

**Village of Ravenna**  
**2020 Regular Meeting and 2021 Budget Public Hearing**  
**December 1<sup>st</sup> 2020**

**The Ravenna Village Council** was called to order by President Steve Dohm at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance. Members Present: Steve Dohm, Dennis Luce, Gordy Plescher\*, Kent Boersema\* and Gary Marsman\* Also: DPW Geoff Nelson\*, Clerk D. Hazen and Mike Pierson\* of The Ravenna Independent \*(via telephone & ZOOM)

President Steve Dohm opened Public Hearing on the 2021 Budget at 7:02PM

Public comment: No comments were made.

The budget proposed is to fund the 2021 operations of the Village of Ravenna and the millage rate is not increasing and is 8.2764 on all taxable property within the limits of the Village of Ravenna.

Public Hearing on 2021 Budget closed and Regular meeting resumed at 7:04 PM

**Plescher** moved **Boersema** seconded to approve the November 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting as amended DDA 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting not DDA 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried 5/0

**Luce** moved **Boersema** seconded to retain Steve Dohm as Village President. Motion carried 5/0

**Luce** moved **Dohm** seconded to retain Gordy Plescher as President Pro-Tem. Motion carried 5/0

**Leszinske** moved **Plescher** seconded to approve the remaining agenda as presented. Motion carried 4/0

Luce moved Boersema supported to approve **Resolution #2020-22-12** Resolution to allow the sale of Sunday alcohol sales between 7am – 2 am of the following Monday... Roll Call: Ayes: Dohm, Luce, Marsman, Plescher and Boersema. Nays: None Resolution 2020-22-12 declared adopted 5/0

**Clerk Hazen:** Presented the 2020 Budget adjustments

**Boersema** moved **Plescher** supported to approve the 2020 budget adjustments. Motion carried 5/0

**Luce** moved **Plescher** supported to approve #3 Change Order for the phase 3 pump on the south lift station (Thatcher Park). Motion carried. 5/0

**DPW Manager Nelson:** DPW has been busy winterizing equipment and parks. Putting up Christmas lights on the tree downtown. Cleaning up the guardrail that was damaged in a hit and run. Will check with Muskegon County Road Commission for repair estimate and will submit it to insurance. New gate valves are being installed at the sewer ponds as part of the USDA bonded sewer project. The Ford pickup truck (used for parking lots and cul-de-sacs) will get new tires this month. EGLE has changed reporting requirements. With reports due next week, DPW Manager Nelson is still waiting on new reporting software to become available from EGLE.

The December **Planning Commission** is canceled due to COVID-19 meeting restrictions, but a site plan review will be scheduled through zoom for the Ravenna Baptist Church once required information becomes available. ZA Plescher is working with the Ravenna Baptist Church to gather the required information for the site plan for a driveway from Heights-Ravenna Rd.

President Dohm presented the proposed 2021 budget. Crockery Creek Drive resurfacing and completing sidewalks on Stafford St are two planned projects for 2021. After the audit is presented in June 2021 and if funding is available, the budget could be amended to move Mortimer and Blackmer chip and seal with fog seal projects up into 2021.

**Luce** moved **Boersema** supported to adopt the 2021 budget as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Dohm, Luce, Marsman, Plescher and Boersema. Nays: None Motion carried 5/0.

Council approved to retain: Brickely Delong, Mika Meyers, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Michigan Township Services, AAA lawn care and ZA Gordy Plescher.

Committees: Personnel-Marsman & Luce; Utilities-Plescher & Boersma; Finance-Dohm & Boersma; Parks-Dohm & Marsman; Streets-Luce; DDA-Plescher & Dohm; Planning-Dohm; Building and Grounds-council; Zoning Board of Appeals-council. **Dohm** moved **Marsman** supported to approve the renewals and committees. Motion carried 5/0

**Luce** moved **Plescher** supported to approve the bills as presented. **USDA #9 \$107,006.12** Motion Carried 5/0

**Misc.-** Discussion was held regarding an offer put in on the Village property on Slocum Rd. Gordy Plescher will take the lead and follow up with the interested parties.

**Dohm** moved **Luce** supported to go into closed session for employee reviews at 8:17 PM Motion carried 5/0

Resume open session at 9:02 PM

**Dohm** moved **Boersema** supported to increase hourly employee wages \$.75 for DPW manager & Technician 1 positions & Clerk and \$.50 for all other staff including seasonal. Motion carried. 5/0

**Plescher** moved **Dohm** supported to keep merit bonuses same as 2020. Motion carried 5/0

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Dee Hazen, Village Clerk