

Monday, September 12, 2022

MINUTES

Reese Village Council
2073 Gates Street
September 12, 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: Brian Wehl, Pete Bouvy, Jeff Skias and Darryl Tafoya.

Absent: Doug Squanda & Matt Bouvy

Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Chris Ranney
Village Manager Thomas Raymond
Village DPW Supervisor Gene Ellison

Guests in Attendance: Ken Berthiume, Becki Anderson, Echo Ranney and Former Village of Reese Councilperson Devin Elbers.

Matt Bouvy joined the meeting.

Approval/Adjustments to the Agenda: Motion by Wehl, 2nd by Skias to approve the agenda, as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Adoption of Minutes from meetings held Aug. 8, 2022: Motion by P. Bouvy, 2nd by Skias, to adopt the minutes of Aug. 8, 2022, as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Audit Report; Ken Berthiume

Ken Berthiume was present and thanked Council members for the opportunity to audit the Village of Reese. Ken presented a standard unmodified opinion audit. Ken mentioned there were no internal issues, bookkeeping was great, and everything looked good. The Village of Reese ended the fiscal year with an increase in net position and positive changes in the business entities. Ken concluded the presentation by offering to answer questions from the councilmembers. Councilperson Skias asked if there were any areas that the Village of Reese could improve, Ken responded by stating he had no suggestions on where the Village could improve or needed to improve.

President Keast thanked Ken and his team and thanked the Village staff for helping with a smooth audit.

Consent Agenda: Motion by P. Bouvy, 2nd by Tafoya, to accept the reports from DPW, Reese Fire/Rescue, Reese Police, and Manager's Report. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes Received from Boards & Commissions: Motion by M. Bouvy, 2nd by Weihl, to accept the report from Reese Fire Rescue, Reese Parks & Rec., BRWA, and Unity District Library. **Motion carried unanimously**

Letters to the Trustees – None

Approval of Check Listing: Motion by M. Bouvy, 2nd by Skias to accept check listing #s 21648 to 21718 totaling \$385,634.26 for fund accounts. M. Bouvy asked about a possible duplicate check. The check in question was void and reissued, that is why it was listed twice on the report. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Update Unfinished or Pending Matters:

- A. Streetlights on M-81 – Manager Raymond heard from DTE, unfortunately, DTE had received the wrong equipment for the light pole heads. Manager Raymond will remain in contact with DTE until the issue is resolved.
- B. Park & Rec. – Park's liaison Councilperson Weihl briefly spoke of issues discussed at the August meeting. Councilperson Weihl thanked the DPW for placing the new benches in the Community Park and mentioned the sealcoating was completed in the old tennis court area.
- C. Category B Grant – Manager Raymond explained there are still a few lingering issues being discussed. The shoulders of Center rd. were reseeded with grass after heavy rains washed out the previous seeding.
- D. Spicer Group estimate for Storm Drain repair at M-81 & Gugino St. – Manager Raymond recapped the Special Meeting that was called Sept. 8, 2022, with MDOT. Manager Raymond is asking council to authorize an additional \$10,000.00 for engineering. **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2nd by Tafoya to authorize \$10,000.00 for engineering costs to resolve the water drainage issue. **Motion carried unanimously.**

New Business

- A. Consider ordering Mower Tractor for Lagoons; budget year 2023-24 – This item was tabled from a previous meeting. Manager Raymond explained the intended use of this mower will be for the Lagoon area and will be paid by Sewer funds. **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2nd by Tafoya to approve the purchase of a John Deere 2032R Compact Utility Tractor with a 72" side discharge deck in the amount of \$24,586.95. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments – No comments from the audience.

Miscellaneous: Manager Raymond mentioned he was meeting with the Beatification committee about restringing the snowflake decorations with new lights.


Items for next agenda:

Streetlights
Reese Community Parks & Rec.
Category B Grant
Capital Improvement

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Ranney, Clerk

Signed By:



Date: 10/10/22