

# Village Of Maybee

## Council Meeting

01/11/2023

President Joel Grubb opened the meeting at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** President Grubb, Council Liedel, Archer, Gramlich, Iott, Lieto, and Clerk Shaw. Councilman Shaw and Treasurer Grubb were absent.

**Motion to Approve Agenda with the Addition of a Museum Update: Gramlich, 2<sup>nd</sup> Archer** Carried.

**Motion to Approve December Minutes as Corrected: Iott, 2<sup>nd</sup> Archer** Carried.

**Motion to Approve Paying the Bills as Presented: Archer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Liedel** Carried.

**Motion to Approve Treasurer Report as Presented: Gramlich, 2<sup>nd</sup> Iott** Carried.

**Correspondence:** President Grubb read a letter from Fairview County home thanking the Village for our donation of the leftover Santa Visit candy.

**Len Gaylor Regarding Museum:** Mr. Gaylor approached the Council to present his idea to add a chairlift to the museum to make it more accessible. His idea includes putting a new additional stairway in, then having a battery-operated chair lift installed. When all is said and done, Mr. Gaylor expects the project to cost roughly \$10,000. Mr. Gaylor made a point to say he will not be asking the Council for the funds, but that he will be searching for sponsors for the project.

**Motion to Approve Mr. Gaylor to Continue Working on the Project: Iott, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gramlich** Carried.

### **Old Business:**

**Recreation Committee Report:** President Grubb reports that they are hoping to have the accessible swing set up in the early spring.

**Baldwin Road Update:** President Grubb reports that we are still waiting for a cost breakdown summary from Cadillac Asphalt.

**Park Rules Sign and Locking the Gravel Lot During the Winter:** Tonia Satkowski who works for the City of Monroe, was able to get the Village two signs with park hours to post at the park. President Grubb also said he was considering getting ahold of DTE to see if they can put another light pole up to brighten the areas cars usually park late at night. There was some discussion regarding the lights in the park. It is also reported that the gravel lot in the park has been locked for the winter.

Lease Renewal for Credit Union: President Grubb reports that he negotiated renewing the contract with the Credit Union at \$500 a month with all other terms remaining the same, they counter offered at \$400 a month with all other terms remaining the same, and the Village accepted. President Grubb clarified that they do pay all their own property taxes and utilities, Councilwoman Iott asked why there are property taxes if it is Village owned. It was clarified that since the building is not used for municipal use, then property taxes would be applied.

**Motion to Renew Lease at \$400 a Month for 36 Months with Other Terms Remaining the Same: Archer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Iott** Carried.

Partition Ideas for Designation Between Village Office and Community Center: There were no new quotes on this project, but a few other options to look in to were discussed.

Sesquicentennial Committee Update: Sandy Lentner and Lisa Orrison met with Jeth Ott to discuss coordinating Maybee Day with the other festivities planned. Mrs. Lenter reports that there will be a vintage ball game held on July 15<sup>th</sup>, but that they are still waiting for a time... She discussed a number of other ideas the committee is hoping to set in stone soon such as, euchre tournaments and a parade during the sesquicentennial festival. Mrs. Orrison noted that Mr. Ott was planning to post a T-Shirt phrase competition on the Maybee Day Festival Facebook page. President Grubb also mentioned the idea to hold a euchre tournament yearly as a community event in the Village Hall.

#### **New Business:**

Street Administrator and Ordinance Enforcer Appointments: There was only one candidate for each open position, Tony Lieto for Street Administrator and Tony Miracle for Ordinance Enforcer. There was some discussion on how ordinance issues should be handled as there are no set guidelines currently.

**Motion to Appoint Tony Miracle as Ordinance Enforcer: Archer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieto.** Carried.

There was a question from the audience on what the duties of Street Administrator are. They were answered that Street Administrator files paperwork with the State, covers the roads and sidewalks, oversees road projects, and maintains all road signage throughout the Village.

**Motion to Appoint Tony Lieto as Street Administrator: Archer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Iott.** Carried.

Seeking Contractors for Concrete Work on Sidewalks: President Grubb reiterated that sidewalk repair was a big ticket item on the 2023 budget and that the Village is looking into getting estimates from multiple different contractors. There was question on what areas of sidewalk would be replaced, it was clarified that the Village would replace the most hazardous sidewalks first.

There was a question from the audience regarding trash pickup prices and if the Village has considered doing a contract with one trash company to cover the Village. The new owner of Fairway Disposal, Mr. Howard, was in attendance and wanted to encourage Council to consider the idea. Mr. Howard stated that some of the pros include a lower rate for all residents, the billing would go on residents tax billing, ETC. Mr. Howard also stated that he is a licensed concrete contractor.

Identify Trees to Schedule for Removal: The Village intends to remove 10-12 more trees as soon as possible. Any resident that knows of a potentially hazardous tree within Village right of way is encouraged to inform the Village.

Discuss Sewer Rates: A large topic of discussion during the budget hearing was the sewer fund and whether the Village needed to increase the sewer usage fee to cover anticipated expenses. President Grubb discussed a couple different options for new rates and how they would impact the yearly sewer income. The Council eventually decided to keep the rates at \$40.

**Motion to Keep Sewer Rate at \$40 Bi-Monthly: Archer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieto.** Carried.

**Council Comments:**

**Public Comments:** Mr. Iott mentioned the Christmas decoration and whether the Village wanted to repair them over the Winter or in the Fall.

Mrs. Lenter asked if there is a working sound system at the ball diamond for the Vintage Ball game that is being planned by the sesquicentennial committee.

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting: Lieto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Archer** Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Village Clerk, Leona Shaw