

**Village of Ravenna
Regular Meeting
August 4th 2015**

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

Members present: Dennis Wildfong, Kathy Bensinger, Steve Dohm, Harold Drake

Absent: Bill Leszinske - unexcused

Also: DPW Supervisor Steve Patterson, Clerk Hazen, Mike Pierson of the Ravenna Independent and Mark Eisenbarth Muskegon County Administrator.

Drake moved **Bensinger** seconded to approve the July 7th Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried.

Dohm moved **Bensinger** seconded to approve the August 4th Meeting Agenda with amendment of adding 13. A. Closed session for discussion of employee benefits. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Mark Eisenbarth Muskegon County Administrator was present to introduce himself and offer any assistance for any needs the village may have.

Phil and Lisa Annis were present to discuss their storm water issue with council and look for assistance in correcting the problem with water in there basement after hard rains. Steve Patterson will check with B&B Environmental Services to see if the problem can be located.

Correspondence: Letter was read from The Ravenna Youth Football Club for the use of Conklin Park for their fall season. Permission granted.

A letter was read with concerns of safety and parking along Main St during parades. Letter will be sent to local organizers of parades with the safety concerns and requesting larger vehicles be accompanied by a person walking next to the vehicle handing candy out instead of throwing it from the vehicles.

Ordinances and Resolutions: Resolution: The amendment to the Noxious Weed Ordinance was tabled to the September meeting for further review.

Dohm moved **Drake** seconded to authorize Clerk Hazen to sign the Consumers Energy Standard Lighting Contract Resolution effective 6/2/2015. Motion Carried

Committees and Employee Reports: DPW Supervisor S. Patterson reported that they have been patching streets in preparation of the chip and sealed project that is to begin next week. Jones Electric now has the parts for the pump at the lift station and should have it repaired shortly.

Dohm moved **Bensinger** seconded to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried

Miscellaneous: Kathy Bensinger wanted to mention what a great job the new Zoning Administrator Eric Mayeaux is doing. The rest of the council agreed. Steve Dohm wanted to remind new construction sites to use the silk fencing for safety purposes. Dohm also would like to look into alternate route for the Dog Daze road closers.

Meeting went to closed session at 8:00 p.m.

Open session at 8:13 p.m.

Dohm moved **Drake** seconded to Authorize MERS to proceed with the Defined Contribution projection study for \$700. and establish a Defined Contribution plan for qualified new Village hires as of January 1, 2015. The Village will contribute 5% with an additional matching contribution of another 2% of the employee earnings for a maximum Village contribution of 7% of the employee earnings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Dee Hazen, Village Clerk