



Village of Sand Lake

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APPROVED

Regular Meeting Minutes August 23, 2021

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Zoom Meeting Id: 6620195932

Code: 044356

1. Open with Prayer, Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00
2. Roll Call: **Doerr:** Here **Wright:** Here **Helton:** Here **Mcnees:** Here **Gokey:** Here **Merritt:** Here **Rudicil:** Absent
3. Adoption of Agenda:
 - a. Doerr would like to remove winter event for Jr. Eagles due to no event form. **Motion** made by Wright **Supported** by Merritt. **6 in favor.**
4. Presidents Report:
 - a. Doerr read off report. **Motion** made by Helton to accept and file President's report. **Supported** by Wright. **6 in favor.**
5. Administrative Reports:
 - a. **Motion** made by Doerr to accept and file July 19, 2021 meeting minutes with corrections. **Supported** by Gokey. **6 in favor.**
 - b. **Motion** made by Doerr to accept and file August 2, 2021 special meeting minutes. **Supported** by Wright. **6 in favor.**
 - c. Accounts Payable: Gokey would like a budget report presented monthly. **Motion** made by Gokey to pay accounts payable in the amount of \$46,370.47. **Supported** by Doerr. **6 in favor.**
6. Department Reports:
 - a. Fire Department: **Motion** made by Wright to accept and file the Fire Department Report. **Supported** by Gokey. **6 in favor.**
 - b. DPW: Bill Cornelisse read off report. Would like council to consider re-starting water tower maintenance contract previous President let lapse. Gokey questioned where DPW is mowing. **Motion** made by Doerr to accept and file DPW report. **Supported** by Gokey. **6 in favor.**

- c. Clerk Report: Donna Westerbrink read off report. **Motion** made by Wright to accept and file the clerks report. **Supported** by Gokey. **6 in favor.**
- d. Treasures Report: Doerr read off report. **Motion** made by Doerr to accept and file Treasures report. **Supported** by Gokey. **6 in favor.**
- e. Morgan and Associates, Jen Dykstra Report: Doerr read off report. **Motion** made by Doerr to accept and file Jen Dykstra's report. **Supported** by Gokey. **6 in favor.**
- f. Zoning Report: Brian Werschem read off report. **Motion** made by Doerr to accept and file zoning report. **Supported** by Helton. **6 in favor.**

7. Public Comment: Public comment time opened at 7:44

Denise Schneider: Co-Owner Corner Hair Design and Spa

- Being accused of harassment.
- Mr. E's owner has been harassing their business from the start.

Jennifer Misner

- Willing to let DPW use turn around at the end of East Lake St.

Zoom Comment: Tracy Quinlan 411 E. Lake

- She let someone else bale the hay on her property.
- Thinks the council is considering not plowing East Lake St because of a personal vendetta.
- Says Brian Werschem is slandering her name.
- Public comment shouldn't be a place for dirty laundry.

Glen Baker 105 1st Street

- Wondering if Village will reimburse him for maintaining and using Village property for last 15 years.

Public Comment Closed at 7:56

8. Old Business

- a. DPW Equipment Sale: Gokey would like to see them use the hotbox before they sell it. Items to be listed: 1990 Ford Tractor, 2012 Hardee Boom Arm Bush Hog, 2015 Falcon hot box. **Motion** made by Doerr to form DPW Committee, of Doerr, Mcness, and Wright, to list and oversee sales. **Supported** by Helton. **6 in favor.**
Motion made by Helton to list equipment for sale. **Supported** by Doerr. **5 in favor, Gokey oppose.**
- b. Newsletter: **Motion** made by Wright to add Ask the President column and add meeting dates to newsletter. **Supported** by Doerr. **6 in favor.**
- c. Quote from Deans for Oak St: **Motion** made by Doerr to table. **Supported** by Gokey. **6 in favor.**
- d. New Event Forms: Forms are not completed yet event committee needs meet again. **Motion** made by Doerr to table until next meeting. **Supported** by Wright. **6 in favor.**
- e. Park Tree: Tree will be replaced. Helton states found documentation that the tree was not donated. Helton also would like to see moved to where the stump is and have the stump removed to prevent over watering **Motion** made by Gokey to plant the new tree over near stump, leaving enough room for the old stump to be removed at a later date by licensed and insured stump removal company. **Supported** by Doerr. **6 in favor.**

