

Village of Wolverine
5714 West Main Street
Wolverine Village Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2021

Call to Order: President Ralph Ochs called meeting to order at 7 pm

Roll Call: Council members, Rhonda Ford, Rick Johnston, Dennis Holden, Ann Ford; Treasurer Laurie Holden, President Ralph Ochs, Clerk Susan Beitel

Absent: Council members Tansy Sloan and Kris Holden

Guests or Audience: None

Adopt/Amend Agenda: Motion to adopt by Rick Johnston, supported by Rhonda Ford, verbal vote unanimous, motion carried.

Clerk Minutes: Motion to adopt by Rick Johnston, supported by Ann Ford, verbal vote unanimous, motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Motion to adopt by Rhonda Ford, supported by Dennis Holden, verbal vote unanimous, motion carried.

Financial Report: Motion to adopt by Dennis Holden, supported by Ann Ford, verbal vote, unanimous, motion carried.

Payment of Bills: Motion to adopt by Dennis Holden, supported by Rhonda Ford, roll call vote; Rhonda – yes, Rick – yes, Dennis – yes, Ann – yes, motion carried.

Presidents Report:

- A project report was filed to finish the 2000 linear feet on S. Straits Hwy in the same area as the project just completed to finish up that stretch within the village limits, that request is pending and will post updates as they come in
- A reminder that AMAC has been approved to start drilling for soil and water contamination samples around Cedar Street & South Straits Hwy and they expect to start in the near future
- Kimberly Bunker called with concerns that repair work being done by the village was encroaching on her property, specifically where gravel was delivered for road work. Every effort was made through survey, Equalization maps, and property site plans to show there was no such encroachment and a letter sent to Ms. Bunker with supporting documents as well as a copy sent to village legal representative Timothy MacArthur. It was recommended in the letter that if there were any differences in the future the matter be brought up before council at one of its regularly scheduled meetings where it can be discussed openly and resolved.
- Great News from the Census! In 2010 the number of residents in the village was 244, the initial results from the 2020 census showed a decrease in residents down to 232. However, the final certified report showed the population of the village had increased to a population of 309. This is great news for the village as this is an increase in revenue from the state that will help with many needed projects and repairs going forward. Since 263 cities & villages reported a population decline, the village showing growth is a positive reflection of actions being taken. The village can be proud that we rank 9th overall for growth in the state at just over 26 percent increase.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Board: None

Community Center: Community center has seen an increase in rentals over the past month.

Rink: None

Parks & Recs: None

Zoning: None

Development & Advisory Committee: None

Old business:

- The project to expand the number of showers for campers at the Lumberman's Park is wrapping up and will be ready for use for the new season in the spring.
- Weather permitting the park will stay open for campers until the end of November
- There has been black dirt added to the park in key places where needed, metal is scheduled soon on the bathroom/shower building, and water risers extended to better accommodate the RV sites. All these improvements will help to attract campers and generate much needed revenue for the community.

New Business:

- Updates on the progress of the Master Plan for the village are still moving forward, Ralph is in contact with NEMCOG, they've told us there are many municipalities this year seeking the same services; however, we expect to still meet the same target date of completion by the Jan/Feb predicted date.
- As many have noticed the Hwy 27 project south of Ballard Street is done on time and under budget. The road is fully open to traffic again and the village thanks its residents for their support and patience during the project.
- Partial payment of the ARPA funds that have been approved for the village have been received, these funds are restricted to water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure within the village. Council is discussing the best way to utilize the funds to benefit the village and its residents.
- Council received notice that the current ordinance officer has stepped down and council will need to fill the position. If anyone is interested in the position of Village Ordinance Enforcement Officer they are welcome to attend the next meeting to inquire.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Susan Beitel

Ralph Ochs

Village Clerk

Village President