

**Village of Ravenna
2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
March 2nd, 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, Kent Boersema, Denny Luce (via telephone & ZOOM) *

Members Absent: Gary Marsman– E

Staff present: Clerk D. Hazen; DPW G. Nelson.

Public present: Mike Pierson of the Ravenna Independent, RHS Superintendent Greg Helmer and Philip Croff of MADL (via telephone & ZOOM) *

Luce moved **Boersema** supported to approve the February 2nd Regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion Carried 4/0

Luce moved **Plescher** supported to approve the March 2nd agenda as presented. Motion Carried 4/0

Public Comments: Greg Helmer gave the Council a presentation on the RHS School Bond Proposal for May 4th 2020. Ballots will be coming out with in the next couple weeks. For more information **visit ravennabond.com**

Philip Croff of the MADL introduced himself as the new Librarian for the Ravenna Branch. The Ravenna Branch is now open to the public Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri 9:00am - 5:00pm Wed 11:00am - 7:00pm – 231-853-6975.

Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions: **Plescher** Moved **Luce** supported **#2021-01-03** To Approve Road and Public Utilities Easement, Accept Jurisdiction of a New Public Street, and Certify said Street into The Village of Ravenna. Resolution Declared Adopted Roll call vote 4/0.

Boersema Moved **Luce** Supported **#2021-02-03** to Authorize Temporary Alley Closure and Use of The Municipal Parking Lot. Resolution Declared Adopted Roll call vote 4/0

There were talks of a future resolution that would cover special event road closers there was discussion and tabled for future.

Clerk: Working on closing out 2020 preparing 2021 files, Chart of account and Budget. Audit Prep- 2021 Audit set for April. Clerk Hazen has prepared the paperwork for the USDA loan Draw #16 \$1,773.00. Clerk read a letter of resignation from Teresa Wingard Village Treasurer effective March 12th 2021. **Treasurer Wingard will no longer be** the LMCU/Choice one Banking accounts. Council thanked Teresa for her years of service.

Treasurer: Outstanding utility bills are roughly at \$8400.00 Letters will go out to residents to help assist them before shut offs occur. Residents are highly encouraged to contact the village office to set up a payment plan or contact their local human services agency for assistance. DPW will start staking out shut off valves in prep for the tentative April 1st shut offs.

DPW: Geoff Nelson reported that they had done a lot of plowing last month. Worked on the Sanitary Survey. OMM is updating the Reliability Study-recommend fencing around our wellheads. Raymer will be out fixing a broken check valve. MRW will be doing an energy efficient audit to assure we are being billed properly.

Old Business: Survey on the Slocum property will be this month

New Business: None

Plescher moved **Luce** supported to approve the bills as presented. **USDA loan Draw #16 \$1,773.00** Motion Carried 4/0

Misc.: None

Newsletter: next month. Spring Clean Up will be May 6th 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Hazen, Village Clerk