

MINUTES

Reese Village Council
2073 Gates Street
December 13, 2021
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, Matt Bouvy, Jeff Skias and Darryl Tafoya.

Absent: Pete Bouvy & Brian Wehl

Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Chris Ranney
Village Manager Thomas Raymond
Police Chief Hadd
Police Officer Teddy

Guests in Attendance: Fire/Rescue Chief Ellison, Adam Ellison, Devin Aiden, Ryan Hess, Delanie Poe and 2 other guests.

Approval/Adjustments to the Agenda: **Motion** by Squanda, 2nd by M. Bouvy to approve the agenda, once amended to include Councilperson Skias added Employee Wages to New Business and Manager Raymond added MDOT Performance Resolution to New Business. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Adoption of Minutes from meetings held November 08, 2021: **Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2nd by Skias, to adopt the minutes of November 08, 2021, as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None Scheduled

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

Minutes Received from Boards & Commissions: **Motion** by Squanda, 2nd by Skias, to accept the report from Denmark Twp., Reese Fire Rescue, Blumfield Reese Water Authority (memo), Reese Parks & Rec. (memo), and Reese Unity District Library. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Letters to the Trustees – None

Approval of Check Listing: Motion by Skias, 2nd by M. Bouvy, to accept check listing #s 21106 to 21172 totaling \$175,301.05 for fund accounts. Councilperson Skias asked about local street funds, Manager Raymond responded. Councilperson M. Bouvy asked to receive revenue summary reports for the Village of Reese. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Update Unfinished or Pending Matters:

- A. Rapid Information System – Manager Raymond attended the Tuscola County Safety meeting to receive approval to include Reese in system. Village of Reese Administration will begin working with Tuscola County for implementation.
- B. Streetlights – Manager Raymond approved the LED lights conversion of the Reese Fire Hall. Manager Raymond also addressed the lighting issue in the park as being resolved.
- C. Park & Rec. – No meeting last month. Manager Raymond signed a grant for tree plaques.
- D. Category B Grant – Meetings continue, the project was approved to begin at the railroad tracks just west of Meridian St. Manager Raymond is scheduling the project once school is out for the summer vacation.

New Business

- A. COVID Related Absences – Manager Raymond provided council members with a letter from Clayette Zechmeister; Tuscola County Controller/Administrator outlining the direction of funds from The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. One of the outlined amounts is additional funding for the Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP). The Village of Reese is receiving funds from The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and Manager Raymond is making a portion available to the staff. In the event of a COVID related absence, the employee will have to exhaust any available banked sick paid time off then the employee will receive COVID pay as needed. Manager Raymond will draft a policy and get it to council.
- B. Task Force funding approved for Van Buren in 2026 – Manager Raymond attended the Task Force Funding meeting where the Village of Reese was selected for the funding for road repairs on Van Buren, south of M-81 to Reese boarder.

C. Appointment to Planning Commission – Council received an application for the Planning Commission from Adam Ellison. Adam was present to introduce himself and answer any question council had. **Motion** by Squanda, 2nd by M. Bouvy to appoint Adam Ellison to the Planning Commission. **Motion carried unanimously.**

D. Wages – Councilperson Skias provided council with a wage comparison for Police Officers in the area. After a lengthy discussion, **Motion** by Skias, 2nd by M. Bouvy to give Police Officer Teddy a \$3.00 per hour increase to his hourly wage. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Skias, 2nd by M. Bouvy to make the increase of \$3.00 per hour effective on 11/28/21. **Motion carried unanimously.**

E. Performance Resolution – After a brief discussion, **Motion** by Squanda, 2nd by Skias to approve the MDOT Annual agreement. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments - None

Miscellaneous:

President Keast wished everyone a Merry Christmas

Fire Chief Ellison mentioned the annual Pancake Supper on Wednesday Jan. 12, 2022, from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm. Dine-In or Car side takeout.

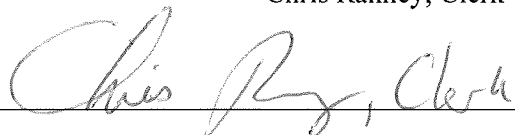
President Keast acknowledged the students present for the Current Events Class.

Items for next agenda:

Streetlights
Reese Community Parks & Rec.
Rapid Information System

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Ranney, Clerk

Approved By:  Date: 1/10/2022