**Village of Wolverine**

**5714 West Main Street**

**Wolverine Village Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MAY 16, 2022**

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

**Members Present:** Council members, Rhonda Ford, Rick Johnston, Tansy Sloan, Ann Ford; President Ralph Ochs, Clerk Susan Beitel

**Absent:** Kris Holden, Dennis Holden, Treasurer Laurie Holden

**Guests:** Brian O’Connor, Scott Mann

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

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

**Correspondence:** None

**Treasurer Report:** Motion to adopt by Rhonda Ford, supported by Tansy Sloan, verbal vote unanimous, motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Motion to adopt by Rick Johnston, supported by Tansy Sloan, verbal vote unanimous, motion carried.

**Payment of Bills:** Motion to adopt by Ann Ford, supported by Tansy Sloan, roll call vote unanimous, motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fire Board:** None **Community Center:** Rentals picking up

**Rink:** None **Parks & Recs:** See presidents report below.

**Zoning:** None **Ordinance:** None

**Planning Committee:** Master Plan moving along as scheduled

**Development & Advisory Board:** None

**President’s Report:**

* Park improvements continue to be made to accommodate more campground use and increased river recreational traffic throughout the summer season.
* Cleanup day on May 14th was a great success, many of the residents participated and it was a great weather day for the crew. Thank you to all the residents, council, and the volunteers that participated as a community to make it happen.

**Old business:**

* Council is still looking for someone to hire to act on behalf of the village to enforce the blight ordinance within the village. With final approval of the village blight ordinance in 2021 a motion was made to hire a village ordinance enforcement officer at a rate of $50 per hour and to provide appropriate uniform shirts, identification, and other necessary equipment (as needed) to carry out duties required by the council. The village blight officer will be required to report all contact and correspondence with residents as blight officer to the council at each monthly meeting. Any persons interested in applying for this position should contact the village President, Ralph Ochs at 231-420-0808, or village Clerk, Susan Beitel at villageoffice@src-milp.com.
* Council briefly discussed the proposal by the village library to purchase the entire building it is currently located in, and council decided to table the discussion until the full council was present at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

* President Ochs requested from council a resolution to purchase a replacement engine for the Kubota tractor that the village relies heavily on for maintenance in the village. The projected costs for the replacement engine are expected to as much as $3500. Council discussed the situation, options, and voted to pass a resolution to purchase a replacement engine for the villages Kubota tractor.
* A motion for a resolution to approve funds for the replacement of the engine in the Kubota tractor in the amount of $3500.00 was made by Ann Ford and supported by Rhonda Ford. A roll call vote was unanimous, and the motion was passed.
* It was noted that the street sign for Martha and Paul was missing from the pole.
* Brian O’Connor was at the meeting and was welcomed back by council after a winter of challenges. He expressed his great joy at being back home in such a great and friendly community and was pleased to see such a successful cleanup day. Brian also noticed a need to address the many billboards that line the fence along the I-75 off-ramp at the northbound Wolverine exit. He noticed that some of the signs were no longer relevant and should be taken down.
* Brian O’Connor also proposed the formation of a Village Parks and Recreation Committee to address multiple reasons such as the growing concerns of maintaining structures and grounds, creating a river maintenance fund, developing a trash and recycling program, addressing concerns of the local residents use of parks, and a program to reinvest in the parks equipment and upgrades. Council will take this under consideration and discuss it further at the next meeting.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Rick Johnston; support by Tansy Sloan, motion passed, 8:43pm.

Susan Beitel Ralph Ochs

Village Clerk Village President