

Village of Ravenna
20202 Regular Meeting Minutes
July 7th, 2020

The regular **Ravenna Village Council** meeting was called to order by President Steve Dohm at 7:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance. Members Present: Steve Dohm, Denny Luce, Gordy Plescher, Eric Davis.

Absent: E-Gary Marsman

Others Present: Clerk D. Hazen, DPW Supervisor G. Nelson, Mike Pierson (Ravenna Independent) and 2 area residents.

Davis moved **Luce** supported to approve the June 2nd regular meeting as presented. Motion Carried 4/0

Luce moved **Davis** supported to approve the July 7th agenda as presented. Motion Carried 4/0

Public Comments: Gloria DeJonge was present regarding the vehicles and semi's speeding on Heights-Ravenna Rd. Gloria mentioned that she has contacted the Muskegon County Sherriff's department and the Michigan State Police previously. The Village Council will investigate options on what can be done to reduce speeds: including but not limited to adding a 4-way stop at Blackmer & Heights-Ravenna Rds., and using a mobile radar speed sign. The council will also look for sustainable options to fund a police officer through the Muskegon County Sherriff's Partners in Neighborhood Safety (PINS) Program for future budget years. Annual costs for an officer through the PINS program range up to \$140,000.

Mary Dee Housler was present with question regarding the water wheel not working at Thatcher Park. The DPW had over 16hrs of labor and \$150 in parts totaling about \$460 for repairs and had it up and running for the month. However, the latest storms and normal water wear have damaged it to a point that repair is no longer practical. The Village Council is looking into replacement options and will seek financial help from area organizations.

Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Davis moved **Plescher** supported to adopt Resolution #2020-19-07 Resolution TO DESIGNATE THE TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RAVENNA DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AS THE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF RAVENNA BROWNFEILD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ROLL CALL-Plescher-Aye, Davis-Aye, Luce-Aye and Dohm-Aye Resolution #2020-19-07 declared adopted 4/0. Marsman-absent.

Clerk: Power outage June 11th &12th left the office without power and internet. Clerk Hazen has prepared the paperwork for the USDA loan Draw #4/8 \$277,828.19. The last water bill reading was an actual reading after months of estimated readings due to COVID restrictions. The last water bill included overages from past months and many water customers called with questions.

DPW: Geoff Nelson reported that worked on the Waterwheel, irrigation, and trees lots of trees to clean up from the storm. Main St and Stafford has a couple trees that are too big for the Village to take care of will get quotes from tree services. DPW will be finishing up hot patching streets and shave shoulders. Dan Nutt of Moorland Township had asked if they could hire to put up street's signs for them that the county won't do.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Luce moved **Davis** supported to approve the bills as presented. Motion Carried 4/0

Misc: Letter will be going out to residents with private sewage lift stations.

Discussion on Village of Ravenna Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) legal, administrative and audit costs from 2013-2019. A resolution to assess those costs to the BRA will be added to the August agenda.

Letter was given to the council from Prein & Newhof, Lift Station Project Engineer, that they had sent to McCormick Sand, Lift Station Project General Contractor, regarding the Lift Station Project weekly work plans and progress updates. The two parties along with Village representatives will have an on-site meeting to discuss those topics and clarify general contractor expectations.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Hazen, Village Clerk