

VILLAGE OF GOODRICH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 8, 2015
7:00 PM
MINUTES

PRESENT: Horton, Morey, Vick, Baldwin, Administrator/Clerk Sidge, Deputy Clerk Sasser

ABSENT:

Meeting called to order by Baldwin at 7:01 p.m.

Motion to approve the agenda by Horton, seconded by Morey
Horton yes, Morey yes, Vick no, Baldwin yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Regular Council Minutes from May 11, 2015 by Baldwin, seconded by Morey
Horton yes, Morey yes, Vick yes, Baldwin yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Special Council Minutes from May 19, 2015 by Baldwin, seconded by Horton
Horton yes, Morey yes, Vick yes, Baldwin yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Special Council Minutes from May 28, 2015 by Baldwin, seconded by Morey
Horton yes, Morey yes, Vick yes, Baldwin yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented by Morey, seconded by Horton
Horton yes, Morey yes, Vick yes, Baldwin yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Bills and Transfers by Horton, seconded by Baldwin
Horton yes, Morey yes, Vick yes, Baldwin yes. Motion carried.

Presentation: Genesee County Sheriff K-9 Donation of Village of Goodrich Dare Fund in the amount of \$10,792. Undersheriff Christopher Swanson explained how the money would be used for the K9 unit. He also introduced Sargent Antcliff, Deputy Sherriff Hunt, Deputy Sherriff Watson, Captain Casey Tafoya and K9 Uzi.

Public Hearing: The Property Tax Millage Rate proposed to be levied to support the 2015/2016 Budget 7:30

J Vick- Questioned why the Millage Rate was listed twice on the agenda.

J Sidge- Stated there had been 8 budget meetings for residents to speak and per council the proposed millage rate would stay 5.3251% as it has since 2005.

M Hynes- Wondered if there was a proposed increase for taxes. Sidge said it would remain same as the last ten years with no increase.

P Wartella- Wanted to know if they were only discussing the millage rate at this time.

K Vick- Wondered when the public hearing for the budget was going to be held? Questioned the council members on their understanding of the budget. Feels like Jake is the only one that questions anything and the rest of the council should quit if they are not going to do their job.

H Wartella- Stated that employees got COLA, 1 vacation day and a third DPW worker and it is all in the budget. DPW is on standby September through April when it isn't snowing. New management is needed.

B Bone- Feels as though the DPW does a good job. He sees them working all the time around town. If we had no DPW in the winter the roads would not be plowed in a timely manner by the County. The budget is confusing but the Village is doing a good job, just not selling us well. Wondered if background checks are done on council, board members or workers?

C Bebee- Stated that the budget is a concern and wanted to know why the third DPW job was not posted? She feels that it puts the worker in a bad position.

P Wartella- Feels that the Village is in violation with PA152 Act according to state law. The council should not adopt the budget and the employees should be hard capped and they owe the Village for their health care coverage.

M Hynes- Read in the Grand Blanc View that the Village financed a tractor for \$90,000 and wondered if the health insurance policy was getting a group discount?

T Allen- Wondered who was running the show? Was it Baldwin, Horton or Sidge? Wondered why some of the board members and administration follow the rules?

K Vick- Had a copy of the Atlas Township budget and wondered why theirs is clear to read unlike the Village budget.

Motion to Adjourn Public Hearing at 7:45pm by Baldwin, seconded by Morey.
Horton yes, Morey yes, Vick yes, Baldwin yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

D McAbee – Stated that Baldwin is taking a lot of heat that is not necessary and there is a lot of confusion.

K Vick – Brought pictures of the cemetery, DPW working and around town. Wondered how the Village got a safety award and does anyone in the DPW care? Asked Baldwin to ask Morey to step down from street administrator.

C Beebe- Stated that there is erosion near Baldwin's home and fencing missing along the pathway.

Unfinished Business

1. **Genesee County Sheriff Department Report** – Report Noted
2. **Reports**
 - a. **Street Administrator** – DPW will be grading the remainder of the roads as soon as weather permits with chloride to follow. The crack sealer was delivered but the company forgot to drop off the parts, they should be here by Friday. Weeds and grass is being maintained by the DPW. The tractor that was addressed in the paper was purchased, not financed. The fence on the bike path has tried to be duplicated with no luck. Vick wondered why it took 8 hours to repair a post and replace signs via the timesheets. Stated that Aaron Christner is an outstanding worker and an asset to the DPW department. Wondered who fills out timesheets and which account does the money come from for the parks.
 - b. **911** – Granted an extension for the City of Flint on the merger with Genesee County 911.

