

VILLAGE OF SAND LAKE
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Sand Lake Village Council was called to order by President Roger Towsley at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2016, at the Sand Lake Municipal Building.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **ROLL CALL**
MEMBERS PRESENT: James Ward, Thomas Norton, Adam Hill, Roger Towsley, Dave Dewey, Bette Towsley, Danielle Hardenburg
4. **AGENDA**
Motion made by D. Dewey and seconded by D. Hardenburg to approve the October 17, 2016 Agenda.
MOTION CARRIED
5. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**
 - A. **MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 REGULAR MEETING**
Motion made by D. Dewey and seconded by T. Norton to approve and file the September 17, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
MOTION CARRIED
 - B. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**
 1. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**
Motion made by T. Norton and seconded by D. Dewey to approve and file the September 2016 Financial Statement as presented by Treasurer Brenda Arnold.
MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Arnold informed the Council that the Water Fund (WF) has a negative balance. Treasurer Arnold suggested to increase the revenue by increasing water rates.

The WF expenditures were discussed.

The Village might have 3% interest rate on a checking account at Lake Michigan Credit Union (LMCU) bank, if the Village's investment policy is transferred to LMCU.
 2. **BILLS:**
Motion made by D. Dewey and seconded by J. Ward to pay the September-October 2016 bills in the amount of \$21,642.58 (Twenty-one Thousand, Six Hundred Forty-two Dollars and Fifty-eight Cents).
MOTION CARRIED

3. LAKE ST. PROJECT: DICKINSON WRIGHT

Motion made by D. Dewey and seconded by T. Norton to pay Dickinson Wright (DW) September 2016 invoice for the amount of \$2,356.00. The expense will be charged to Lake St. Project Fund (LSI) (Loan from State Infrastructure Bank) and be reimbursed later from the prospective loan for Lake St. Project (LSII) or millage passed. If none of these proposals take place, then the reimbursement will come from Major Street Fund.

MOTION CARRIED

DW charged for drafting the millage proposal for the November 2016 ballot and pursuing the loan from State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) for the project LSII (5th St. to 3rd St.). The invoice will be charged to the actual loan that the Village obtained from SIB for the project LSI (Ritchie Ave. to 5th St.). Once the Village receives the loan or the millage for project LSII, the amount of \$2,356.00 should be reimbursed to project LSI fund. If the loan and millage are not approved, the amount will be reimbursed to project LSI from Major St. Fund.

4. AMENDMENT: W. LAKE ST. PROJECT FUND

Motion made by T. Norton and seconded by J. Ward to amend W. Lake St. Project I for the amount of \$16,980.30

MOTION CARRIED

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Verna Wesche suggested to the Council having one garbage truck coming once a week to town, instead of having garbage trucks from different companies coming every day. In the past, the Council had tried to do so. However, they might pursue it again.

Linda Misner inquired if the property owners (55 Beech St. and 48 4th St.), which have unused items in their yards, will be required to clean up their yards. Police Chief (PC) Reamsma will send them an appearance of property notice.

7. POLICE REPORT

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Motion made by D. Dewey and seconded by T. Norton to accept and file the September 2016 Police Report as presented by Police Chief James Reamsma.

MOTION CARRIED

PC Reamsma informed the Council that Aaron Laitila resigned. However, there is no need for replacement at this time.

The progress on the appearance of property notice that was sent out to owners as well as the school bus speeding with no students on board issue were discussed.

8. FIRE REPORT

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Motion made by D. Dewey and seconded by T. Norton to accept and file the September 2016 Fire Report as presented by Fire Chief Edward Holtzlander.
MOTION CARRIED

The 9-1-1 millage proposal was discussed.

The incorporation of Plainfield Township and the independency of Cascade Township from the Kent County Associations (KCA), in which Fire vehicles are under KCA insurance policy, was discussed.

The Fire Department will host the annual Halloween party for the community with the help of volunteers including employees from the Sand Lake Independent Bank.

9. DPW REPORT

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Motion made by T. Norton and seconded by D. Dewey to accept and file the September-October 2016 DPW Report as presented by Mr. Jerry Dines.
MOTION CARRIED

Employees from the Sand Lake Independent Bank volunteered their time to help out in the community. They painted picnic tables and trash cans.

The community service from the Boy Scouts will be considered for Fall and Spring season.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ACT 51 NONMOTORIZED PROJECT

Motion made by D. Dewey and seconded by T. Norton to table Act 51 Nonmotorized projects until there are three quotes to be presented to the Council before March 31, 2018.
MOTION CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business presented.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Dewey informed the Council that during the Planning Commission (PC) meeting on October 10, 2016, PC reviewed the drive-through project presented by Craig Moore, Rosie's Ice Cream Shop owner. Mr. Moore bought the east side piece of property from Gary & Sue's TLC business. The drive-through will come in from the west side of the Rosie's business out to the east side of it. The PC gave Mr. Moore a temporary approval until PC receives more formal documented project information.

PC discussed the Lake St. Project, sidewalks improvements and storm sewer as well as the SAW grant.

PC discussed the importance of helping Sand Lake Elementary School (SLES). There has been some discussion by the Tri County School Board about closing the SLES and creating a central campus at the current sight of the middle and high school buildings on Kendaville Road.

SLES is planning to secure the building by installing video cameras and safety glass.

The 2017 PC scheduled meetings are January 9th, April 10th, July 10th and October 9th.

14. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Dewey suggested to the Council to change the investing policy so the Village might invest in a credit union financial institution.

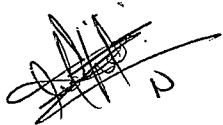
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council,
Motion made by T. Norton and seconded by D. Dewey to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Leticia Nielsen", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Leticia Nielsen, Clerk