

APPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2024

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The meeting was called to order by President Charles at 6:00pm
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Formation of the roll was taken, and a quorum was declared:

Roll Call:

Fred Charles P Joe Farrington P (via phone) Erin Randall P Patty Priest P
Jennifer Spearling P Bernard Russell P

Staff Attending: Lyndon Randall P

A quorum was declared.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was offered by Trustee Farrington seconded by Trustee Spearling to approve the agenda. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

President's Report: President Charles reported that interviews for clerk and treasurer are going on and there is one open trustee position.

Public Comment: Jon Houserman commented on the Masonic Lodge and the exhaust fan that needs to be fixed. He purchased the part needed and asked the DPW to help fix it.

Approval of the Previous Month's Regular Minutes: Trustee Farrington made a motion to approve the previous month's minutes, seconded by Trustee Spearling. **Motion carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Approval of Previous Month's Special Meeting Minutes dated January 29, 2024: Trustee Farrington stated that there needed to be corrections made to the proposed minutes, indicating that the Clerk and Treasurer left the meeting before adjournment and that Trustee Eavey informed him that this was a special meeting and only agenda items can be discussed. Further, that the meeting was adjourned immediately after the comment from Trustee Eavey. Finally, the statement made by Trustee Priest should be omitted. Trustee Farrington made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes with corrections, seconded by Trustee Randall. **Motion carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Approval of Previous Month's Special Meeting Minutes dated February 13, 2024. Trustee Farrington made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Spearling. **Motion carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Approval of Previous Month's Special Meeting Minutes dated February 15, 2024. Trustee Spearling made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Priest. **Motion carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Approval of Accounts Payable: Trustee Randall made a motion to accept the Accounts Payable Report, seconded by Trustee Russell. **Motion carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Approval of Accounts Treasurer's Report: Trustee Randall made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Spearling. **Motion carried by voice vote, as presented.**

DPW Report: Superintendent Randall reported that they have been dealing with recent snow storm and clean up. He reported that the lift station flood at the corner of Elizabeth and Fuller Streets has been taken care of with the help of the City of Ionia. He commented on the well system is being looked at for a potential broken wire and a quote was received and has been budgeted for. He commented on the possibility of going back to on-call on the weekends due to the wells not being checked on the weekends. Lastly, he commented on medical control recommends that the Fire Department have a secure internet line.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets, Water/Sewer & Fire Committee: Trustee Spearling stated that the water tower needs have updates and presented a quote for said updates. A motion was made by Trustee Spearling for the water tower updates as stated in the quote, seconded by Trustee Farrington. **Motion was carried by voice vote, as presented.** Further, Trustee Spearling stated that Smart 911 is changing to Rapid SOS and the community should be made aware.

Finance & Grants Committee: Chairperson Randall stated that work is being done on the new budget for 2024-2025.

Ordinance Committee: Chairperson Farrington nothing to report.

Personnel Committee: Chairman Priest stated that they are working on new employees and more applications had come in and interviews are on Wednesday. Trustee Spearling made a motion to amend the policy to go back to on-call for DPW starting Friday. Trustee Farrington had questions regarding the on-call process. The motion was tabled, and a personnel committee meeting will be schedule to discuss the on-call process. Trustee Spearling discussed hiring Neil Hammerbacher to help with training the new office staff. A motion was made by Trustee Randall to hire Neil Hammerbacher, seconded by Trustee Spearling. **Motion carried by voice vote, as presented.**

Parks & Recreation Committee: Trustee Russell nothing to report.

DDA: Chairperson Farrington- Chairperson Farrington reported that they have a meeting in March and are moving forward with changes.

Events Committee: Chairperson Priest reported that the bands have been booked for Island Fest.

Council Comments: DPW Superintendent Randall stated that he and Cody will be attending the Michigan Rural Water Conference in Mt. Pleasant in March. Trustee Priest commented on the open trustee position Rich Spaans was in the audience and is interested in joining the council. Trustee Priest made a motion to appoint Rich Spaans to the open position. Trustee Farrington suggested that it be tabled until further discussions can be had.

Unfinished Business: None

Correspondence: Letter from Vrjure, a newly formed West Michigan-based technology solutions firm. This correspondence was tabled.

New Business: There was discussion of the recent Clerk, Treasurer, and Trustee resignation.

Trustee Farrington left the meeting. Jon Moxey of Fleis & Vandenbrink arrived.

Jon Moxey discussed the recent bid opening that was done for the Tabor Street Project. He stated that eight bids were received, seven of which were under budget. He stated that Miller Brothers of St. John's were the lowest bid and CL Trucking was the second lowest bid. He stated there was about a \$50,000 dollar difference. He stated that MDOT does not require the Village to award the project to the lowest bidder.

A motion was made by Trustee Randall to award the Tabor Street Project to CL Trucking and move forward with the contract and sign the contract, seconded by Trustee Spearling. A roll call vote was taken;

President Charles- yea
Trustee Farrington- absent
Trustee Spearling- yea
Trustee Randall- yea
Trustee Russell-yea
Trustee Priest-yea

Motion carried with 5 yea's.

Jon Moxey discussed the Construction Engineering Services Contract for Fleis & Vandenbrink that is needed to be signed for the Tabor Street Project.

A motion was made by Trustee Spearling to approve the Construction Engineering Service Contract for Fleis & Vanderbrink, seconded by Trustee Priest. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was offered by Trustee Russell, seconded by Trustee Spearling to adjourn the meeting at 6:55p.m. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by Erin Randall, Trustee