

**Village of Ravenna
Regular Meeting
January 3rd 2017**

The regular meeting of the Ravenna Village Council was called to order by President Kathy Bensinger at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Members present: Kathy Bensinger, Steve Dohm, Bill Leszinske and Gordy Plescher.

Absent: E. Davis – unexcused

Also: S. Patterson DPW supervisor, Mike Pierson of the Ravenna Independent, and Barbara Marczak of Prein & Newhof.

Leszinske moved **Plescher** seconded to approve the December 6th Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried. 4/0

Dohm moved **Leszinske** seconded to approve the December 12th Public Budget Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried. 4/0

Dohm moved **Leszinske** seconded to approve the December 12th Special Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried. 4/0

Dohm moved **Leszinske** seconded to approve the January 3rd Regular Meeting Agenda as presented. Motion carried. 4/0

Committees and Employee Reports:

DPW supervisor Patterson: The warm weather has prevented the ice rink from opening up over the past couple weeks the DPW have been working on it and preparing it so it can open with the cooler temps approaching. The DPW have been working on taking care of the hazardous trees around the village limits. There have been some truck repairs that have been done on the trucks. So far the village is good with winter salt we do have two more loads to fill our agreement.

Old Business:

Barbara Marczak of Prein & Newhof was present to give an SAW Grant update.

The projects have been prioritized and final numbers are being gathered. The village does not qualify for a grant. Once the final figures are in the village will be pursuing a USDA loan to help pay for the upgrades. The Sanitary is system is in pretty good shape, the lift stations and sewer pond work needs to be done per the DEQ. Steve and Barbara will be gathering more information on the SAW Grant monies and bond information for the next meeting.

New Business: **Bensinger** appointed Adam Berciunas and John Morey to the planning commission terms running through January 1, 2020 and Joe Mrnka to a term through January 1, 2019 (to finish the term of Gordy Plescher who was elected to the council) all in favor. 4/0

Dohm – Gave an update on the Recreation Authority (formally known as the Quality of Life program) So far only Muskegon Township is the only municipality in the program. Steve Dohm suggests that the village could form their own authority to take care of the village needs. The matter was tabled.

Dohm moved **Leszinske** seconded to pay bills as presented. Motion Carried 4/0

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Dee Hazen, Village Clerk

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