

## MINUTES

Reese Village Council  
2073 Gates Street  
March 11, 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:** President: Paul Keast, Trustees: Doug Squanda, Darryl Tafoya, Pete Bouvy, Brian Wehl, Jeff Skias and Matthew Bouvy

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Clerk Courtney Owens  
Village Manager Thomas Raymond

**Guests in Attendance:** None

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

**Adoption of Minutes from meeting held February 12, 2024: Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Bouvy, to adopt the minutes of February 12, 2024. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

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

**Minutes Received from Boards & Commissions: Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Squanda, to accept the reports from Planning Commission, Blumfield Reese Water Authority, Fire Department and Reese Beautification. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Letters to the Trustees** – Letter from Rich Gwizdala regarding horse poop in the Village. By common consent Manager Raymond will see how other communities handle this type of situation and will talk to the Planning Commission about a possible ordinance. In the meantime, President Keast asked Manager Raymond to send a letter to the horse owner asking them to please pick up after their horse.

**Public Hearing; 2024-2025 Village Budget**

**Suspend Regular Meeting: Motion** by Skias, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Squanda to suspend the regular meeting and go into public hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Open Public Hearing: Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Squanda to open the meeting to public hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Discussion:** No discussion took place.

**Close Public Hearing: Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tafoya to close the public hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Resume Regular Meeting: Motion** by Tafoya, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weihl to resume the regular meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval of Check Listing: Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Bouvy to accept check listing #'s 22827 to 22270 totaling \$68,140.42 for fund accounts. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Update Unfinished or Pending Matters:**

- A. Storm Drain issues M-81 and Gugino St. – Manager Raymond informed council that the Village application had been submitted to Senator McClain’s office and now we wait until a decision is made.

**New Business**

- A. Approval of Fees and Charges for 2024-2025 – **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Squanda to approve the 2024-2025 fees and charges with the following changes. Variance applications become a \$300 fee, annexation applications become a \$350 fee and rezoning applications become a \$300 fee. These fees include advertising. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- B. Budget for 2024-2025 fiscal year – **Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Bouvy to accept approve the 2024-2025 budget as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- C. Budget Amendments - **Motion** by Tafoya, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weihl to approve budget amendments 1-10 for the 2023-2024 budget. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- D. Rezoning of 1941 Gates St. - **Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skias to approve the rezoning of 1941 Gates St from R1 to R3 based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission that we receive the certificate of occupancy, which was received. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- E. Tire Purchase for Backhoe – Informational, will be paid for in 2024-2025 fiscal year.

- F. Removal of maples on M-81 right-of-way – M. Bouvy suggested that we contact the homeowners being affected by this since some of them have planted flowers in the area we plan to fill. **Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tafoya to approve the removal of maples on M-81 right-of-way from Reese Rd. to Williams St. and 3 trees adjacent to the Middle School property where roots are pushing up the existing sidewalks. This includes stump grinding and filling with colored, stamped concrete. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- G. Combination of lots 12 and 13 on Bader Dr. - **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skias to combine lots 12 and 13 on Bader Dr. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- H. Reappoint Planning Commission Members – John Tolloff has decided not to seek reappointment. **Motion** by Tafoya, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Squanda to reappoint Mike Kelly and Adam Ellison to a three-year term on Planning Commission from 4/1/2024 – 3/31/2027. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- I. Reappoint ZBA Members – **Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tafoya to reappoint Paul Dost to a three-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals from 4/1/2024 – 3/31/2027. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Comments:**

Councilperson P. Bouvy shared that Craig Histed had spoken to him about work they are doing on the softball field at the High School. They had questions for the Village about placement of dirt they are getting delivered. Manager Raymond explained that he and Gene Ellison had a discussion with Craig, and it was all handled.

Councilperson Weihl stated that the Park and Rec. committee would like their blessing to use Fleis and Vandenbrink to help them apply for the DNR grant for April 2025. The council gave their approval.

**Items for next agenda:**

M-81 Flooding Project

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Courtney Owens, Clerk

Approved By: Courtney Owens Date: 4-8-2024