

**Village of Ravenna
2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
January 5th, 2021**

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

Members Present: Steve Dohm, Gordy Plescher, Denny Luce, Kent Boersema, Gary Marsman (via telephone & ZOOM) *

Members Absent: None Staff present: Clerk D. Hazen; DPW G. Nelson. (via telephone & ZOOM) *

Public present: Mike Pierson of the Ravenna Independent.

Plescher moved **Luce** supported to approve the December 1st Regular and Budget Public Hearing meeting as presented. Motion Carried 5/0

Luce moved **Marsman** supported to approve the January 5th agenda as presented. Motion Carried 5/0

Public Comments: None

Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions: None

Clerk: Working on closing out 2020 preparing 2021 files. Clerk Hazen contacted M-Live regarding the littering of their "free" paper that they through in residents' yards. Clerk Hazen was told that the resident themselves has to call or go online a request to stop receiving the paper. Clerk Hazen stated that there is a littering ordinance that is being violated!!! M-Live is checking into the matter. Clerk Hazen has prepared the paperwork for the USDA loan Draw #14/10 \$97,343.23.

DPW: Geoff Nelson reported that the DPW put in a new sewer service, they have been plowing, patching what holes they can and will begin tree trimming. Looking into a software program that will keep track of fire hydrant maintenance.

Old Business: Dohm **Moved** Boersema **supported** to terminate the contractor's, McCormick Sand, risk insurance policy for the 2019 USDA bonded sewer project. Motion carried 5/0

New Business: Complaint procedure- looking into a program to make them available for all council members to review. There is a major concern with the delinquent utility bills, as of January 2021 they are totaling approximately \$9,500. Residents are highly encouraged to contact the village office to set up a payment plan or contact their local human services agency for assistance. Potential to add Beechnau Elementary drive from Hts Ravenna to our road inventory for ACT 51 reporting was discussed. Steve Dohm will follow up with RPS Superintendent Helmer to see if there is interest from RPS and if so Geoff Nelson will add to the road inventory list to be certified by MDOT.

Plescher moved **Luce** supported to approve the bills as presented. **USDA loan Draw #14/10 \$97,343.23** Motion Carried 5/0

Misc.: Luce **Moved** Plescher **supported** for Steve Dohm to sign Change order #4. Motion Carried 5/0

Newsletter: Next newsletter will be in October.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Hazen, Village Clerk