

MINUTES

Reese Village Council

2073 Gates Street

January 8, 2024

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: Trustees Present: Doug Squanda, Darryl Tafoya, Pete Bouvy, Brian Wehl.

Absent: Matthew Bouvy and Jeff Skias

Staff Present: Clerk Courtney Owens
Village Manager Thomas Raymond

Guests in Attendance: None

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

Adoption of Minutes from meeting held December 11, 2023: Motion by Squanda, 2nd by Tafoya, to adopt the minutes of December 11, 2023, as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

Consent Agenda: Motion by Wehl, 2nd by Tafoya, to accept the reports from Village Manager, Police Dept. and DPW. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes Received from Boards & Commissions: Motion by P. Bouvy, 2nd by Squanda, to accept the reports from Blumfield Reese Water Authority, Denmark Township and Library. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Letters to the Trustees – None

Approval of Check Listing: Motion by Squanda, 2nd by Wehl to accept check listing #'s 22710 to 22753 totaling \$104,617.42 for fund accounts. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Update Unfinished or Pending Matters:

- A. Storm Drain issues M-81 and Gugino St. – Manager Raymond, Paul Keast, Gene Ellison, Fleis and Vandenbrink and Mike Sahr met with representatives from Lisa McClains office as well as a representative from Washington DC. The meeting went well. Application deadline is late January/early February 2024. The representative present from Washington DC is the person who looks at the applications to determine who will be sent to Lisa McClains office in April 2024. Sometime May – July 2024 we will receive a notice letting us know if we were approved or denied for the program. It could take up to 1 year for us to receive the money. We are applying for \$1 million plus. The money for all preliminary work, such as Spicer Engineering work, cannot be submitted for reimbursement.

New Business


- A. Adopt millage rates for 2024-2025 budget year – **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2nd by Weihl to adopt the millage rate of 10.5 mill for operating, 1.5 mill for fire equipment and .5 mill for sidewalks. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- B. Draft Budget for 2024-2025 Budget Year – Preliminary Budget included in the packet for review by the council. More discussion will take place at February’s council meeting. A public meeting and approval will take place in March 2024.
- C. Request from Manager Raymond for 1 additional week of vacation – Manager Raymond addressed the council on his reasoning for an additional week of vacation. **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2nd by Squanda to approve Manager Raymond for one more week of vacation effective January 8, 2024. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Items for next agenda:

Storm drain at M-81 and Gugino St.
Budget
Park and Rec.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Owens, Clerk

Approved By:  Date: 2/12/2024