



## Regular Council Meeting – Monday, February 3, 2025

Council Present: Jason Blemaster, Cathy Feighner, Jerilou Gallagher, Keith Kaminski, Jim Mayer & Rick Wilson

Also, Present: Janell Dunham, Julie Henry & John Ney (later attended)

President Janell Dunham called meeting to order 7:02 pm

Motioned by Rick Wilson, seconded by Cathy Feighner, to accept January 6, 2025, meeting minutes with the correction of Jim Mayer being absent. Motion carried. 6 – YEAS 0 – NAYS

Motioned by Jason Blemaster, seconded by Jerilou Gallagher, to accept the agenda with addition of (C) Main Street chip sealing. Motion carried. 6 - YEAS 0 - NAYS

Motioned by Jerilou Gallagher, seconded by Cathy Feighner to accept the transaction report. Motion carried. 6 – YEAS 0 – NAYS

Motioned by Cathy Feighner, seconded by Rick Wilson, to pay the current bills. 6 – YEAS 0 – NAYS

Motioned by Jim Mayer, seconded by Rick Wilson to accept the Special Meeting minutes. Motion carried. 6 – YEAS 0 - NAYS

### **DPW – JAN 25**

#### **Water**

- DEC Monthly Operating Report and sample results submitted 1/7/24, DEC bacti sample 1/6/24
- Alarm call at 4:14 AM 1/22/25 upon investigation provided additional heat source in water tower to combat low temperatures in the lower tower area.
- 1 emergency service shut off for frozen/broken pipes
- Water meters installed to date – 100
- Hydrant to be replaced @ Allor/Esley intersection, order was cancelled by Municipal Supply as they have shut down operations.
- Quote received from EJ for replacement hydrant and hydrant repair kits.
- Spicer to request remaining funds from TMF grant to be used for additional service line verification.
- Continue to look for clarification of galvanized service lines needing replacement or not/.
- EGLE Site Survey was conducted 1/15/25. Discussion took place concerning Reliability Study, General Plan and Capital Improvement plan all being overdue for update.
- Spicer to provide quotes for WRS (water reliability study) and General Plan work.

#### **Wastewater**

- NO lagoon discharge in January/DEC Discharge Monitoring Report submitted.
- Capacity Study for lagoon system was delivered by Spicer and sent on to EGLE, phone discussion fullered. Met with EGLE on 1/9/25 to discuss lagoon capacity with no further discussion as of this date.
- New interpretation of Discharge Permit for Lagoon will lead to samples being delivered to lab every day of a discharge and the day after a discharge is finished.
- Typical lagoon discharge days now include 3 trips to the lagoon area and one trip to Alma Wastewater Lab, these requirements significantly take up most of the regular workday.
- Battery replacement on Lakeside Dr Lift Station #1 Generator complete.
- Air compressor maintenance at Lakeside Dr Lift Station #1.
- Lagoon aerators in operation after phase lost, troubleshoot by Town & Country, repair by Consumer Energy.
- Betz residential sewer pumping station required repairs to the float system by Town & Country.

#### **Streets**

- 8 winter events in JAN that required winter streets maintenance
- Tailgate salter in need of repair, possible motor replacement needed.
- MDOT street report submitted 1/27/25.

#### **General**

- Community Center paper products were refilled, additional paper products ordered.
- Christmas Lights taken down 1/17/25

#### **Equipment**

- At this time no replacement for the 1997 Chevy 150 has been found.
- Test drove 2015 Ford F-150 w/Keith K, found transmission shutter.
- Possible 2-17 to look at 2/4/25.

### **COMPTROLLER**

Julie received and provided copies of the renewal policy from MML for the insurance to the council members. Rick Wilson made a motion to pay the insurance bill, seconded by Jim Mayer. Motion carried. 6 – YEAS 0 – NAYS

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Purchase of a replacement truck for the DPW was discussed about a truck in Zeeland that John and Keith are going to look at 2.4.25. Jim Mayer made a motion for John to purchase the Ford F-150 if it is what will serve the village and could pay the amount disclosed, seconded by Cathy Feighner. Motion carried. 6 – YEAS 0 – NAYS

John discussed the salter and would possibly need a new one for a different truck. Jim Mayer made a motion for John to purchase a new hitch mounted salter, seconded by Jerilou Gallagher. Motion carried. 6 – YEAS 0 – NAYS

John spoke about the hydrant project and with further discussion Rick Wilson made a motion for John to go ahead and purchase the hydrant, seconded by Jim Mayer. Motion carried. 6 – YEAS 0 – NAYS

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

John informed the council that both his desktop and laptop are receiving errors that it is not compatible for Windows 11 to be installed in October 2025.

John said that the MRWA Conference will be in Traverse City. Jim Mayer made a motion to allow John to attend the conference and hotel accommodation, seconded by Cathy Feighner. Motion carried. 6 – YEAS 0 – NAYS

John reported that the control panel and electrical panel at the Betz residence is rotting out and the panels are weathered and indicates there needs to be some update/maintenance on those panels.

Comptroller contract will expire on February 28, 2025. Addition to stepparents & grandparents should be added.

Jim Mayer will get with the Gratiot County Road Commission for a quote on chip sealing Robinson Street from the railroad tracks to M57. Jim also asked John to check his stock and see about replacing some signage on Fulton Street and let him know if anything is needed.

2025 – 2026 budget was passed out for review and a “Special Meeting” was planned for Monday, February 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

No further business, motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm by Jim Mayer, seconded by Keith Kaminski. Motion carried.