

## MINUTES

Reese Village Council  
2073 Gates Street  
May 10, 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, Brian Wehl, Jeff Skias, Matt Bouvy, Pete Bouvy and Darryl Tafoya.

**Absent:** 0

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

**Guests in Attendance:** Charles Heinlein, Steven Rutkowski, Gary Hicks and Brian (Republic Services).

**Approval/Adjustments to the Agenda: Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Bouvy to approve the Agenda as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Adoption of Minutes from meetings held April 12, 2021: Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wehl, to adopt the minutes of April 12, 2021 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No scheduled comments.

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

**Minutes Received from Boards & Commissions: Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skias to accept the report from Reese Parks & Rec, Blumfield Reese Water Authority, Denmark Township, Reese Fire/Rescue, Reese Unity District Library and Reese ZBA. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Letters to the Trustees – None**

**Approval of Check Listing: Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wehl to accept check listing #s 20681 to 20723 totaling \$82,733.98 for fund accounts. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Update Unfinished or Pending Matters:**

- A. SAW Grant Status – Steven Rutkowski from Spicers handed out several reports to council. Steven explained to council the SAW Grant is nearing completion and briefly went over each report. The SAW Grant reports indicate the Village of Reese sewer system is in good shape, and only an approximate 2% increase in rates is recommended to handle future capital projects.
  
- B. Streetlights – Manager Raymond received a quote from our DTE representative to replace the light pole heads on the light poles along M-81 to LED, would be roughly \$750 per pole. With the Village of Reese having 60 light poles along M-81, Manager Raymond would like to keep investigating the option of finding a conversion kit for our existing lamp system.

**New Business**

- A. Resolution 21-22-01 Parks and Rec. – Manager Raymond explained to council the wording in the Parks & Rec. grant needed to be updated with the current value the Village of Reese could be responsible for if the DNR Passport Grant is accepted. **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skias to approve Resolution 21-22-01 for the Village of Reese contribution of approximately \$125,000 to the DNR Passport Grant, if accepted. **Motion carried unanimously.**
  
- B. Budget Amendment Resolution 21-22-01 – **Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wehl to approve Budget Amendment Resolution 21-22-01, transfer from General Fund to Fire/Rescue Fund for new Budget. **Motion carried unanimously.**
  
- C. Resolution 21-22-02 Center St. Funding – Manager Raymond reminded council; this is the third year the Village of Reese has applied for this grant. If awarded, the Village of Reese could receive up to \$250,000 to resurface Center St. from Meridian to Van Buren. **Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Squanda to approve Resolution 21-22-02 to submit the Grant. **Motion carried unanimously.**
  
- D. Planning Commission vacancy – **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wehl to appoint Nathan Beyerlien to the Village of Reese Planning Commission. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- E. Republic Services Rep. Gary Hicks – Manager Raymond asked Gary Hicks of Republic Services to attend the meeting, due to the unsatisfactory performance of the trash and yard waste pickup. Gary Hicks was present and Manager Raymond allotted him to speak at the podium first. Councilperson P. Bouvy asked if there is a valid contract that is current with Republic Services, Manager Raymond responded, by stating the contract was authorized by council in a November 2020 virtual meeting, however, the contract itself remains unsigned by the Village of Reese. Mr. Hicks believes there is a valid contract, and he is attributing the poor performance of Republic Services to the current labor shortage of CDL drivers. Gary asked the village for a little time for this to be corrected and to be patient during trash and yard waste pickups, as Republic Services will have to alter pickup times on occasion. Gary let the council know that trash and yard waste will always be collected, it just might not be at the times the village residents are accustomed to. Gary said the best way to ensure the resident's garbage and yard waste are collected every week, is to put the garbage and yard waste out to the roadside early morning or the night before and to leave them out to the road until collected, even if it is the next day. After a brief discussion by council and manager Raymond, council agrees that Republic Services is selling the village a service and the service is unsatisfactory. Manager Raymond will check on the validity of the contract with Republic Services as well as check references on a potential new trash and yard waste collection company, Green For Life.
- F. Delinquent Sewer and Garbage bills – **Motion** by Skias, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Bouvy to authorize the delinquent sewer and garbage bills to be added to the property tax parcel as a special assessment on the taxes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- G. Village Manager Evaluation – Manager Raymond opted to remain in Open Session for his yearly performance evaluation. President Keast read aloud some of the comments in Manager Raymond's evaluation and his score of 4.0, Above Average. **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Squanda to accept the results of Manager Raymond's evaluation. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Comments**

No Comments

**Miscellaneous:**

Nothing to discuss.

Monday, May 10, 2021

**Items for next agenda:**

Green for Life (GFL)  
SAW Grant  
Streetlights  
Spicers

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chris Ranney, Clerk

Approved By: Chris Ranney, Clerk Date: 6/14/2021