

Monday, February 14, 2022

## MINUTES

Reese Village Council  
2073 Gates Street  
February 14, 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: Doug Squanda, Brian Wehl, Matt Bouvy, Jeff Skias, Pete Bouvy and Darryl Tafoya.

**Absent: 0**

**Staff Present:** Clerk/Treasurer Chris Ranney  
Village Manager Thomas Raymond  
DPW Supervisor Gene Ellison  
DPW Worker Matt Rupp  
DPW Worker Josh Burkitt

**Guests in Attendance: 0**

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

**Adoption of Minutes from meetings held January 10, 2022: Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Squanda, to adopt the minutes of January 10, 2022, as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Scheduled

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

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

**Letters to the Trustees – No Letters**

**Approval of Check Listing: Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Bouvy to accept check listing #s 21223 to 21285 totaling \$81,020.36 for fund accounts. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Update Unfinished or Pending Matters:**

- A. Streetlights – Manger Raymond reported, the park lighting is still being worked on while the ground is frozen. Manager Raymond also reported now is the time to decide on light poles for M-81. President Keast would like the Energy Reduction Collation to come back to council for more information on the M-81 lights.
- B. Park & Rec. – No new meeting. Parks Committee is working on rewording the Passport Grant.
- C. Category B Grant – Engineers are still discussing right of ways with the railroad company.
- D. Wage Committee – This committee met 2 times to discuss and review information from Manager Raymond's wage study. The committee also met with the DPW to negotiate a \$3 per hour wage increase per employee for the upcoming fiscal year 2022-23. In the negotiations, each DPW employee will also receive a \$1,000 stipend at the end of the fiscal year 2021-22. Councilperson Skias proposed a \$1,200 stipend to be more inline with wages since January 2022. After a brief discussion regarding DPW pay package, **Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Bouvy, to offer the DPW employees a \$3 per hour wage increase beginning April 01, 2022, also each DPW employee to receive a \$1,000 stipend in March 2022. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**New Business**

- A. 2022-23 Fee Schedule – Manager Raymond discussed proposed increases; Sewer Rates – Increase of 3%, Garbage Rates – Increase of 3% to follow the GFL Contract. **Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wehl to approve the 2022-23 fiscal year fee schedule. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Sanitary Sewer Project, Reese Rd – Manager Raymond presented two quotes received for the Reese Road sewer project. Spicer Group - \$650,000 and Monchilov Sewer Services LLC - \$237,931.00. After a brief discussion regarding the significant difference in quotes, **Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Squanda to accept the quote from Monchilov Sewer Services LLC in the amount of \$237,931.00, also to accept an additional 10% of the quote, if needed. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- C. Resolution 21-22-04 Opt. out of Public Funded Health Care – **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skias to approve Resolution 21-22-04 Opt. out of Public Funded Health Care.

Roll Call Vote:

Squanda	Aye
Weihl	Aye
M. Bouvy	Aye
Skias	Aye
P. Bouvy	Aye
Tafoya	Aye

**Motion carried unanimously.**

- D. Audit Proposal for March 2023 – March 2026 – Manager Raymond presented the only proposal returned to the Village of Reese for the year audit, Berthiaume & Co. **Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weihl to accept the 4-year audit proposal from Berthiaume & Co. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- E. Budget Resolution 21-22-02 – Manager Raymond reviewed the adjusted items with council. **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Bouvy to approve the items in the Budget Resolution 21-22-02. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- F. Preliminary Budget for FY 2022-23 – Manager Raymond presented the proposed budget to council. After reviewing and a lengthy discussion, Manager Raymond will make the necessary adjustments on a few issues and email council.

**Public Comments** – DPW Supervisor Gene Ellison thanked the council for their action to increase the DPW wages.

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**Miscellaneous:** Nothing to report

**Items for next agenda:**

Streetlights  
Reese Community Parks & Rec.  
Category B Grant  
Public Hearing  
Budget Approval

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chris Ranney, Clerk

Approved By: Chris Ranney, Clerk Date: 3/14/2022