**Village of Wolverine**

**5714 West Main Street**

**Wolverine Village Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**November 14, 2022**

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

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

**Absent:** Council memberAnne Ford

**Guests:** Scott Mann and Trustee-elect Carla DeVoll

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

**Clerk Minutes:** Motion to adopt by Rhonda Ford, supported by Tal Babcock, verbal vote unanimous, motion carried.

**Correspondence:** MI Sparks grant program email alert for qualifying municipalities

**Treasurer Report:** Motion to adopt by Rick Johnston, supported by Dennis Holden, verbal vote unanimous, motion carried.

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

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fire Board:** None

**Community Center:** Still Available for rent; call the office.

**Rink:** Now located in the south park across from the Depot Shop.

**Parks & Recs:** Campground/bathrooms are now closed for the season

**Zoning:** None

**Ordinance:** Planning mtg in Dec will address marijuana ordinance

**Planning Committee:** A review is scheduled for January of 2023, to be announced.

**Development & Advisory Board:** None

**President’s Report:**

* Ralph announced that the campground and bathrooms are officially closed this season as of Tuesday, November 15th.
* EVIP report is complete and will be submitted online this week ahead of schedule.
* For those who may have noticed the work being done on the bridge at Trowbridge road, this is now complete and the bridge has been cleaned of any rust and debris, reinforced with thick steel plates where needed, and coated with rust inhibitor, sealed with multiple coats and painted which should provide years of low maintenance use and hassle-free inspections.
* For whatever reason, well-drillers have been swamped this season, but we are still moving forward with plans to put a well in the south park before the ground freezes this year.
* Much work has been done on Roosevelt Street in the past couple of weeks to prep it for the season and it will be a priority in the spring when the council talks about their spring projects and priorities.

**Old business:**

* The issue of the marijuana rezoning efforts is making progress as the village’s attorney, Tim McCarthy, met with Ralph and council member Dennis Holden to discuss the steps necessary to put an ordinance in place. That starts with the Planning commission and then moves to the council. Details will be provided as they become available.
* Tal Babcock has started a Facebook group for the small park project to raise awareness and funds for playground equipment and other needs in the park to create a space for the residents they can enjoy year-round. He will be following up on a lead on a MI sparks grant program that the village may qualify for, but these are the things He and the council are looking for to bring people together to work on improving the park. If you have any time or resources to devote to this project, please contact Tal or email us at villagecontact@src-milp.com, and we will reach out to you.

**New Business:**

* Many may have noticed that Depot Street has been recently paved, which it was in desperate need of. This road is getting to be quite busy with the new business of the Depot Shop and the relocation of the Rink this winter in the small park. We ask that people be cautious on that small stretch of road for pedestrians. As soon as they can be obtained, signs will be posted on Depot street restricting large trucks and a crosswalk will be established from the park to the Depot Shop with a sign to make drivers aware of pedestrians. PLEASE SLOW DOWN AND GIVE THEM THE RIGHT OF WAY. Know what you should do and what you **must** do at Michigan.gov: <https://www.michigan.gov/msp/divisions/ohsp/safety-programs/pedestrian-safety>

LET’S KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE AND BE THEIR EYES FOR THEM!

**Adjournment:** Rick Johnston made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm with support by ??. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Susan Beitel Ralph Ochs

Village Clerk Village President