**Village of Wolverine**

**5714 West Main Street**

**Wolverine Village Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**November 13, 2023**

**Call to Order:** President Ralph Ochs called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

**Absent:** One vacant council member seat

**Guests:** Marina & Skip Neumaier, Jamie & Porter Jacklitch, Duane & Penny Goddard, Sarah Coale, and Sue Vandenhoek

**Adopt/Amend Agenda:** Motion to adopt agenda made by Rick Johnston, supported by Carla DeVoll; the verbal vote was unanimous, and the motion was carried.

**Clerk Minutes:** A motion to adopt October minutes was made by Tansy Sloan, supported by Dennis Holden; the verbal vote was unanimous, and the motion was carried.

**Correspondence:** None

**Treasurer’s Report:** Motion to adopt treasurer’s report made by Tansy Sloan, supported by Rick Johnston; the verbal vote was unanimous, and the motion was carried.

**Financial Report:** Motion to adopt the financial report made by Rick Johnston, supported by Carla DeVoll; the verbal vote was unanimous, and the motion was carried.

**Payment of Bills:** Motion to approve the payment of bills made by Rick Johnston, supported by Carla DeVoll. The rollcall vote was unanimous, and the motion was carried.

**Presidents Report:**

* President Ochs reported that the sale of the community center building is now complete as of November 1, 2023. It was a long process, and the president appreciates the hard work and dedication of everyone involved to see the library have the opportunity serve the community in more ways with the added space. The Village Office will continue to serve the community from its current space at the back of the building on the lower level.
* The president reports that one citation was issued in the last month to a resident to clean up some blight.
* The president reports that the paperwork necessary to make the transfer of the Johnson Oil company parcels to the village is complete.
* The Lumberman’s Park campground bathrooms and showers are all now closed for the season. The plumbing has been winterized and we look forward to a more active year in 2024 with some anticipated changes and improvements coming soon to the parks.

**Old Business:**

* As a follow up to the last meetings discussion several options were presented regarding investing some of the village’s funds into three 20-thousand-dollar CD’s. Horizon bank offered the best rate and term, and a motion was made by Ralph Ochs to have the treasurer initiate the process to transfer $60 thousand dollars to Horizon bank to purchase 3 - $20 thousand dollar CDs for a term of 9 months or an equivalent alternative. Dennis Holden supported the motion. A roll-call vote was taken, and the vote was unanimous to move said funds.
* Many have noticed that the well drilling truck is still in the small park, without going into detail, there were some delays beyond the drillers control, however, we have been experiencing a good flow for several days and once the well is complete it will be a great addition to the small park allowing for more activities and amenities while at the park year-round.

**New Business:**

* The council discussed possible investment ideas regarding the recent deposit from the sale of the building to the library. This included some ideas and suggestions for financial support for the small park equipment currently being considered for purchase.
* Marina Neumaier approached the council members with information and suggestions regarding obtaining funding for all new playground equipment in the small park at the request of Council member Tal Babcock. Tal has been working diligently on how the village can update the playground equipment in the small park and provide a new basketball/ice rink court located in the small park as well. Much of these visions require funds the village doesn’t have, however, Marina Neumaier has experience in the financial arena and working with writing grants and has graciously agreed to help council apply for a grant that could help make the plans a reality quicker. More information will be forthcoming as it is available. Thank you, Marina, for your help, time, and support!

**Adjournment:** Tansy Sloan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm. Carla DeVoll supported the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Ralph Ochs Susan Beitel

Village President Village Clerk