

## MINUTES

Reese Village Council  
2073 Gates Street  
March 14, 2022  
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, Brian Wehl, Matt Bouvy, Jeff Skias, Pete Bouvy and Darryl Tafoya.

**Absent: 0**

**Staff Present:** Clerk/Treasurer Chris Ranney  
Village Manager Thomas Raymond  
Police Officer Jeremy Teddy

**Guests in Attendance: 7**

**Approval/Adjustments to the Agenda: Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Squanda to approve the agenda, as adjusted by President Keast to add item (F) Resignation of Echo Ranney from the Library Board, to New Business. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Adoption of Minutes from meetings held February 14, 2022: Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wehl, to adopt the minutes of February 14, 2022, as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Thomas Cichowski – Tom was present; questioned recent Sewer rate increases and Employee wage increases. Manager Raymond was able to answer Tom's questions by explaining the recent and ongoing sewer repairs because of the analysis performed under the recent SAW Grant. Manager Raymond also discussed a recent wage study he performed, that compared surrounding communities. The information was presented to a wage committee of councilmembers, they analyzed the data and made the wage recommendations to council.

- b. Lori Cichowski – Lori was present, questioned results of sewer work on her property. Manager Raymond discussed the events leading to the work being contracted for completion.

**Public Hearing; 2022-2023 Village Budget**

**Open Public Hearing: Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Bouvy to Open the meeting to Public Hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Discussion:** Manager Raymond reviewed and discussed sections from the budget draft that were corrected. Manager Raymond also discussed the differences between how the budget information looks different because of new software and consolidating accounts. No questions or comments from the public.

**Close Public Hearing: Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weihl to Close the Public Hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Consent Agenda: Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Bouvy, to accept the reports from Village Manager, Police Dept., DPW & Reese Fire/Rescue. Councilperson Skias asked Manager Raymond if the Council could receive a more detailed list of DPW weekly/monthly activity. Manager Raymond will follow up with Council. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Minutes Received from Boards & Commissions: Motion** by Weihl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skias, to accept the report from Denmark Twp., Reese Fire Rescue, Blumfield Reese Water Authority, Reese Parks & Rec., and Reese Unity District Library. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Letters to the Trustees – No Letters**

**Approval of Check Listing: Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Bouvy to accept check listing #s 21286 to 21340 totaling \$116,459.79 for fund accounts. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Update Unfinished or Pending Matters:**

- A. Streetlights – Manager Raymond confirmed that DTE and The Energy Reduction Collation will be at the April Council meeting.
- B. Park & Rec. – Councilperson Weihl attended the Park Dept. meeting as the Village liaison. Councilperson Weihl updated the council on a Grant from Frankenmuth Credit Union as well as dedication services for the benches.

- C. Category B Grant – Manager Raymond is working with the engineers on getting an ad in the paper for Saturday, for hearing at April council meeting.

**New Business**

- A. Resolution 21-22-03; Budget Amendments 2021-22 – Manager Raymond itemized and discussed the adjustments. **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wehl to adopt Resolution 21-22-03.

Roll Call Vote:

Squanda	Aye
Wehl	Aye
M. Bouvy	Aye
Skias	Aye
P. Bouvy	Aye
Tafoya	Aye

**Motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Budget Adoption 2022-2023 – **Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Bouvy to accept the Village of Reese 2022-2023 fiscal year Budget. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- C. Re-appointment; Dave Peyok Jr. to BRWA Board, 3-year term 4/1/22 – 3/31/2025 – **Motion** by Skias, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wehl. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- D. Tree Removal Request: 2261 S. Van Buren – Council reviewed pictures provided by homeowner. **Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Squanda to allow the trees in question to be removed at homeowner’s expense. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- E. MML Insurance Renewal – Manager Raymond discussed the renewal information. **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wehl to renew MML Insurance at \$23,929.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- F. Echo Ranney resignation from Library Board – **Motion** by Skias, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Bouvy to accept the resignation of Echo Ranney. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Public Comments** – Manager Raymond presented the banner design from the Reese Beautification Committee, by common consent the Council approves the design.

**Miscellaneous:**

President Keast let Council members know they will receive Manager Raymond's annual evaluation in an email. Evaluations are due April 01, 2022.

Manager Raymond and Council members answered a few questions from residents in attendance regarding services provided by the Village of Reese.

Denmark Township Supervisor Charles Heinlein gave information on important dates coming up:

April 2022 – Young Adults from Reese High School help in Denmark Twp. Cemetery.

May 14, 2022 – Major Cemetery Clean up, looking for volunteers from Village of Reese and Denmark Twp. 8:00am – 12:00pm & Lunch provided.

May 25, 2022 – Denmark Township Hall Open, 4:30pm – 7:30pm

July 09, 2022 – Denmark Twp. sponsored Tire Collection.

Aug. 02, 2022 – Primary Election

Nov. 08, 2022 – State Election

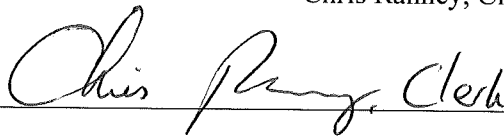
**Items for next agenda:**

Streetlights  
Reese Community Parks & Rec.  
Category B Grant  
Manager's Evaluation

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chris Ranney, Clerk

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chris Ranney, Clerk

Date: 4-11-2022