

Monday, March 09, 2020

## MINUTES

Reese Village Council  
2073 Gates Street  
March 09, 2020  
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: Pete Bouvy, Doug Squanda, Brian Wehl, Devin Elbers and Bob Godi.

**Absent:** Jeff Skias

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

**Guests in Attendance:** Jeff & Starla Fountain and Ron Avery

**Approval/Adjustments to the Agenda: Motion** by Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Squanda to approve the agenda as adjusted, to include; adding Annual Employee Wages to New Business. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Adoption of Minutes from meetings held Feb. 10, 2020: Motion** by Wehl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bouvy, to adopt the minutes of Feb. 10, 2020 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No scheduled comments.

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

**Minutes Received from Boards & Commissions: Motion** by Elbers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by - Wehl, to accept the reports from Blumfield Reese Water Authority, Planning Commission, Community Park, Reese Area Chamber of Commerce, Denmark Twp. and Reese Fire/Rescue (2). **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Letters to the Trustees – None**

**Approval of Check Listing: Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bouvy to accept check listing #19793 to 19839 totaling \$68,612.43 for fund accounts. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Update Unfinished or Pending Matters:**

- A. Creekside Manor - Village Manager Raymond reported; correspondence was sent to owner requesting a list of occupied homes for school tax.
- B. SAW Grant Status – Manager Raymond discussed meeting with Spicers and also discussed costs needed for Van Buren, North and South of M-81. **Motion** by Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elbers to authorize spending up to \$16,000 for cleaning and camera for zones 1 & 3. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- C. Park and Rec. 5-year Plan Update – Manager Raymond report, as it turned out ROWE was not the firm who created the previous 5-year Plan for Parks & Rec. Discussion was held about what would happen without a 5-year Plan. **Motion** by Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Godi to authorize up to \$7,500 for ROWE Engineering to review the Community Park and illustrate the Parks & Rec. 5-year Plan. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### New Business

- A. Planning Commission Appointments:

Tim Bang – **Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weihl to reappoint Tim Bang to the Planning Commission to a 3 Year Term Ending March 31, 2023. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Pete Bouvy – **Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weihl to reappoint Pete Bouvy to the Planning Commission to a 3 Year Term Ending March 31, 2023. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Annexation Resolution # 19-20-03 Van Buren – **Motion** by Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Godi to approve Annexation Resolution # 19-20-03 Parcel # 006-007-000-0100-02. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Councilperson Squanda abstained for the vote  
Councilperson Skias was absent for the vote

- C. Request for Lot Split; 9964 Overton Street – Jeff Fountain was available for questions. Council received plans for property, **Motion** by Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elbers to approve Lot Split of 9964 Overton Street. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- D. Public Hearing for 2020-2021 Budget – **Motion** by Godi, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Squanda to enter into a Public Hearing for 2020 – 2021 Village Budget. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion: Council open to hear public discussion. There was no discussion from the public. Council briefly discussed the options of sinking funds and fund balances.

**Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bouvy to close Public Hearing for 2020 – 2021 Village Budget. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- E. Village 2020 – 2021 Budget Approval – **Motion** by Elbers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weihl to approve the 2020 – 2021 Budget. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- F. Blumfield Twp. Fire Contract Renewal – Manager Raymond reported, Blumfield Twp. has agreed to a 5-year contract for Fire/Recue Services with the Village of Reese.
- G. Gilford Twp. Fire Contract Discussion – Manager Raymond reported Gilford Twp. is still negotiating for services. After a brief discussion, **Motion** by Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Godi to stay with the Village of Reese original offer to Gilford Twp. of \$9,000 for Fire/Rescue Services or \$6,000 for Fire Services only. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- H. BS&A Software Update – Manager Raymond reported, the Village currently utilizes Pontem Software to process payroll. Pontem notified clients late Feb. 2020 that they are no longer offering Payroll Software beginning Jan. 2021. The Village uses BS&A Software to process taxes and BS&A has the ability to do Payroll and Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable and Budgets. **Motion** by Elbers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Squanda to authorize up to \$33,000 for BS&A Software for the Village of Reese. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- I. Budget Amendment Resolution 19-20-02 – **Motion** by Godi, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bouvy to authorize funds within the budget to be moved to offset negative balances. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- J. Village Wages for 2020-2021 – Manager Raymond presented the updated Village wages to Council with a 2% increase from previous year.

**Public Comments**

President Keast reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday.

Manager Raymond told Council about a meeting he had just before the Council meeting to discuss the costs of replacing the Fire Department's aging air packs. There are 20 air packs at the department and each member gets their own facemask for the air packs. Council will review the information for next regular meeting.

Ron Avery – Blumfield Reese Water Authority will see a transfer coming from Richville extension, completed in 1997. Bond was fully paid and BRWA will take ownership and continue to maintain.

**Miscellaneous:**

Nothing was discussed

**Items for next agenda:**

SAW Grant  
Reese Community Parks & Rec.  
Fire Department Air Packs

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chris Ranney, Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Chris Ranney, Clerk

Date: 5/11/2020