- c. **Water and Waste** – No Report.
- d. **Parks and Recs** – Will be appointing a new councilmember at the next meeting to replace Mr. Brannan. Would like to set a Parks and Recs Meeting in July.
- 3. **Code Enforcement** – Working with property owners of a barn that needs to be torn down on Pontiac Street. Also working with residents with signs and boat storage issues.
- 4. **Administrative** – A meeting needs to be set for end of the year budget amendments. MML membership is up for renewal for \$895 and is in the budget.
Motion to remain members of MML by Horton, seconded by Baldwin
Horton yes, Morey yes, Vick yes, Baldwin yes. Motion carried.
Resident in Creekside would like two deaf child in the area signs placed in the subdivision.
Motion to purchase the signs for each entry way of the subdivision by Horton, seconded by Bladwin
Horton yes, Morey yes, Vick yes, Baldwin yes. Motion carried.
Budget meeting set for Monday, June 29, 2015 at 5:00pm.
Vick wondered if the Village is on individual or group rate for the health insurance. Sidge replied with a group rate with everyone individually insured. Horton clarified that it is a group plan but the rate is determined by the individual. Vick mentioned we were able to get out of the health provider contract if we chose to do so to save the Village money. And Vick wondered when the council was going to be notified about current lawsuits? Sidge stated she had the information with her this evening and Baldwin explained that it was just filed last week and they are looking into it.
- 5. **Sidewalks** – Creekside has two broken pieces of sidewalk that a resident did and Sidge will be looking into it.

New Business

- 1. **Resolution 2015-06 Meeting Schedule** –
Motion to approve Resolution 2015-06 Meeting Schedule by Horton, seconded by Morey
Horton yes, Morey yes, Vick yes, Baldwin yes. Motion carried.
- 2. **Resolution 2015-07 2015/2016 Millage Rate**–
Motion to approve Resolution 2015-07 2015/2016 Millage Rate of 5.3251% as presented by Baldwin, seconded by Morey
Horton yes, Morey yes, Vick yes, Baldwin yes. Motion carried.
- 3. **Resolution 2015-08 2015/16 Administrative Officers Compensation**–
Motion to approve Resolution 2015-08 Administrative Officers Compensation pending the approval of the budget by Horton
Motion withdrawn by Horton
- 4. **Resolution 2015-09 2015/16 Election of Council Clerk**–
Motion to approve Resolution 2015-09 2015/2016 Election of Council Clerk Pat Schierup by Morey, seconded by Baldwin
Horton yes, Morey yes, Vick yes, Baldwin yes. Motion carried.
- 5. **Resolution 2015-10 2015/16 Fiscal Year Budget**–
Motion to approve Resolution 2015-10 Fiscal Year Budget as presented by Morey, seconded by Horton
Horton yes, Morey yes, Vick no, Baldwin yes. Motion carried.

3. **Resolution 2015-08 2015/16 Administrative Officers Compensation-**
Motion to approve Resolution 2015-08 Administrative Officers Compensation by Horton, seconded by Morey
Horton yes, Morey yes, Vick no, Baldwin yes. Motion carried.
6. **Motion** to appoint Shannon McCafferty to the Village Council by Horton, seconded by Baldwin
Horton yes, Morey yes, Vick abstained, Baldwin yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

T Allen- Wondered if the two new developers are going to be building on the Wheellock Watkins Drain and if the council applicants information would be available to the public.

D McAbee- Stated that this council is very predictable but wondered if the lawyer fees are in the budget. Concerned about the DPW and feels that the new person is qualified but in a sad situation. Goodrich Village Volunteers meetings are the first Monday at 5:30 above the library. Historical Society is the same day at 7pm at the Village Hall. Wanted the council to be aware that a couple wanted him to bring up the request of having a breathalyzer for both council and the audience.

P Wartella- Feels the Village is in violation of Act PA 152 and the budget should have not been passed. Village money is going to wages, benefits and a third DPW. The management stinks and needs to be revamped. Questioned what was on the hard drive.

B Bone- Stated he would not work for the Village for these wages.

C Beebe- Stated Ortonville and Atlas are getting paid less than Jakki. Thinks we have been very good to our staff and should continue to be.

K Vick- Recapped the meeting by stating she feels the council was in violation according to the charter, violated public act 152 which is a state law, violated the charter again regarding the health care, bond money will be used to purchase gravel which is a violation. Administrator doesn't have to attend depositions. Two lawsuits are for FOIA request violations. Wondered if there were any laws the council will uphold.

Council Comments

Vick- Wondered why we purchased a replacement salt spreader so soon. Morey clarified that there were two different spreaders which are both being used on two different trucks. And stated we didn't address the health insurance.

Baldwin- Comparing the Village and the Township budget is different governmental accounting. The new developments are not located on the Wheellock/Watkins Drain. The newest DPW worker was originally hired in 2001, then was brought in during the winter to help fill in, then was brought in for more of a permanent basis when Ethan's wife got sick. Brannan and Baldwin have started working with the DPW and Baldwin will continue along with another councilmember. The bond can be used for the roads as long as it is only used for those specific roads per the bond company and the attorneys. They will be setting up a committee with Horton, another councilmember and residents for health care. Will be going to subdivisions and will encourage them to form committees with a spokesperson to meet with Baldwin to come up with ways to come up with funds for road repairs. Stated that upon the adjournment of the meeting there will be no recordings, video or audio, of private conversations on Village property without their permission.

Motion to Adjourn by Morey, seconded by Horton.
Meeting closed by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Traci Sasser, Deputy Clerk
Village of Goodrich

Presented: 7/13/2015
Approved: 7/13/2015