

VILLAGE OF SAND LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
2 E. MAPLE ST
SAND LAKE, MI 49343
DECEMBER 15, 2025 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Doerr, all those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Doerr, Wright, Helton, Camilleri, Latham

Council Members Absent: Christensen

Also present: 15 members of the public

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

A motion to approve the December 15, 2025, agenda as presented was made by Wright, supported by Camilleri. Motion carries.

PRESIDENT REPORT:

The President's report was read by Doerr.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion to approve the December 15, 2025, consent agenda was made by Camilleri, supported by Latham. Doerr- yes, Wright – yes, Helton – No, Camilleri – yes, Latham – yes. Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *(Limited to 3 minutes per person) 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 questions in issues will not be responded to. All speakers are required to keep to the 3-minute time limit. This ensures consistency and fairness.*

Public Comment Opened: 7:03 p.m.

-Craig Moore from Rosie's thanked Ryan for leaving him space to park when he plows.

Public Comment Closed: 7:04 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Sand Lake Chamber Winter Fest:
Contingency plan provided to Council from the Chamber. Chamber representative agreed to change the time to 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
A motion was made by Helton to accept the Event form and contingency plan, contingent on receiving the insurance and liquor license, supported by Wright. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Ice Fishing Contest:
A motion to approve the ice fishing contest event form and fee was made by Camilleri, supported by Helton. Motion carries.
- b. Ordinance 2025-02 Sale of Village Property:
A motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-02 allowing for the sale of Village property was made by Camilleri, supported by Wright. Roll call: Doerr – yes, Wright – yes, Helton – yes, Camilleri – yes, Latham – yes. Motion carries.
- c. Ordinance 2025-03 Rezoning:
A motion to rezone 15 S. 17th St. and 218 Oak St. from R2 to MFR was made by Wright, supported by Helton. Roll call: Doerr – yes, Wright – yes, Helton – yes, Latham – yes, Camilleri – yes. Motion carries.
- d. Letter of Intent:
A motion to accept the Letter of Intent from Chris Stieg was made by Wright, supported by Latham. Motion carries.
- e. Fire Department Discussion:
Discussion about Fire Department and options.
Helton asked about the 6% email to Pierson township, and about talking to Nelson Township about taking over.

Motion to authorize the Village President to enter into negotiations with the City of Cedar Springs for the provision of fire and related services consistent with tonight's discussions and contingent on final review and approval of the contract by the Village Council was made by Wright, supported by Camilleri. ~~Helton No.~~ Motion carries.

Motion to authorize the Village President to send a letter to Ensley, Pierson, and Nelson Townships advising that the Village intends to cease providing fire and related services at the end of the current contract term was made by Wright, supported by Camilleri. ~~Helton No.~~ Motion carries.

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Public Comment Opened: 7:49 p.m.

-Theresa Jerome, a resident of both the Village and Nelson township, does not want to lose coverage. Appreciated the numbers that were provided.

Public Comment Closed: 7:51 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMENT:

Wright raised concerns about where Helton was receiving information. Asked her to speak directly with Village officials and staff.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. was made by Wright, supported by Cammilleri. Motion carries.