



## Village of Sand Lake

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Sand Lake, MI 49343

**Regular Meeting Minutes      June 21, 2021**

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**Zoom Meeting ID: 662 019 5932**

**Code: 044356**

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm
2. Roll Call: All Here
3. Presidents Report: Doerr read off report. Motion was made by Helton. Seconded by Wright. AIF.
4. Adoption of Agenda: Doerr would like to add Sand Lake Newsletter to New Business letter k. Motion was made by Helton. Seconded by Doerr. AIF
5. Public Hearing on Increasing Property Taxes: This will be a decrease. The people that were affected by an error in 2020 will have a credit on their summer 2021 tax bill. Closed Public Hearing at 7:08pm
6. Administrative Reports
  - a. Minutes
    - i. May 17, 2021 Regular Meeting: Doerr made motion to accept with corrections and Gokey's letter filed with them, seconded by Helton. AIF.
    - ii. June 9, 2021 Joint Municipal Meeting. Motion made by Doerr to accept with corrections, seconded by Gokey. AIF
  - b. Financial Matter
    - i. Motion made by Doerr to pay bills in the amount of \$43,469.66. Seconded by Helton. Yes- Doerr, Wright, Helton, Rudicil, Merritt, McNees. No- Gokey
7. Department Reports

- a. Fire Department: Motion made by Wright to accept the fire department report. Seconded by Merritt. All in favor.
- b. DPW Department:
  - i. Ryan Shick states 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday for brush pickup. Thanks Deans, volunteers and Sand Lake Chamber for their cleanup efforts.
  - ii. Motion made by Helton to accept DPW report seconded by Gokey. All in favor
- c. Zoning Administrator: Report made by Brian Wershem. Motion to accept the zoning report made by Doerr seconded by Rudicil. All in favor.

#### 8. Old Business

- a. DPW Equipment Discussion: Motion to table by Wright. Seconded by Gokey. All in favor
- b. Marijuana Dispensary Agrimed: Motion to table discussion made by Doerr. Seconded by Helton. All in favor
- c. 4<sup>th</sup> of July update: Rudicil talked about her report with an update.

#### 9. New Business

- a. Approve L4029 2021 Property Tax Rate: Motion made by Doerr. Seconded by Wright. All in favor.
- b. Discussion on hiring DPW Supervisor William Cornelisse and terms thereof: Starts ASAP wage of \$50,880.00 yr. w/insurance stipend. Motion made by Wright. Seconded by Doerr. All in favor.
- c. Discussion on hiring interim accountant: HR committee findings. Motion made to hire Francine Cole by Helton. Seconded by Rudicil. All in favor.
- d. Discussion on hiring interim clerk: HR committee findings. Clerk hours Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm with appointments as needed. Motion made to hire Donna Westerbrink by Doerr. Seconded by Wright. All in favor.
- e. Application for license to run a carnival or event form: Doerr suggested to form a committee to set up a new event form. Volunteers for committee: Kevin Wright, Rachel Gokey, Stacy Rudicil, Glen Baker, Craig Moore, and Theresa Jerome. Motion made by Doerr. Seconded by Rudicil. All in favor
- f. Discussion of Independence Day office hours: Correct the hours on the flyer.
- g. Revision of Liability Waiver for volunteers: Motion made by Doerr to update waiver. Seconded by Wright. All in favor.

- h. Event application for "Praise in the Park" – UTD Methodist Church- Motion made by Helton to accept and wave the \$50.00 reservation fee. Seconded by Wright. Yes-Wright, Rudicil, Helton, McNees, Merritt. No- Doerr , Gokey.
- i. Digital sign discussion: What to put on the sign: meeting dates for village, township, and chamber. Museum hours, Approved community events with application approval. Motion made by Wright. Seconded by Rudicil. AIF.
- j. Update on tables for bump outs: All tables, shipping costs, and mounting brackets donated. Donations made by Sand Lake Vet, Nelson Township, Sand Lake Chamber of Commerce, New Standard, and Mr. E.
- k. Village of Sand Lake Newsletter: A monthly newsletter to show what is happening within the village. Will be made by the President, Doerr, and the Clerk, Westerbrink. Motion made by Wright. Seconded by McNees. AIF

10. Public Comment: Public Comment time was opened at 8:37 pm

Kim Lathom:

- How long does interim last?
- How much does Accountant get paid? Wants board to know not to take the accountant position for granted, it is valuable.

Theresa Jerome:

- Asked about the box in the park for donations.
- Likes the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday for brush pickup.
- Suggested monthly budget meetings and to put waivers on the Village website.

Pastor Gary Giddings:

- Asked Council to consider doing Prayer before meetings.

Craig Moore questions from Chamber:

- Need fire trucks for parade
- Would like a key for back sports complex.
- Asking for use of golf carts for Chamber to use during 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.
- Decoration on lamp posts will be this week and Handi-cap signs with DPW help
- Needs more information on security.
- Can the Chamber use the Village trailer: They would like to put racks on it to hold their signs.
- Kiddies day will be between VFW building and the laundromat.
- Deans was asking if more playground equipment was needed. They are tearing some out of schools.

Zach Doerr:

- Asking about golf cart use during parade for Chamber.

Pastor Jorge

- Would also like to see Prayer during meeting
- Thinks the newsletter is super important to do.
- He has been helping Shick at DPW and would like a reminder to residents to only put brush in lawn bags not garbage.
- Would brine or something down on the road by DPW barn so it is not so dusty over there.
- He would like to see more people volunteering.

Marty Helton:

- Thank you to the crew that cleaned up the cemetery it looks great.
- Thank you to Mr. E for the donation towards the tables.
- Asked about a bid from Deans for the water pooling a sidewalk.

Robyn Britton:

- Nelson Township clean up used 8 – 40-yard dumpsters.
- For the fall clean up, the Township will be looking for volunteers from the village to help.

Public comment closed at 8:59pm

11. Council Comments: Council comment time opened at 8:59pm

Kim McNees:

- Thanks Ryan and all volunteers for cleaning up by water tower. It looks great. Also, the park and cemetery.

Marcia Helton:

- Playground mulch 30 yards used and looks so nice. Thank you everyone involved. Ryan will be getting playground boarders Tuesday afternoon. Hopefully sound system will be fixed by the sound guy next week.

Rachel Gokey:

- Why were citations and Paradise cove situation not brought up at during meeting.
- Why did Doerr serve the citation, who decided that she could, and how did zoning officer write the citation, did he have the authority to do so.

Kevin Wright:

- Wondering if council would be interested in having Prayer before meetings  
\*Motion made by Gokey to open with prayer at meetings. Seconded by Merritt. AIF.
- Will Pastor Gary set it up so someone is there to do Prayer at each meeting.

Adjournment

Motion made by Wright to adjourn the meeting at 9:09pm. Seconded by Gokey. All in favor.

Submitted by: Marcia Helton  
Council member

*Marcia Helton*