

Monday, August 14, 2023

## MINUTES

Reese Village Council  
2073 Gates Street  
August 14, 2023, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** In the Municipal Building, President Keast called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call:** President Paul Keast, Trustees Present: Doug Squanda, Darryl Tafoya, Pete Bouvy, Brian Wehl, Jeff Skias and Matt Bouvy

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Clerk Courtney Owens  
Village Manager Thomas Raymond

**Guests in Attendance:** Bob Mantey, Kyleene Nelson, Echo Ranney, Mary Hatchard, Alan Ellison and family, Jeremy Ross, Josh Haines, Heath Lamb and Adam Ellison

**Presentation to Alan Ellison:** President Keast presented a certificate to Alan Ellison thanking him for his 23 years of service to the Reese Fire Department.

**Approval/Adjustments to the Agenda:** **Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tafoya to approve the agenda with the adjustment of adding car cruise road closure to new business line-item C and moving employee termination to D. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Adoption of Minutes from meeting held July 10, 2023:** **Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Bouvy, to adopt the minutes of July 10, 2023, as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Echo Ranney – speaking in place of Josh Faulk. Echo requested that Reese Rd. between M-81 and North St. be closed from 5:00pm – 9:00pm on Friday August 18, 2023 for the golf cart and side by side cruise.

**Consent Agenda:** **Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wehl, to accept the reports from Village Manager, Police Dept., DPW & Reese Fire/Rescue. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Minutes Received from Boards & Commissions:** **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tafoya, to accept the reports from Reese Fire Rescue (July 17, 2023 and July 27, 2023), Blumfield Reese Water Authority, Reese Unity District Library and

Denmark Township (May 22, 2023 and June 26, 2023). **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Letters to the Trustees – None**

**Approval of Check Listing: Motion** by M. Bovy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Bouvy to accept check listing #'s 22389 to 22475 totaling \$163, 879.10 for fund accounts. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Update Unfinished or Pending Matters:**

- A. Storm Drain Issues on M-81 and Gugino St. – Manager Raymond met with Spicer Engineering July 20, 2023. A plan was laid out and we are waiting for Spicer to send us a proposal. Council would also like to reach back out to MDOT on the percentage they will help with.

**New Business**

- A. Annexation request 2070 S. Reese Rd. – **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Squanda to approve the annexation of 2070 S. Reese Rd. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- B. Tree Removal Request at 9700 Walnut St. – **Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weihl to remove the tree at 9700 Walnut St. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- C. Road Closure for Car Cruise – after much discussion, **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skias to approve closing Reese Rd. between M-81 and North St. from 6:00pm – 9:00pm on Friday August 18, 2023. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- D. Employee Termination: **Motion** by Skias, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tafoya to enter close session at 7:38pm. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weihl to close the closed session at 7:54pm. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skias to enter back into regular session at 7:54pm. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Weihl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skias to approve employee termination date of July 17, 2023. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Public Comments:** Bob Mantey was not happy with the trimming of his tree in Norwood subdivision. Claims there is a permit that states the owners of Norwood subdivision will trim their own trees. He is also unhappy with the brightness of the LED streetlight that shines into his backyard. Manager Raymond will look into a solution for the streetlight issue.

President Keast reminded council of the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration taking place at Village Hall Tuesday August 22, 2023 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

**Items for next agenda:**

M-81 Storm Drain

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Courtney Owens, Clerk

Approved by: Courtney Owens Date: 9-11-23