

**Village of Ravenna
Regular Meeting
October 6th 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, and Bill Leszinske

Also: DPW Supervisor Steve Patterson, Clerk Hazen, Mike Pierson of the Ravenna Independent, Ed Garner of Muskegon Area First, Nathan Neal and Amanda Cardinal of Five Star Realities, Phil & Lisa Annis, Kathy & Megan Riggs, Alysse Goeree, Susan Sample and Tim Linck.

Leszinske moved **Drake** seconded to approve the September 1st Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried. 5/0

Drake moved **Bensinger** seconded to approve the October 6th Meeting Agenda as presented. Motion carried. 5/0

Public Comment: Ed Garner of Muskegon Area First is working with Rogers Printing preparing a Tax Abatement. He will present this at a special meeting at the village on the 19th of October.

Leszinske moved **Drake** seconded for a special meeting to be held on the 19th of October at 7pm to present Roger Printing tax abatement request. Motion Carried 5/0

Nathan and Amanda were present with some changes for the Fam Fall Fest & Pumpkin Dash taking place on October 25th from 1-6. They requested that the hours be 1-6 instead of the original 2-6. They also requested the use of the parking lot between 5th 3rd bank and the pharmacy for additional porta johns and the use of two golf carts for information and security.

Dohm moved **Drake** seconded to authorize All About Entertainment and Nathan Neal & Amanda Cardinal to host the Fam fall Fest and 5 Star Realities to close Stafford from Crockery Creek to Main Street from noon to 6. Also a permit for a one day pass for 2 golf carts with flashing lights on the public roads in the Village of Ravenna, and for use of the parking lot for the porta johns. Motion Carried. 5/0

Susan Sample was present to request that any questions regarding the Master Plan be directed to her. She also had sign issues and was directed to the ZA and the planning commission.

Steve Dohm would like permission from the village council to present a site plan to the planning commission for clearing the vegetation off parts of the Schram Rd property which would make it into a walking trail. Kathy Riggs was present in favor of Steve Dohm's idea of the walking trail and would like to offer the help of the girl scouts. **Drake** moved **Bensinger** seconded to present the site plan to the PC and that nothing is started without council approval. Motion Carried 4/0

Tim Linck was present with the offer of donating between \$50,000 to \$100,000 for the renovation and/or upgrade of the baseball fields at Conklin Park, with the stipulation the fields be named after his parents. The council suggests that Mr. Linck get together with the parks committee and other affected organizations to come up with a plan to present to the Village and Planning Commission.

Correspondence: The resignation of PC Chairman Todd Huyser was read and also an invitation for a campaign kick-off celebration for Dennis Luce for Sheriff.

Committees and Employee Reports: DPW Supervisor S. Patterson reported that the 2nd pump at the lift station that was originally approved to be repaired for \$10,000 cannot be repaired due to "concealed damage". The total cost of a new pump would be \$21,175. **Dohm** moved **Leszinske** seconded to give S. Patterson the authority to get a firm quote from Kennedy Industries of \$21,175 for the pump, installation and any added cost. Motion Carried 5/0
Patterson had a camera go thru the drain under the State Farm building to see if would help figure out their water issue. They feel they found the issue and can resolve the issue with the tile when Phil has his parking lot redone. OMM will be asked to help consult on the water flow.

Patterson will also contact Prein & Newhof regarding mapping of the drain under the SAW grant.

The bathrooms at the parks will be open 24hrs again during the week and closed on the weekends at night. Chip and Seal is done. Still working on the Valve turning program. Clerk Hazen received a rebate check from BCBSM & BCN. **Dohm** moved **Drake** seconded to distribute the refund directly to the employees their portion paid per the rules. Motion Carried 4/0

Utility Committee was unable to make contact with the resident with their excessive water overage. So any relief is void and will be added to the tax bill for collection.

New Business: Sewer rates were tabled until the special meeting on the 12th for more information.

Dohm moved **Bensinger** seconded to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried 5/0

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Dee Hazen, Village Clerk