

# COUNCIL MEETING

15 NOVEMBER, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order.

Present: K. Somsel, D. Howes, E. Dufresne, R. Schafer, J. McKinley, D. Grossnickle, K. Weaver

J. Frizzell has tendered his resignation.

Guests: W. Beldo, D. Nye, C. Jensen, M. Hamilton, M. Szokola, M. Coe

Review and Approval of Minutes for October 2021: Correction needed page 1 , under DPW reports, correct spelling is flail. Motion made to accept after correction by J. McKinley, seconded by D. Howes. Motion Carried.

Review and Approval of Special Meeting Minutes for 8 November, 2021: Motion made by E. Dufresne, seconded by D. Grossnickle. Motion Carried.

Review and Approval of Financial Reports: motion made by D. Grossnickle, seconded by D. Howes. Motion Carried.

Reserved Time: Network Northwest represented by Mike Szokola for public meeting. K. Somsel called public Meeting to order at 7:10P.M.

Plan-comments from public

no correspondence

no comments from community

E. Dufresne discussed getting upgrade to park by adding flushing toilets and showers using solar for heating. Extending electrical supply in park, including 50 amp sites. Encouraged to apply for as many grants as possible to make village/township more attractive to visitors.

There was no further discussion.

Motion made to accept resolution:

D. Howes - aye

E. Dufresne - aye

R. Schafer - aye

J. McKinley - aye

D. Grossnickle - aye

K. Somsel - aye

Motion Carried.

Public Hearing closed at 7:15 P.M.

C. Asiala is asking that flower box in park be removed and replaced with brick. Beautification committee will fill with new soil and plants in the spring. M. Hamilton would like to present different options to the committee before buying the bricks. Council would like it removed and leveled now. M. Hamilton to present to council next month what committee decision is for new flower box. This project can be used for non-motorized funds.

M. Coe from Benzie/Manistee Snowbirds club. He presented what the snowbirds have been doing to increase the trails and visibility of the club. We received a \$40,000 grant from Minger Family Endowment Fund through Manistee County Community Foundation for Elmers to fix trail from 9 mile to industrial. The Snowbirds donated the 10% that was the village's cost. The club now has 160 miles of hiking, biking and snowmobiles, reaching from Interlochen to Kaleva. Their goal in the next 3-5 years is to add more trails that would run from Interlochen to the Casino. And eventually include trails from Traverse City and Cadillac. What can Kaleva do to help? Lease agreement between Snowbirds Club and Village for their club. Put signs up that it is non-motorized trail. And put up gates to discourage to keep motorized off. The north trail needs some holes filled in. Ask Village to co-share in the 10% cost. Motion made by J. McKinley to give snowbirds club \$2000.00, seconded by E. Dufresne. E. Dufresne mentioned that is could also be used toward Act 51. No further conversation. D. Grossnickle abstained. Motion Carried.

Unreserved: W. Beldo undated board on purchase of school for community center. He said signing should be soon. Several different agencies are interested in having satellite offices there.

The joint zoning commissioner has left area for the winter. The responsibilities now fall to W. Beldo and K. Somsel. He has said he will represent both at court date next month. The township will be discussing this next month, village council would like to hear their opinion on this situation.

K. Somsel has resigned from the Joint Planning Commission, E. Dufresne requests to replace her on board. Motion made by D. Grossnickle, seconded by R. Schafer. Motion carried.

At this time E. Dufresne explained that under the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) the village received \$48,000. Half given in this year and rest in 2022. The council decided to utilize covid relief funds towards purchase of the new Community Center. At this time E. Dufresne presented a check to W.Beldo.

Checks for \$1000 were also presented to M. Hamilton, C. Jensen, and J. Hawkins(absent) for their work during the Covid pandemic. Thank you for keeping our village safe and continued hard work during this difficult time.

D. Nye submitted a letter of interest to be on Village Council. Motion made by J. McKinley to appoint D. Nye to replace J. Frizzell, seconded by D. Grossnickle. Motion Carried.

Reports:

Fire - nothing significant

Street: Several water cisterns need to be cleaned out in the spring of 2022. New street signs will be ordered December 2021/January 2022.

DPW: M. Hamilton asked about moving or reducing number of bench on Parkway. He was directed to discuss with Beautification Team.

New solar light will be bought for office ramp.

It was recommended that a 110v welder for shop be purchased. The acetylene tanks need to be refilled. Directed to have it done at Linde.

Water: During curb stop research, it was found that a home in village had not been billed for 30 years for water use. The village lawyer was involved. His research shows that village can bill for 6 years of non-payment. A letter will be drafted to show costs and willingness for Village to work with them.

A curb cut came within 1 foot of a curb stop. Will need to be reinforced.

There is a water leak on Metsula- sadly it is very close to a street light and to repair could cause street light to fall. Help has been requested.

Flushing of fire hydrant was last week. 2 tools were lost and must be replaced.

Park: Consumers Energy has been asked to look at extending electricity in park.

Zoning: See report.

Planning Commission: Did not meet related to illness.

Old Business: Phones are not working correctly. K. Somsel will be working for resolution to this problem.

New Business: Asked to tour new Community Center. As it becomes available, we will let people know.

Motion made to adjourn by J. McKinley, seconded by E. Dufresne. Motion carried.



# BUDGET MEETING

15 NOVEMBER, 2021

AT 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: K. Somsel, E. Dufresne, K. Weaver, R. Schafer, J. McKinley, D. Howes, D. Grossnickle

Budget Presented for review.

Motion to Adjourn made by D. Howes, seconded by E. Dufresne.  
Motion carried.

  
Karen Dufresne  
Village Clerk