

## MINUTES

Reese Village Council  
2073 Gates Street  
March 08, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** In a Virtual Zoom Meeting, 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, Jeff Skias, Matt Bouvy and Pete Bouvy.

**Absent:** 0

**Staff Present:** Clerk/Treasurer Chris Ranney  
Village Manager Thomas Raymond

**Guests in Attendance:** Edward Woods III

**Approval/Adjustments to the Agenda: Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Bouvy to approve the agenda as adjusted to include Edward Woods III in Public Comments and President Keast to discuss Village Manager's annual evaluation. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Adoption of Minutes from meetings held February 08, 2021: Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Bouvy, to adopt the minutes of March 08, 2021 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Public Hearing – 2021-2022 Village Budget:**

Open Public Hearing – **Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wehl to open the meeting to a Public Hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion: No comments from the public.

Close Public Hearing - **Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Bouvy to close Public Hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**2021-2022 Village Budget – Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Squanda to approve the 2021-2022 Village Budget. After a brief council discussion regarding village employee's annual wage increase; Village employees will not receive the wages recommended by Manager Raymond. Manager conducted a study of comparable municipalities wages and based the Village of Reese wages from

that study. Council agreed the timing was not correct for the increases recommended and offered a flat 5% increase to all employees. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Edward Woods III; Communications and Outreach Director for the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. Mr. Woods utilized the screen sharing function and presented the council with information on the redistricting process. Public Hearings must be held during the months of May – June, Mr. Woods encourages comments from the public. To learn more, visit [www.michigan.gov/MICRC](http://www.michigan.gov/MICRC).

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

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

**Letters to the Trustees – None**

**Approval of Check Listing: Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skias to accept check listing #s 20540 to 20573 totaling \$72,133.31 for fund accounts. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Update Unfinished or Pending Matters:**

- A. SAW Grant Status – Nothing new to report.
- B. Streetlights – Nothing new to report.
- C. Parks & Rec – Manager Raymond discussed why the State needed more information to finish the process. Manager Raymond also let the council know the new park benches have arrived and plaques are ordered. The Parks Committee is looking to do a dedication ceremony for Burt Watson Chevrolet and The Family of Don Petro.

**New Business**

- A. Budget Amendment: Resolution 20-21-03 for Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 – Manager Raymond briefly spoke about the adjustments to the budget. **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Squanda to adopt Resolution 20-21-03, Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Reese Unity District Library Board Appointment: Appoint Echo Ranney to replace Deva Weber on Library Board – Term Ending 12/31/2024.

**Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weihl to accept the resignation of Deva Weber from the Reese Unity District Library Board. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by M. Skias, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Squanda to appoint Echo Ranney to the Reese Unity District Library Board, term Ending 12/31/2024. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- C. Lot Combination: Squanda at 1648 Van Buren – **Motion** by Skias, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Bouvy to approve the combination of Village Parcels: 006-007-000-0100-02 & 042-007-000-9300-00. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- D. Re-appoint Ron Avery to Blumfield Reese Water Authority Board; Term Ending 03/31/2024 – **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weihl to reappoint Ron Avery to the BRWA Board. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- E. Re-appoint Mike Kelly and John Tolloff to the Planning Commission; Terms Ending 03/31/2024 - **Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Bouvy to reappoint Mike Kelly & John Tolloff to the Village of Reese Planning Commission. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- F. Re-appoint Paul Dost to ZBA; Term ending 03/31/2024 – **Motion** by Weihl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Bouvy to reappoint Paul Dost to the Reese Zoning Board of Appeals. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Manager Raymond announced an unexpected vacancy on the ZBA. The village will advertise to fill the vacant seat.

### **Public Comments**

President Keast spoke briefly about Manager Raymond's annual evaluation, scheduled for the April Council Meeting.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Councilperson Matt Bouvy asked if the Village of Reese will see any of the funds designated to Municipalities in the passing of the America Recovery Act. Manager Raymond has looked to MML for grant application support.

### **Items for next agenda:**

Monday, March 08, 2021

SAW Grant  
Streetlights  
Reese Community Parks & Rec.  
Manager Evaluation

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chris Ranney, Clerk

Approved By: Chris Ranney, Clerk Date: 4/12/2021