

**Village of Ravenna
2023 Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes
November 7th, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Village Council was called to order by Village President Steve Dohm with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 PM at the Village of Ravenna meeting room at 12090 Crockery Creek Drive.

Members Present: Steve Dohm, Shari Luce, Steve Dodson, Kent Boersema, and Gordy Plescher

Members Absent:

Staff present: Emily Carrigan and Geoff Nelson

Public present: Mike Pierson with the Ravenna Independent, Zach Lahring, Peggy Manzer, and 2 residents

Luce moved **Dodson** supported to approve the October 3rd Regular Meeting minutes. Motion Carried 5/0

Dodson moved **Plescher** supported to approve the November 7th Agenda as presented. Motion Carried 5/0

Public Comment

Peggy Manzer presented the status of the Senior Foot Care program using the allocated money from the Muskegon County Senior Mileage. The Village of Ravenna and Ravenna Township for the past 3 years have been pooling funding received from the Muskegon County Senior Millage. 25% is available to municipalities who apply and receive approval from their county commissioner and funding is distributed based on the 60+ population. The Village is grateful to Peggy Manzer for administering senior programs in our community. September ended their 3rd fiscal year for the program which started out with 26 senior residents and now up to 74 senior residents.

Resident brought up speeding from the north Village limit on Blackmer south onto Mortimer or Blackmer. Speed trailer is a great asset but DPW Manager will investigate cost for post mounted speed radar signs.

Business Office Report: Clerk Carrigan has reported there has been no update with the MEDC Brownfield reporting error. MML Audit is complete. Clerk and Treasurer have been working on a refuse billing discrepancy with Republic.

Plescher moved **Dodson** supported to move the January 2nd, 2024 meeting to January 4th, 2024. Motion Carried 5/0.

DPW Report: DPW Manager Nelson reported a lot of vandalism to the Conklin Park west bathrooms.

Boersema moved **Plescher** supported to buy a trail camera. Motion Carried 5/0.

DPW Manager Nelson also reported the first round of treated sewage discharge has been completed and samples for the second are also completed. Hook up for the funeral home is completed along with the storm sewer.

2024 Draft budget was discussed.

Adoption of Ordinance & Resolutions: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: DDA Informational Meeting with Muskegon County Commissioner Zach Lahring present. Lahring would like a written plan that is infrastructure based from DDA for the tax increment financing plan that is set to expire.

Plescher moved with support by **Dodson** to pay the bills as presented. Motion Carried 5/0

Misc:

Luce moved **Plescher** supported to continue the same Merit Bonus as last year. \$100 gift card to Ravenna Foods for full time employees and Office staff and \$50 gift cards from Ravenna Foods for seasonal workers. Motion carried 5/0.

Luce moved **Boersema** supported to pay \$4,000 to the Lions club for bleachers at Conklin Park. Motion Carried 5/0.

Ravenna Christmas parade will be held on December 2nd, 2023 at 6:00PM. Parade route is Main St from Rodgers Printing to Stafford and ending at Linck Insurance. The Village welcomes any donations to the Village's float.

Dodson moved **Luce** supported to allow the business office to spend up to \$200 on the parade float. Motion Carried 5/0.

Newsletter: Next newsletter will be sent out in January.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Carrigan, Clerk