



Village of Sand Lake
 Village Council Meeting-Zoom
 December 21, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
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Meeting Minutes
 December 21, 2020 @ 7pm
 Agenda – Virtual Meeting –
 Zoom Meeting ID: 662 019 5932 Zoom code: 044356
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CALL TO ORDER

President Hayden called the meeting to order at 7pm.

ROLL CALL

- Nile Hayden Kim McNees
- Mollie Doerr Stacy Rudicil
- Rachel Gokey Kevin Wright
- Marcia Helton

AGENDA ADDITIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motioned by: Gokey
 Seconded by: Wright

Minutes of Special Meeting- December 2, 2020

Motioned by: Helton
 Seconded by: Rudicil

Minutes of November 16, 2020 Meeting

Motioned by: Doerr
 Seconded by: McNees

Accounts Payable- Pay the bills in the amount of \$32,357.52.

Motioned by: Helton
 Seconded by: Rudicil

Sand Lake Fire Department Report

Motioned by: Gokey
 Seconded by: McNees

Department of Public Works Report

Motioned by: Gokey
 Seconded by: Rudicil

Clerk/Treasurer Report

Motioned by: Helton
 Seconded by: Doerr

Agenda additions

- 1A. VFW Tri Corner Post 7912 gift of Memorial property.
- 1B. Snow Much Fun Event Application

Motion Made by Gokey, with support by Wright, to accept the agenda, with additions.
AIF. Motion Carried.

Motion Made by Helton, with support by Rudicil, to accept the December 2, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes, with noted correction.
AIF. Motion Carried.

Motion Made by Doerr, with support by McNees, to accept the November 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes, with noted correction.
AIF. Motion Carried.

Motion Made by Helton, with support by Rudicil, to pay the bills in the amount of Thirty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars and Fifty-Two Cents (\$32,357.52)
AIF. Motion Carried.

Motion Made by Gokey, with support by McNees, to accept and file the Fire Department Monthly Report.
AIF. Motion Carried.

Motion Made by Gokey, with support by Rudicil, to accept and file the Department of Public Works Monthly Report.
AIF. Motion Carried.

Motion Made by Helton, with support by Doerr, to accept and file the Clerk/Treasurer Monthly Report.
AIF. Motion Carried.

Old Business

1.Sale of alley to Greg Maki (new owner of 29 Lake Street building). \$5,000 for property plus expense of benches, planters and additional beautification of space, as well as upkeep expenses.

Motioned by: Helton
Seconded by: Doerr

Motion Made by Helton with support by Doerr, to table the sales of the Village parcel (previously an alley) until Trustee Helton is able to speak with the township assessor and look into bids.
AIF. Motion Carried.

New Business

1.Event Application for Sand Lake Chamber of Commerce

Motioned by: Helton
Seconded by: Doerr

Motion Made by Helton, with support by Doerr, to approve the Sand Lake Chamber of Commerce event application for Santa Claus visiting the Village.
AIF. Motion Carried.

1A. VFW Tri Corner Post 7912 gift of Memorial property

Motioned by: Gokey
Seconded by: Helton

Motion Made by Gokey, with support by Helton, to table the discussion of accepting the Memorial Property gift until the details of the property being split can be looked into further.
AIF. Motion Carried.

1B. Snow Much Fun Event Application

Motioned by: Helton
Seconded by: Wright

Motion Made by Helton, with support by Wright, to table the approval of the Snow Much Fun Event application and have them work with the Chamber of Commerce then come back to the Council for approval.
AIF. Motion Carried.

2. Property delinquencies dispute-249 E Lake Street

Motioned by: Helton
Seconded by: Doerr

Motion Made by Helton, with support by Doerr, to waive the penalties and late fees on 249 E Lake Street.
Motion Carried.

ROLL CALL

Y Hayden _Y_ McNees
Y Doerr _Y_ Rudicil
N Gokey _Y_ Wright
Y Helton

3. 4th of July race start-Cedar Springs Cross Country

Motioned by: Wright
Seconded by: Doerr

Motion Made by Wright, with support by Doerr, to table the approval of the 4th of July Cedar Springs Cross Country Race event and have them work with the Chamber of Commerce then come back to the Council for approval.
AIF. Motion Carried.

4. Social Media Policy

Motioned by: Gokey
Seconded by: McNees

Motion Made by Gokey, with support by McNees, to table the discussion of a social media policy until it is inclusive for the Village of Sand Lake.
AIF. Motion Carried.

5. Retreat with City Manager in one of our surrounding municipalities to help us bounce off ideas of what we can do for the future of the Village of Sand Lake.

Discussion was had about free trainings from Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority and Miller Canfield.

6. Building committee report

7. Resolution for water & sewer bills.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Trustee Helton gave an update from the committee meeting. A meeting needs to be arranged between the Village and Township to determine what to do about the repair needs

Discussion was held about the resolution presented and its effect as a whole, not just for one situation and where the Governor's orders currently stand.

Public comment opened 8:36 pm

Tracy Quinlan 411 E Lake Street: Have a couple of comments.

1. Has the Village received a letter of engagement from Bloom Sluggett?
 2. Where is the President's report?
 3. Be sure to be careful about understanding the Open Meetings Act.
 4. Why is there no prayer before meetings anymore?
 5. Why is there no Public Comment at the beginning to allow tax payers to comment on agenda items before decisions are made?
- Ms. Quinlan also stated that the resolution was for places that had opted to receive a specific CARES ACT grant funding.

Robyn Britton, Nelson Township: Welcome and thank you to the new Council. It has been great working with you so far. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I look forward to 2021. We look forward to working together and getting things done.

Public comment closed 8:39pm

Marcia Helton: Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kevin Wright: Inquired about a comment Tracy Quinlan made during public comment about Open Meetings Act. Tracy Quinlan responded saying how the previous council had issues when Trustee Wright asked if when they were sworn in does that count as an Open Meeting? Tracy replied that she was not sure of that but perhaps more along the lines to four council members being in the office while policy was being mandated. They both shared their recollection of the conversation that occurred that day. Trustee Wright inquired about an email that the Zoning Administrator sent to the council members discussing the opt in for the Village and how sales tax is returned to the communities that have opted in. Tracy Quinlan explained how the revenue tax is to work, how opting in or opting out works as well the places that revenue come into the Village for Village operating expenses, etc. Trustee Wright inquired as to if these business owners are afraid to come to the council or why they are talking to Tracy.

Tracy Quinlan clarified that she is the zoning and ordinance administrator and it was brought to her first hence why she emailed the council informing them. Trustee Wright began discussing the research has been done on his part and what he has learned about the MRA. Trustee Wright does not feel like we should assume we will get hundreds of thousands of dollars by opting in.

There being no further business to discuss...

Motion Made by Gokey, with support by McNees, to adjourn.
AIF. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52pm.

Motioned by: Gokey
Seconded by: McNees

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Gokey, Clerk/Treasurer