9. New Business

- a. Basketball Court Quote: Quote does not include the poles. It is a full court with 4 hoops. Quote is good for one year. Can do fundraisers to raise the \$25,000 and auditor will create a sperate account for it. **Motion** made by Wright to have the park and rec committee move forward on fundraising for basketball courts and look at other quotes for court. **Supported** by Doerr. 6 in favor.
- b. Fall event from Jr. Eagles: The event Harvest of Hope will take place on the 10th of October. **Motion** made by Wright to accept and approve event form by the Jr. Eagles Harvest of Hope. **Supported** by Doerr. **6 in favor**
- c. Parade of Lights: Sand Lake Chamber of Commerce 20th year anniversary of September 11. **Motion** made by Gokey to accept and approve September 11 Parade of Lights. **Supported** by Doerr. **5 in favor Merritt: Abstain.**
- d. Oktober Fest: Chamber has ok from Churches with in 500 ft of beer tent. Chamber will handle all cost incurred from event including DPW and Fire Department. **Motion** by Helton to accept and approve the Sand Lake Chamber event Oktober Fest with the conditions the Chamber brings rest of information at the next meeting. **Supported** by Wright. **In Favor:** Wright, Helton, McNees, **Opposed:** Doerr, Gokey. Merritt: **Abstained.**
- e. Plowing East Lake Street: Concern about plowing the part of the road that is outside of the Village. Village needs clarification from Kent County about road. Helton stated that they do have family and friends that live down that road; in reference to an email that was send to DPW supervisor Bill Cornelisse by a resident. **Motion** made by Doerr to table until next meeting. **Supported** by Wright. **6 in favor.**
- f. Sidewalk Ordinance: Discussed whether or not to clear sidewalks in the winter and what the ordinance states. **Motion** made to table discussion until next meeting so everyone can look into the sidewalk ordinance closer by Doerr. **Supported** by Gokey. **6 in Favor.**
- g. Business District Mowing: Discussion about how to keep business district maintained. **Motion** made to table until next meeting by Doerr. **Supported** by Gokey. **6 in favor.**
- h. New Standard Application Renewal: Brian Werschem spoke on laying out a better timeline for renewal next year, and contingencies with new ordinance. Howard Luckoff from New Standard introduces himself and speaks on New Standard. **Motion** made by Doerr to accept and file New Standard Application with legal matter rectified and with a renewal date of December 31, 2022 with application for renewal due by November 1, 2022. **Supported** by Gokey. **5 in favor. Opposed-** Helton. Helton stated she is opposed not for personal reasons but for the residents that have approached her that are opposed.
- i. AgronoMod Application Renewal: Helton states that an application came in under the previous council that was not presented to the council. A rejection letter was found in files from this company and also a check that was cashed from the for a deposit. Brian Werschem states this is being reviewed by legal counsel his recommendation is to table this renewal until legal can further review. Scott Dianda, VP of business development, speaking for Edward Santangelo owner of Agronomod, spoke on the company and its business plan. **Motion** made by Doerr to table Agronomod application. **Supported** by Wright. **5 in favor. Opposed-** Gokey.
- j. Resolution 2021-08: **Motion** to accept Resolution 2021-08 Conflict of Interest Policy by Gokey. **Supported** by Helton. **6 in favor.**

- k. Dell Computer Quote: **Motion** made by Gokey to approve the purchase of a new president's computer in the amount of \$1,043.67. **Supported** by Wright. **6 in favor.**
- l. DPW Purchase Request: **Motion** made by Gokey to purchase circle wheels for DPW. **Supported** by Doerr. **6 in favor.**
- m. BWMS Training: **Motion** to send Ryan Shick and Bill Cornelisse to training in Grand Rapids on October 19 in Grand Rapids by Gokey. **Supported** by Wright. **6 in favor.**
- n. Adding an extra day for Treasurer: Discussion on what the council can do help during those times. **Motion** to table until next regular meeting by Doerr. **Supported** by Wright. **6 in favor.**

10. Public Comment Open at 9:15

Theresa Jerome

- The previous council had someone come and handle park trees. The current council may want to look into who that was for the stump removal.

Craig Moore Rosie's Ice cream.

- There was a community picnic a few weeks ago was well attended. No board members were present. It was noticed.

Marty Helton

- Likes current DPW supervisor but we are not Howard City.
- The Village has cleared sidewalks and plowed East Lake St. for years.
- Worried about causing separation. We need to care about people.

Jennifer Misner

- 2nds what Marty Helton says
- People should donate to the community.

Glen Baker 105 1st Street

- Kudos to Bill Cornelisse.
- Pays a lot in taxes for the library does not think the village should plow for free.
- Goulds have baled hay over by Lake St. Along with field over by the lagoons.

Zoom Comment: Tracy Quinlan 411 East Lake

- Thanks Marty for standing up for the community
- Concerned about how much Paradise Cove pays for their water and sewer.

Public Comment Closed at 9:26

11. Council Comment

Marcia Helton

- Tables should be here in the next week or so. They should be placed in September.

12. Adjournment: **Motion** made by Helton to adjourn meeting at 9:28. **Supported** by Wright. **6**
in favor.

Submitted by:
Donna Westerbrink
Clerk-Interim