

Village of Wolverine  
5714 West Main Street  
Wolverine Village Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2024

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

**Council Members Present:** Robert Wallin, Tal Babcock, Rick Johnston and Dennis Holden. Also present; Laurie Holden, Treasurer; Ralph Ochs, President and Dawn Benac, Clerk.

**Absent:** Council Member Carla DeVoll and Council Member Tansy Sloan

**Guests:** None

**Audience:** None

**Adopt/Amend Agenda:** A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Robert Wallin and supported by Rick Johnston. The verbal vote was unanimous, and the motion was carried.

**Clerk Minutes:** The motion to adopt regular minutes for September 9th was made by Robert Wallin, supported by Tal Babcock, the verbal vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None

**Treasurers Report:** The motion to adopt the report was made by Robert Wallin, supported by Tal Babcock, the verbal vote was unanimous, and the motion was carried.

**Financial Report:** The motion to adopt the Clerks financial report was made by Rick Johnston, supported by Tal Babcock, the verbal vote was unanimous, and the motion was carried.

**Payment of Bills:** The motion to pay the bills was made by Robert Wallin, supported by Rick Johnston and the verbal vote was unanimous to pay the bills as presented.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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| <b>Fire Board:</b> None         | <b>Parks &amp; Rec:</b> None |
| <b>Rink:</b> None               | <b>Ordinance:</b> None       |
| <b>Zoning:</b> None             |                              |
| <b>Planning Committee:</b> None |                              |

**President’s Report by Ralph Ochs:**

- General Fund allocation was discussed for 2025 fiscal budget. Last 10 years budget to actual pretty even with our allocations. Will have allocations at November meeting.
- All road shoulders are being backfilled before winter or the county will not plow. This project is completed until next year.
- The quarterly public well test by the end of October.
- S. Straights Hwy Project use Wade Trim and looking for plan and cost between \$25-30K hopefully in November.
- Quality Assurance Bridge inspection is complete.

**Old Business:**

- Gazebo water. Contracted Whitetail Drilling DH services to complete with proposed date of October 28<sup>th</sup>. Ralph will be on site to supervise. Will use the remaining COVID funds that are to be depleted by October 31, 2024.
- Grainger Survey from last fall complete. Need approval to pay additional bill since title search took so long. The motion was made by Dennis Holden, supported by Tal Babcock and the verbal vote was unanimous to pay the additional bill.
- Further discussion at the meeting ensued regarding the purchase of a portable rink at the Village office at reasonable price. The motion to approve the rink project was made by Dennis Holden, supported by Robert Wallin and the verbal vote was unanimous to go forward with the project. Ralph Ochs to arrange the purchase and present cost at November meeting.

**New Business:**

- Internet service with Spectrum. Laurie, Village Treasurer, is making contact for a meeting to see what they offer vs our current supplier AT&T.
- North Pole electrical upgrade. \$21,000 approved with February 2025 budget. Consumers is ready to work on the upgrade of the meter hub and 320 amp source. Will be ready within 10 days. Beebe sent contract and wants \$10,000 up front for material. When hub is ready Ralph will pick it up in Boyne City. Ralph Ochs made a motion to pay an invoice by Beebe for the additional 10 campground sites. The motion was made by Rick Johnston, supported by Bob Wallin and the verbal vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.
- Prior to the regular village meeting council members met at the village rink to inspect the facilities.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Robert Wallin and supported by Dennis Holden and the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.

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