

**Village of Ravenna
2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
September 1st, 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, Denny Luce Absent: E-Gary Marsman Others Present: Clerk D. Hazen, DPW Supervisor G. Nelson, Mike Pierson (Ravenna Independent), Steve Patterson, Attorney Jason Kolkema & Jessica Moore.

Davis moved **Plescher** supported to approve the August 4th regular meeting as presented. Motion Carried 4/0
Luce moved **Davis** supported to approve the September 2nd agenda as presented. Motion Carried 4/0

Public Comments: Jason Kolkema is running for Muskegon County District Court Judge introduced himself and explained why he feels he's the best candidate for the position.

Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Village Council sitting as the Board of Appeals: Applicant Steve Patterson, property owner, explained the background on the property at 12161 Hts. Ravenna Road and answered the Board of Appeals questions. The Board of Appeals discussed the requirements for the variance and concluded the lot was a legal non-conforming lot as well as determined findings of fact related to the variance. **Dohm** moved **Luce** supported to adopt Resolution #2020-21-09 Resolution REGARDING APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE FROM THE EXSTING SETBACK REQUIREMENTS AND MINIMUM LOT SIZE REQUIREMENTS ON A LEAGAL NON-CONFORMING LOT IN THE R-2 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. [Scott Bowen – 12161 Hts. Ravenna Road] ROLL CALL- Plescher-Aye, Davis-Aye, Luce-Aye and Dohm-Aye Resolution #2020-21-09 declared adopted 4/0. Marsman - absent.

Clerk: Kerry of Republic Services, who is retiring, introduced his replacement Jack. Prepared the workers compensation audit. Ravenna Soccer club requested use of Conklin Park - council approved with the condition that the field times be coordinated with other clubs. Clerk Hazen will be assisting with the November 3rd election at the township hall and asked that the regular council meeting date be changed. The regular November meeting will also include the preliminary 2021 budget. Personnel committee will work on employee reviews in October to be completed before the regular November meeting. Clerk Hazen has prepared the paperwork for the USDA loan Draw #6/10 \$253,926.10. **Luce** moved **Plescher** supported to move the November 3rd regular meeting to November 5th. Motion Carried 4/0

DPW: Geoff Nelson reported that the DPW is continuing work on road drainage and patching streets. Lead & Copper testing samples will be sent to homes 9/2/2020. One of the old trucks was sent to Miedema's Auction. Another old truck is being repaired and will be sent to Auction next month. The DPW repaired the fence at Conklin Park damaged by fallen trees, flushed hydrants and is looking into roof replacement on the baseball pavilion. The Village has received several requests from organizations outside of the area for use of the baseball fields for tournaments. The requestors will be referred to the Village Council Parks Committee to work through details.

Old Business: Park committee looking into replacing the broken water wheel in Thatcher Park in the 2021 budget.

New Business: Dixon Engineer Service Agreement for the water tower inspection: **Plescher** moved **Davis** supported to allow DPW supervisor Geoff Nelson to sign the Service agreement with Dixon. Motion carried 4/0
Dennis Luce summarized his finding and recommendation for a traffic control trailer which will be added to the 2021 budget. Work will be done to add signs to a snowmobile route and the 2021 budget may have a portion reserved for snowmobile enforcement if MCSD or the DNR will do it for the Village.

Plescher moved **Marsman** supported to approve the bills as presented. **USDA loan Draw #6/10 \$253,926.10** Motion Carried 4/0

Misc: Concern was brought up with Golf Carts speeding around town. A red golf cart with three rear-facing seats was seen being driven by an underage driver with an adult present. A letter will be sent to the owner and if the practice continues a municipal civil infraction will be issued at the very least.

Newsletter: Next newsletter will be in October.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Dee Hazen, Village Clerk