

Monday, January 10, 2022

MINUTES

Reese Village Council
2073 Gates Street
January 10, 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, Darryl Tafoya, Pete Bouvy and Brian Wehl.

Absent: Councilperson Jeff Skias
Councilperson Matt Bouvy
Clerk Chris Ranney
Village Manager Tom Raymond

Staff Present: Deputy Clerk Bonnie Gray

Guests in Attendance: John Hill, John Tolloff, Gene Ellison, Matt Rupp, Rachel Sylvester, Chuck Heinlein, Josh Burkitt, Adam Ellison, Dan Grimshaw.

Approval/Adjustments to the Agenda: Motion by P. Bouvy, 2nd by Squanda to approve the agenda, once amended to include adding Reese Fire Rescue report to Consent Agenda and adding Blumfield Reese Water Authority minutes to Minutes Received from Boards & Commissions. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Adoption of Minutes from meetings held December 13, 2021: Motion by P. Bouvy, 2nd by Wehl, to adopt the minutes of December 13, 2021, as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Matt Rupp – Matt was present and asked council to consider raises for the DPW employees. President Keast said a wage study is being done and this is on the agenda later in the meeting. Wage increases will be on the budget draft for the public hearing in March.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Squanda, 2nd 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 Weihl, 2nd by P. Bouvy, to accept the report from Denmark Twp., Reese Unity District Library, and Blumfield Reese Water Authority. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Letters to the Trustees – None

Approval of Check Listing: **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2nd by Squanda, to accept check listing #s 21173 to 21222 totaling \$80,928.01 for fund accounts. Councilperson P. Bouvy asked about the increase in the GFL bill. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Update Unfinished or Pending Matters:

- A. Rapid Information System – President Keast stated there's an update in packets on what the next steps are. No action needs to be taken as this is part of the plan already approved.
- B. Streetlights – President Keast stated there is no presentation as printed on the agenda. All lights have been converted except for the ball fields.
- C. Park & Rec. – Nothing new to report.
- D. Category B Grant – President Keast stated Manager Raymond's report says Fleis & Vandenbrink is ready to get RFP's out soon for Center Street.

New Business

- A. Volleyball State Championship Sign Study – Councilperson P. Bouvy informed council that Kris Krieger from the school reached out to MDOT on the cost of volleyball state championship signs. Two signs with existing information and new state champion information is \$1,266.86. One sign with the new state champion information is \$792.99. The school thought the village paid for the existing sign that's up. By common consent of the council the village will pay and only wants the one sign.
- B. Wage Study – President Keast stated Manager Raymond provided responses from other village managers in listserv and President Keast would like to form a committee of Manager Raymond, President Keast, councilmember Tafoya, and will ask councilmember M. Bouvy to be on the committee. The committee will look at wages from other communities. More information to be presented at February's council meeting.

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Public Comments – Dan Grimshaw was present to speak with council regarding a company that the county contracted through called Guidehouse Consulting. The firm will make sure ARPA funds are spent correctly on projects that qualify so the money doesn't go back to the State of Michigan. The county will pay up to \$180, \$90 per half hour of consultation for the village to use their services. Also the county can do a match with the Village of Reese on sewer/water projects but the village has to ask for it. The county is looking for projects that qualify since the county is limited in what they can use the \$10 million they received.

Miscellaneous:

President Keast thanked Deputy Clerk Gray for filling in for Clerk Ranney.

Items for next agenda:

Streetlights
Reese Community Parks & Rec.
Rapid Information System
Category B Grant
Wage Study
Budget

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Gray, Deputy Clerk
for Chris Ranney, Clerk

Approved By:

 Chris Ranney, Clerk

Date: 2/14/22