

Monday, February 10, 2025

## MINUTES

Reese Village Council  
2073 Gates Street  
February 10, 2025  
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: Darryl Tafoya, Brian Weihl, Jeff Skias and Matthew Bouvy

**Absent:** Trustee Doug Squanda

**Staff Present:** Clerk Courtney Owens, Village Manager Thomas Raymond and Officer Matt Rietz

**Guests in Attendance:** Dallas Quarrels

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

**Adoption of Minutes from meeting held January 13, 2025:** Motion by Weihl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tafoya, to adopt the minutes of the January 13, 2025, meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

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

**Minutes Received from Boards & Commissions:** Motion by Tafoya, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weihl, to accept the reports from Reese Fire, Blumfield Reese Water Authority, Reese Unity Library (12/9/24 and 1/13/25), Denmark Township, Reese Community Park, Reese Beautification and Reese Planning Commission (1/9/25, 1/22/25 workshop and 2/4/25). **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Letters to the Trustees – None**

**Approval of Check Listing:** Motion by Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tafoya to accept check listing #'s 23473 to 23514 totaling \$89,438.60 for fund accounts. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Update Unfinished or Pending Matters:**

- A. Storm Drain issues M-81 and Gugino St. – Manager Raymond reiterated that we are shovel ready and currently waiting on final word from Congresswoman Lisa McClains office regarding funding.
- B. Community Park – Brian Weihl addressed the council stating Burt Cheshire is not seeking re-appointment. Park is not applying for the DNR Grant in 2025 but is planning to apply in 2026. Next Park meeting will be in March.

**New Business**

- A. Planning Commission recommendations on sign ordinance Sec. 24-5. – **Motion** by Tafoya, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bouvy to approve adding C to Sec. 24-5 with changes. Official verbiage listed below. **Motion carried unanimously.**

*C. Signs for churches or schools within R-1 and R-2 districts shall be located a minimum of 20 feet from the right of way to the front of the sign with a maximum height of 10 feet.*

- B. Planning Commission recommendation on Sec. 6-24 Animal Waste Removal – **Motion** by Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tafoya to add Sec. 6-24 Animal Waste Removal to Article III of the ordinance. Official verbiage listed below. **Motion carried unanimously.**

*Sec. 6-24 Animal Waste Removal*

*All animal feces / waste to be removed / cleaned up by the animal's owner within any or all public areas within the boundaries of the Village of Reese. Any person Violating this article shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction.*

- C. Employee Sick Time Act – Tabled until March meeting.
- D. Fees and Charges for 2025-2026 fiscal year - **Motion** by Skias, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weihl to approve the 2025-2026 Fees and Charges as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- E. Draft Budget, set public hearing – After much discussion Trustee Bouvy and Manager Raymond will meet Monday February 17, 2025, to make changes to the draft budget. **Motion** by Skias, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weihl to set a public hearing for March 10, 2025, for the 2025-2026 budget. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- F. Resolution 24-25-05, opting out of public health insurance - **Motion** by Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skias to approve resolution 24-25-05 to opt out of public health insurance. **Motion carried unanimously.**

G. Council Seat Application - **Motion** by Wehl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bouvy to appoint Dallas Quarrels as the new council member of the Reese Village Council. **Motion carried unanimously.**

H. Reappoint Dave Peyok to BRWA - **Motion** by Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skias to reappoint Dave Peyok to a three-year term on the Blumfield Reese Water Authority board from 4/1/2025 – 3/31/2028. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Comments:** Officer Matt Rietz thanked the council for extending his bereavement leave and for the gift during his daughter's passing.

**Items for next agenda:**

M-81 Flooding Project  
Community Park

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Courtney Owens, Clerk

Approved By: Courtney Owens Date: 3-10-25