

**Village of Wolverine
5714 West Main Street
Wolverine Village Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2024**

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

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

Absent: One vacant council member seat

Guests: Steve & Marina Neumeier; Sarah Coale

Adopt/Amend Agenda: Motion to adopt agenda made by Tansy Sloan, supported by Rick Johnston; the verbal vote was unanimous, and the motion was carried with the following additions to the agenda: Capital Improvement Plan update; Revised Asset Management Plan; and the Cheboygan County Hazard Management Plan.

Clerk Minutes: A motion and support to adopt the following minutes was made as follows:

- February 12 regular meeting minutes: Rick Johnston, second by Dennis Holden, unanimous vote.
- February 12 Budget Meeting minutes: Rick Johnston; second by Carla DeVoll, unanimous vote.
- February 20 Budget Meeting minutes: Rick Johnston; second by Carla DeVoll, unanimous vote.
- February 20 Franchise agreement minutes: Dennis Holden; second by Rick Johnston, unanimous vote.

Correspondence: Inspection reports provided by The Corner Pharmacy

Treasurer's Report: Motion to adopt treasurer's reports for February was made by Carla DeVoll, supported by Rick Johnston; the verbal vote was unanimous, and the motion was carried.

Financial Report: Motion to adopt the financial reports for February was made by Tansy Sloan, supported by Tal Babcock; 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 Dennis Holden. The rollcall vote was unanimous, and the motion was carried.

Presidents Report:

Old Business:

- After years of working with DTE to bring Natural Gas to residents east of the elementary school, we were recently informed by DTE that they have budgeted for the project to supply the residents in the aforementioned area to commence early in 2024 and we expect service lines to be

installed in the rights-of-way of Sholes St, Martha St, and Vroman Street. Residents can expect construction in the area in the near future.

- Council member Tal Babcock and Marina Neumeier presented an updated Capital Improvement Plan for the village for the years 2024-2029. This is necessary to apply for certain grants the village is pursuing to make improvements to the children's park on Depot Street. A motion was made by Tal Babcock to accept the revised plan, Dennis Holden seconded the motion, and the verbal vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The park grant plan will be submitted by the April 1st deadline.
- The village is still considering applicants for the Clerk position or a part-time accountant. Please see Ralph Ochs for more information.
- The village is seeking to enter into a commitment with Cheboygan County to enforce their blight issues within the village. Dennis Holden made a motion to give Ralph Ochs the authority to oversee the process and enter into an inter-agency agreement on behalf of the village. Carla DeVoll supported the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

New Business:

- After a discussion among those present, it was decided that the fee for the campground will increase this year. It is the first increase since the park opened. The sites with full hook-up will be \$30 and \$25 for rustic sites. People can continue to contact Ralph for reservations and questions.
- A motion was made by Tal Babcock to approve the revised Asset Management Plan for the village for the years 2024-2026. Rick Johnston supported the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- The Cheboygan County Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved after a motion by Rick Johnston, seconded by Tansy Sloan with a unanimous vote.
- Spring clean-up is just around the corner and will be in May again this year. Please watch for flyers with more information and the website for updates. This year's date is May 11th at the Lumberman's park from 9am – 2pm.

Adjournment: Carla DeVoll motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm. Tal Babcock supported the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Ralph Ochs

Susan Beitel

Village President

Village Clerk