIF. Motion Carried.

i. **Resolution to set** Assessor’s salary for FY2020. Motion Made by Baker, with support by Jerome, to table for further discussion. AIF. Motion Carried.

j. **Resolution to set** Council salary for FY2020. Motion Made by Baker, with support by Jerome, to table for further discussion. AIF. Motion Carried.

k. **Resolution to increase** sewer rates by 5% starting. Motion Made by Baker, with support by Rau, to table and look at previous month meeting. AIF. Motion Carried.

l. **Resolution to transfer** twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) from Dept. 996 to Dept. 591. Resolution to transfer twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) from Dept. 996 to Dept. 591 (Water Fund).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Baker- Yes

Helton-Yes

Rau-Yes

Quinlan-Yes

Gokey-Yes

Jerome-Yes

Motion Carried.

m. **Resolution to renew Cemetery CD** for three months. Resolution by President Quinlan, with support by Jerome, to renew the Cemetery CD for three months. Motion Made by Jerome, support by Gokey.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Baker- Yes

Helton-Yes

Rau-Yes
Quinlan-Yes
Gokey-Yes
Jerome-Yes
Motion Carried.

n. Resolution to authorize the President to fill out and sign a charitable gaming license for the Sand Lake Historical Museum Society for 2020. Motion Made by Baker, support by Jerome.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Baker- Yes
Helton-Yes
Rau-Yes
Quinlan-Yes
Gokey-Yes
Jerome-Yes
Motion Carried.

o. Resolution to authorize the President to fill out and sign a charitable gaming license for the Sand Lake Chamber of Commerce for 2020. Motion Made by Baker, support by Jerome.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Baker- Yes
Helton-Yes
Rau-Yes
Quinlan-Yes
Gokey-Yes
Jerome-Yes
Motion Carried.

8. Contracts - ACTION Items

a. **Resolution to authorize President to sign** Venman's 2020 proposal. Motion Made by President Quinlan, with support by Baker, to table signing of Venman's proposal until the previous year invoices can be reviewed. AIF. Motion Carried.

b. **Resolution to authorize President to sign** Awesome Lawns 2020 proposal. Motion Made by Gokey, with support by Jerome, to create a resolution to authorize President Quinlan to sign Awesome Lawns 2020 proposal, in the amount of \$900, to spray Salisbury Park for the 2020 insect season.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Baker- Yes
Helton-Yes
Rau-Yes
Quinlan-Yes
Gokey-Yes
Jerome-Yes

Motion Carried.

c. **Resolution to authorize President to sign** Electronic Traffic Control Devices Maintenance Agreement. Resolution made by Baker, with support by Gokey, to authorize President Quinlan to sign the Electronic Traffic Control Devices Maintenance Agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Baker- Yes

Helton-Yes

Rau-Yes

Quinlan-Yes

Gokey-Yes

Jerome-Yes

Motion Carried.

d. **Resolution to authorize President to sign** contract with Seigfried Crandall PC. Resolution made by Jerome, with support by Baker, to authorize President Quinlan to sign a contract with Seigfried Crandall PC.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Baker- Yes

Helton-Yes

Rau-Yes

Quinlan-Yes

Gokey-Yes

Jerome-Yes

Motion Carried.

9. New Business

a. **Motion to commit \$1,000 towards legal action in regard to copper rules.** Motion Made by Baker, with support by Jerome, to commit \$1,000 towards the Village of Clinton's legal action in regard to copper rules. AIF. Motion Carried.

10. Old Business - ACTION Item

a. Ark's Electric - analysis on street lighting around the Village - **Motion to table.** Motion Made by Jerome, with support by Baker, to table the street lighting analysis around the Village. AIF. Motion Carried.

b. Building analysis - **Motion to table.** Motion Made by President Quinlan, with support by Rau, to table the building analysis. AIF. Motion Carried.

11. Council Comments: Trustee Jerome commented that the next Cemetery committee meeting is looking to finalize the update ordinance by then. Please check your email and mark up before the next committee meeting, March 4th.

*Motion Made by Jerome, with support by President Quinlan, to amend the agenda, to add a resolution to sign the contract with Pureless Midwest Inc. for maintenance on Well 3 as well as checking Well 1 and creating a maintenance plan.

Motion Made by Jerome, with support by Baker, to create a resolution, to authorize President Quinlan, to sign Pureless contract for Well 3 cleaning and Well 1 observation and long-term plan for both wells.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Baker- Yes

Helton-Yes

Rau-Yes

Quinlan-Yes

Gokey-Yes

Jerome-Yes

Motion Carried.

12. Adjournment - **Motion to adjourn.** Motion Made by Jerome, with support by Baker, to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

*Note: The order in which items are discussed may be changed during the meeting.

Respectfully yours,

Rachel Gokey

Rachel Gokey
Interim Clerk

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