

Village of Ravenna
2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
June 2th, 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; Gary Marsman
Others Present: Clerk D. Hazen, DPW Supervisor G. Nelson, Mike Pierson (Ravenna Independent); Eric VanDop (Brickley DeLong), Bill Funk (Ravenna Public Schools Board President) and 3 area residents.

Davis moved **Plescher** supported to approve the May 5th regular meeting and the May 14th & 21st Special minutes as presented. Motion Carried 5/0

Davis moved **Luce** supported to approve the June 2nd agenda as presented. Motion Carried 5/0

Public Comments: Eric Van Dop from Brickley DeLong, CPA was present to discuss the 2019 Audit. The audit went well. General Fund Balance was at \$332,275 up from last year's \$255,017. The Water and Sewer Funds are heading in the right direction. (2019 and previous audit reports are viewable at <https://treas-secure.state.mi.us/LAFDocSearch/>.) The defined benefit retirement plan through MERS was well funded at 91.76% of liabilities as of the most-recent statement ending December 31, 2018. The 2019 MERS report has not been provided to the Village yet.

Mary Dee Houlser was present with question regarding the water wheel not working at Thatcher Park. Geoff has requested help from the original builder. With COVID-19 and the heavy rains we've had so far this year, it has been difficult to follow up on. Bill Funk, Ravenna Public Schools Board President, outlined a plan for the Senior class of 2020 parade and graduation scheduled for June 19th at 9pm with a June 20th rain date. There were no objections from the council to the proposed plan as this is an official RPS event with necessary liability insurance and fire department assistance directing traffic. The parade will start at the high school and proceed south on Blackmer to Crockery Creek east on Stafford to Mortimer and north on Blackmer to the Citizens Field. The public is encouraged to line the parade route to show support for the class of 2020 and can view the fireworks from their vehicles in the school parking lot. The in person attendance at Citizens Field is restricted due to the latest emergency order related to COVID-19.

Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Davis moved **Luce** supported to adopt Ordinance #155 Prohibition on Recreation Marijuana Establishments and Medical Marijuana Facilities. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Davis, Plescher, Dohm, Luce, Marsman. Nays: - Motion carried 5/0
Ordinance #155 declared adopted

Clerk: Received request from Tim Jones for use of Conklin park baseball field for June-July for travel baseball team. Request was noted with each club working between each other. Clerk Hazen has prepared the paperwork for the USDA loan Draw #3/7 \$102,493.12, Audit went well.

DPW: Geoff Nelson reported that he applied for the Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B grant for Crockery Creek Drive. He expects to hear if we are approved for the 50% funding by September/October. DPW has been flushing hydrants and working on park irrigation. The catch basins have been cleaned out. Still waiting on valves for the South lift station. North lift station is moving along.

Old Business:

Handbook updates – Tabled to August meeting.

New Business: None

Luce moved **Plescher** supported to approve the bills as presented. Motion Carried 5/0

Misc: Water wheel issue referred to the parks committee to review.

Newsletter: Waiting on Republic for spring clean up date with the COVID-19 restrictions recently lifted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Dee Hazen, Village Clerk