



2 E Maple St. Sand Lake, MI 49343
December 18, 2023 7:00pm

Regular Council Meeting Minutes Approved

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag: Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm
2. Roll Call
Doerr: Absent Wright: Present Helton: Present Merritt: Present
Christensen: Present Latham: Absent Camilleri: Present
3. Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Helton to adopt the agenda with adding to Unfinished Business b. Chamber of Commerce Winterfest update. Seconded by Camilleri.
4. Presidents Report: No Report
5. Consent Agenda: Motion to adopt the consent agenda by Camilleri. Seconded by Christensen. Motion Carried.
 - a. Minutes from November 20, 2023 Regular Meeting
 - b. Minutes from November 24, 2023 Special Meeting
 - c. Accounts payable: December Bills
 - d. Cash Receipting and Account Balances
 - e. Fire Department
 - f. DPW
6. Public Comment: *The purpose of public comment is to allow the speaker's remarks to be heard, It is not meant to be an opportunity to question or debate members of Council and substantive question on issues will not be responded to. All speakers are required to keep to the 3-minute time limit. This ensures consistency and fairness.*

Opened at 7:02- Craig Aronoff, New Standard Attorney, explained they would like to transfer license to new entity. Everything will remain the same at the store.
7. Unfinished Business
 - a. Valley City Sign Quote: Motion made by Camilleri to have parks and rec look at quote and narrow it down. Seconded by Christensen. Motion Carried.
 - b. Chamber of Commerce Winterfest update: Winterfest will be adding activities this year.
8. New Business

- a. Resolution 2023-13 Employee Benefit Stipend: Motion made by Camilleri to adopt resolution 2023-13. Seconded by Merritt. Roll Call: Wright: yes Helton: yes Merritt: Yes Christensen: yes Camilleri: yes
 - b. Marijuana Licenses in the Village: Village attorney went over options the Village can do to allow New Standard to restructure and apply for a license under new entity. New Standards Attorney also spoke on the matter and further explained the situation. Motion made by Camilleri to have the Village attorney amend the current ordinance to allow transfers of Village Licenses with Council approval. Seconded by Christensen. Motion Carried.
 - c. Deans Quote for Parking Lot Behind New Standard: Motion by Helton to table until after a budget meeting. Seconded by Camilleri. Motion Carried.
 - d. 2024 Regular Meeting Schedule: Motion made by Camilleri to accept the 2024 Regular Meeting Schedule as presented. Seconded by Christensen. Motion Carried.
 - e. HR Committee Recommendation (consideration and possible action): Motion made by Christensen to terminate Jason Bergman's employment with the village fire department effective immediately for the reasons stated in the December 15, 2023 letter from Village Council member Wright, and the December 15, 2023 letter from Village HR Committee and based upon the Village Councils finding that continued employment would not be in the best interest of the Village or the Village Fire Department. Seconded by Camilleri. Roll Call: Wright: Yes Helton: Yes Merritt: Yes Christensen: Yes Camillieri: Yes Motion Carried.
 - f. DPW Committee Update: Committee met with Sable Developing and Fleis and Vandenbrink Engineering to discuss brownfield funding for new development. Date does need to be added to update and council would like more thorough updates from committees.
 - g. GVMC Resolution: Motion made by Helton to adopt GVMC Resolution. Seconded by Merritt. Motin Carried.
 - h. Hydro-Corp proposal: H2O Compliance is choosing not to renew contract due to no fault of the Village or Village Employees. DPW Supervisor Bill Cornelisse stated they let him know late November and someone has to be in place by Jan. 1. Motion made by Helton to accept the Hydro-Corp proposal. Seconded by Camilleri. Motion Carried.
 - i. Auditor for 23–24-year RFP: Motion made by Camilleri to send out RFP with clerk and treasurer as points of contact. Seconded by Helton. Motion Carried.
 - j. Master Plan: Scope of Services, Professional Service Agreement: Motin by Camilleri to have the council approve the final draft of the master plan and accept the professional service agreement presented by Main Street Planning. Seconded by Christensen. Motion Carried.
9. Public Comment (Limited to 3 minutes per person): opened at 8:04. No comments.
 10. Council Comment: Opened at 8:05 Helton would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Camilleri and Merritt commented about how well Christmas in the Village seemed to go.
 11. Adjournment: Motion made by Camilleri to adjourn, Seconded by Helton. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting Is January 22, 2023

Minutes Submitted by Donna Westerbrink, Village Clerk