

Village of Ravenna
2024 Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes
May 7th, 2024

The regular meeting of the Village Council was called to order by Village President Steve Dohm with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 PM at the Village of Ravenna meeting room at 12090 Crockery Creek Drive.

Members Present: Steve Dohm, Steve Dodson, Kent Boersema, and Gordy Plescher

Members Absent: Shari Luce

Staff present: Emily Carrigan and Geoff Nelson

Public present: Phil Annis Ravenna Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Chairman and 7 residents.

Boersema moved **Dodson** supported to approve the April 5th, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion Carried 4/0

Dodson moved **Plescher** supported to approve the May 7th, 2024 Agenda as presented. Motion Carried 4/0.

Public Comment: One resident mentioned she was not able to access DDA information on the website. She also stated there has been a lot of speeding on Main Street and would like the Village to look into getting something to put on the speed limit signs to make them more noticeable. Her last concern was regarding absences on the council. Another resident had questions on speeding in the Village limits and who to call. The resident was asked to call 911 for either Muskegon County Sheriff or Michigan State Police to respond.

Public hearing for the proposed Amendment No 2 to amend the Amended DDA TIF Plan opened at 7:06 PM

Ravenna DDA Chairman Phil Annis reported on DDA activities since the inception of the Tax Increment Financing Plan was adopted (2004-2024). There was public discussion on sources of the revenues and expenditures as well as the broad plans that the DDA has according to the TIF Plan. The council members and 4 residents had questions and comments. Additional public comments were solicited. Public comments and Public Hearing closed at 7:41pm.

Adoption of Ordinance & Resolutions: **Plescher** moved **Dodson** supported to adopt Ordinance No. 161 An Ordinance to Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Village of Ravenna Downtown Development Authority. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Plescher, Boersema, Dodson, Dohm. Nays; None Absent: Luce. Motion Carried 4/0. Ordinance No. 161 declared adopted.

Plescher moved **Boersema** supported to adopt Resolution #2024-04-05 Resolution to Authorize Various Street Closures and Use and Thatcher Park for the 2024 Ravenna Dog Daze. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Plescher, Boersema, Dodson, Dohm. Nays; None Absent: Luce. Motion Carried 4/0. Resolution #2024-04-05 declared adopted.

Dodson moved **Plescher** supported to adopt Resolution #2024-05-05 Resolution to Authorize Various Street Closures for the 2024 Ravenna High School Senior Parade. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Plescher, Boersema, Dodson, Dohm. Nays; None Absent: Luce. Motion Carried 4/0. Resolution #2024-05-05 declared adopted.

Boersema moved **Dodson** supported to adopt Resolution #2024-06-05 Resolution to Authorize Various Street Closures for the 2024 Memorial Day Parade. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Plescher, Boersema, Dodson, Dohm. Nays; None Absent: Luce. Motion Carried 4/0. Resolution #2024-06-05 declared adopted.

Old Business: Clerk Carrigan read an update from Flawless IT regarding the new website for the Village. The website is completed but waiting on the state to issue a .gov domain. The existing domain, www.ravennami.com will continue to exist and be redirected to the new domain.

Business Office Report: Clerk Carrigan reported that the audit is complete. This month she has been completing normal duties along with mailing numerous letters to residents. She received an update from S&S Construction that the exterior remodel will start no later than July 1st. Carrigan read a letter from Gary Redmon with the Ravenna Pub requesting the use of the municipal parking lot for Dog Daze. **Dodson** moved **Boersema** supported to allow Ravenna Pub to use the municipal parking lot on July 13th, 2024. Motion Carried 4/0. St. Catherine's asked permission for St. Catherine's to have a Corpus Christi Procession on June 2nd starting at noon leaving St. Catherine's south on John St to Stafford St then east to Thomas St and north on Thomas St and ending at St. Catherine's cemetery. The Ravenna Area Fire Department will escort and traffic along those streets will be temporarily restricted as the procession passes. **Boersema** moved **Dodson** supported to authorize St. Catherine's to have a Corpus Christi Procession on June 2nd starting at noon. The Clerk is authorized to issue as many golf cart permits needed for the duration of the event. Temporary road closures will be John St, Stafford St, and Thomas St with a Ravenna Area Fire Department escort. Motion Carried 4/0.

DPW Report: DPW Manager Geoff Nelson reported the DPW have been working on the parks with spring sports in full swing. MISS DIGS for utility work are still being completed. Trees have been cut down in Conklin Park and the DPW will rent a stump grinder to

finish the job. The 2nd round of discharge has been completed and is good until fall. Dixon Engineering came and looked at the water tower and he is awaiting a response. Nelson has talked with the Pastor at Ravenna Baptist Church and the church community will be donating their time to paint the water hydrants in town. **Plescher** moved **Dodson** supported to allow the (Flawless) IT to spend up to \$2,000 on a new laptop for the water filtration plant.

New Business: Carrigan explained the Ravenna SRO/PINS position. The Village is not interested in spending money for the current proposal but is interested in improving public safety in SE Muskegon County.

Plescher moved with support by **Dodson** to pay the bills as presented. Motion Carried 4/0

Misc.: President Dohm has recognized the resignation of Gordy Plescher, Geoff Nelson, and Sarah Deal from the DDA. Dohm moved (separately) and Dodson supported (both motions) to appoint Alicia Raap to the DDA with a term expiring in 2027 and to appoint Kelly Kesling to the DDA with a term expiring in 2027. Motions Carried 4/0.

Newsletter: Newsletter has been sent out

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Carrigan, Clerk