**Village of Wolverine 5714 West Main Street**

**Wolverine Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes August 8, 2022**

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

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

**Absent:** Council member Dennis Holden, Treasurer Laurie Holden

**Guests:** Sue Warner, Margeaux Rumbel, William Dubois, Krista Dubois, Wendy Young, Brian O'Connor, John Henley, Scott Mann, Rob Lucal.

**Adopt/Amend Agenda:** Motion to adopt agenda made by Tansy Sloan, supported by Rick Johnston, verbal vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**Clerk Minutes:** Motion to adopt minutes made by Rick Johnston, supported by Tansy Sloan, verbal vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None

**Treasurers Report:** Motion to adopt the report was made by Rhonda Ford, supported by Tansy Sloan, verbal vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Motion to adopt the Clerks financial report was made by Rhonda Ford, supported by Rick Johnston, verbal vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**Payment of Bills:** Motion to pay the bills was made by Ann Ford, supported by Tansy Sloan; roll call vote unanimous to pay the bills as presented.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fire Board:** None

**Rink:** None

**Community Center:** Available for rent w/full kitchen

**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:**

* President reports there was an incident in the park of vandalism to the pay box at the RV dump, measures have been taken to shore up security coverage within the park to avoid any further occurrences. Council was asked to approve an upgraded security system that

would include wired and wireless cameras that would alert designated persons to suspicious activity in the park. The package presented would include a security system from Maxim security system for $3,000 and another $400 for installation of internet Wi­ Fi services from Sunrise out of Onaway with full service monthly rates and "off-season" reduced rate when campground closed. Motion to approve the budget for the purchase and installation of the system was made by Tai Babcock with support from Rick Johnston. Roll call vote was unanimous to approve, motion carried.

* + Will Fitzpatrick has approached Ralph regarding the position of enforcement officer stating he has some prior experience. Ralph went over the requirements of the position with him and is presenting his recommendation to hire him on a trial basis. A motion was made by Rick Johnston, supported by Tansy Sloan, verbal vote was unanimous to hire Will Fitzpatrick on a 30 trial basis.

**Old Business:**

**e** Several representatives from the Wolverine Library were in attendance and presented copies to council members of a written offer to purchase for the community center, contingent upon the approval of a USDA grant for which the Library has applied. The offer, among other points included a purchase price of $125,000 with a clause authorizing the Village Council to remain in the office they presently occupy, at no cost, for a period of2-1/2 years from the date of sale with the ability to renew if needed. Following some discussion Council asked Susan Warner and the others if they would accept a counteroffer of$135,000 with a clause authorizing the Village Council to reman in the office they presently occupy for a period of five years at no cost, with option to renew, among other considerations to be detailed in the formal contract. Tal Babcock noted that he supported the Library's offer of $125,000. Anne Ford then made a motion to accept the Library's offer contingent on the Library Boards final approval and Rick Johnston seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Anne Ford; Yes, Tal Babcock; Yes, Ralph Ochs; Yes, Rick Johnston; Yes, Tansy Sloan; Yes, Rhonda Ford; Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

* + Jim Dubois as representative of the Lumberjack festival presented to council the opportunity to hold the festival in the large park the first weekend of August 2023. They requested access to set up on Friday with the event taking place on Saturday and Sunday.

The festival board is willing to work with council to accommodate the requirement by EAGLE to keep the required campground sites open to the public. The goal is to enlist local companies involvement for food and drink, bring in carnival rides and lumberjack shows and competitions as well as other activities for the benefit of the community. A motion was made by Council member Tansy Sloan to approve the festival in the large park, supported by Tal Babcock. Roll call vote was taken. Rhonda Ford; Yes, Tansy Sloan; yes, Rick Johnston; Yes, Tal Babcock; Yes, Ralph Ochs; Yes, Anne Ford; No. Motion was passed.

* Council member Tal Babcock requested that council bring up the subject of a re-vote on whether or not to draft an ordinance to opt in to allow a Marijuana dispensary within the village limits. Tansy Sloan made a motion to draft an ordinance to opt in and the motion was seconded by Tal Babcock. The roll call vote was as follows: Anne Ford; No, Tal Babcock; Yes, Ralph Ochs; Yes, Rick Johnston; Yes, Tansy Ford; Yes, Rhonda Ford; Yes. Motion was passed.

**New Business:**

* Council member Tal Babcock introduced a program, Campspot.com, as a means to help manage the campground reservations at the large park as the village continues to see it grow successfully. Council sees this as a good opportunity to streamline this process and would like to have a rep come in and present a full accounting of their services.
* Susan Warner presented a letter as Library Board Director informing council that Sue Vandenhoek's seat on the Library board has expired and has requested that council consider reappointing her to the Library board for another four year term. Tal Babcock made a motion to reappoint Sue Vandenhoek to fill the seat. The motion was seconded by Anne Ford, verbal vote was unanimous, motion carried.
* Richard Goddard reported that there are two streetlights with issues that need to be fixed, the issue has been reported to Consumers Energy.
* Anne Ford suggested some improvements to the campground such as: Orange flags on poles next to water and electric posts, signs for visitors to clean up after their pets, fencing around the cold patch, and fire rings at the campground.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rhonda Ford, supported by Tansy Sloan; meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

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