

**Village of Ravenna
Regular Meeting
February 3rd, 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, Bill Leszinske, Harold Drake and Steve Dohm
Also: DPW Supervisor Steve Patterson, Clerk Hazen, Mike Pierson of the Ravenna Independent, and one resident.

Leszinske moved, **Bensinger** seconded to approve the January 6th regular meeting minutes as presented.
Motion carried.

Dohm moved, **Drake** seconded to approve the February 3rd regular meeting Agenda with Drake amending and Dohm seconding to correct the 2014 to 2015. Also moved: To go to closed session to discuss legal advice from old business after the Newsletter. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Resident Billie Picklesimer had questions on how the new road tax was going to affect the village residents. Wildfong suggested that she should contact our State Representatives and or Senator.

Correspondence: A letter from the Summer Rec Club was received from Bill Funk asking for permission to use Conklin park ball fields starting April, 2015 thru July, 2015. They will work with the other clubs on scheduling. Approval was given upon receipt of the \$100 clean up deposit.

Ordinances and Resolutions: No ordinances or resolutions.

Committees and Employee Reports: DPW Supervisor S. Patterson reported that they have been working on plowing and cleaning streets. Patterson also wanted to know about summer help. He felt we should start running the ad now.

Clerk Hazen reported the audit date is set to begin March 16th. Clerk received a quote from Super Clean to have the office carpets cleaned. Drake moved Bensinger authorized Super Clean to clean the carpets for \$273 as quoted. Motion Carried. Clerk Hazen presented the quote from CCS to replace the computer that is outdated at the filtration plant. Dohm moved Leszinske seconded to purchase the computer from CCS for \$948.99. Motion Carried. Council asked that Clerk Hazen run an ad in the Ravenna Independent for the two openings on the Planning Commission.

Old Business: Review of the water ordinance showed that the rates need to be updated to reflect the correct dollar amounts.

New Business: None

Bill Payment Approval:

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

Misc: Steve Dohm is working with GVSU's Community Outreach Program to help clean up Conklin Park.

Dohm moved Leszinske seconded to have GVSU's Community Outreach Program not to exceed \$500 to clean up Conklin Park on March 21st from 1pm – 3pm. Motion Carried

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. for closed session to discuss legal advice.

Re-opened regular meeting at 9:02.

Dohm moved Leszinske seconded to keep BCN insurance as presented with the employee contribution staying the same with the Village incurring the cost of the increase which is roughly \$300 per month, leaving the wages for the full time employees to remain the same. Motion Carried. Dohm moved Leszinske supported to increase the monthly MERS contribution to \$1500 from the current \$907. Motion Carried.

Bensinger moved Leszinske seconded to approve a pay increase of .50c per hour for the Clerk and Treasurer effective February 2nd 2015. Motion Carried. 5/0

Finance Committee will meet with the full time employees the same day they have their entrance interview with the auditors.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Dee Hazen, Village Clerk