

**Village of Ravenna  
2019 Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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, Bill Leszinske, Gordy Plescher, Eric Davis; Gary Marsman (*arrived after agenda was approved*)  
Staff present: Clerk D. Hazen; DPW G. Nelson  
Public present: Mike Pierson (Ravenna Independent); Marydee Housler & Melissa Thatcher (Ravenna Area Historical Society), Billy Picklesimer, Kelly Kesling, and Laura Peterson

**Davis** moved **Leszinski** supported to approve the April 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion Carried 4/0

**Leszinski** moved **Davis** supported to approve the May 7<sup>th</sup> agenda as presented. Motion Carried 4/0

**Public Comments:** Marydee Housler and Melissa Thatcher were present to give an on plans for the proposed depot by the caboose. The area is staked outlining the proposed location. Melissa ask what will be needed when the time comes to move forward with the project. Kelly Kesling (resident) inquired as to why her shed application was denied. She stated that she the manner of the denial was harsh and that she though an approval with condition would have been appropriate. President Dohm will follow up on the situation. Billy Picklesimer (resident) questioned why the utility bill had to increase so much at once. Councilmember Plescher explained that it was 3 increases 1-on the water, 2-sewer and 3-trash. Plescher expanded on the rationale for increases in each area. Plescher also added that with these increases the cost is still much lower then surrounding municipalities.

**Clerk:** Audit went well! A letter was received from RHS Athletic Department for they use of Conklin park for the JV Baseball team. Approval was given that they coordinate with all other organizations (summer rec and soccer) that use the 78ers field. Senator Jon Bumstead will be at the Village office May 17th from Noon to 1PM.

**DPW G. Nelson:** DPW has been working in the parks. The two new summer helpers are working out well. DPW traded in the old mower even up for a new bagger. Geoff is working with the Lions Club on future improvements to the park. Geoff continues to inspect the high hazard cross-connection. Pricing from Hydro Corp are included in council packets for review. New water pump for the water wheel is needed they run around \$300. Laura Peterson, a Lions member, offered to ask the Lions Club to see if there is interest.

**Old Business:**

Approval to the plan for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 5Kubasiak Run/ Walk.

**Marsman** moved **Leszinski** supported for a 1-day golf cart pass for the BABR for the 5Kubasiak Run/Walk. Motion Carried 5/0

**Leszinski** moved **Davis** supported to open the gate to Conklin Park after 10am and have Conklin park walking trail closed from 9am-10am the morning of May 18<sup>th</sup>. Motion Carried 5/0

Handbook updates – Marsman will continue to review the latest draft and make changes as necessary.

**New Business:**

**Leszinski** moved **Davis** supported the resolution to authorize President Steve Dohm to sign the Muskegon County Road Commission's contract for road improvement project on Blackmer Road and Stafford Street in the amount of \$32,664.13.

Roll Call: Plescher- Aye; Davis- Aye; Leszinski- Aye; Marsman- Aye; Dohm- Aye Motion carried 5/0

**Leszinske** moved **Davis** supported to raise the pavilion rental from \$25 to \$40 reservations will not be taken until January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. Motion carried 5/0

**Davis** moved **Leszinske** supported to approve the bills as presented. Motion Carried 5/0

**Misc-** The council discussed resident and business owner complaints and job performance related to the Zoning Administrator.

**Marsman** moved **Plescher** supported to have the lawyer start the dismissal process for the ZA. Motion Carried 4/0 with Leszinski abstaining.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dee Hazen, Village Clerk