

Unapproved

Village Council Minutes August 11th, 2020

The regular scheduled session of Freeport Village Council was called to order on Monday, at July 13th, 2020 at 7:32 pm by Village President Bill Andrews on internet through ZOOM.

Present roll calls were Council Trustees: Karl Wilkins, John Raymond, Shawn Hill and Lani Forbes

Absent:

Present roll call President: Bill Andrews, Treasurer: Joyce Callihan, Clerk: Shawna Hill

Public Present:

Motion by Shawn Hill and supported by Karl Wilkins to approve the agenda for August 11th, 2020, with three additions: NSF Fees, Office Policies/Procedures, Hire part time DPW.

Motion by Lani Forbes and supported Karl Wilkins by to approve unapproved minutes from July 13th, 2020

Motion Passed

Police Report: Tom Steensma

Committee Report:

Committee of Whole: No meeting held due to COVID-19

Planning Commission: Reported by -no minutes

Treasurer's Report: Joyce Callihan

NSF Fees: Lani Forbes wanted to talk about NSF Fees: Joyce Callihan has fixed issue with bank and has changed some of her office procedures to make sure this is corrected moving forward.

Pay Bills:

Motion by Lani Forbes and supported by Shawn Hill to pay unapproved bill and pre-approved bills for month of August 11th, 2020

Roll call: Karl Wilkins, Shawn Hill, John Raymond, Lani Forbes, and Bill Andrews. All Yes

Motion passed

Public Input:

John Raymond want to have the council due something about the Japanese Knotweeds that are growing in their neighbors yard. **Lani Forbes explains that reaching out to Sarah with Barry Eaton Conservation; they will be able to give them the correct information on how to remove this weed. Tom Steensma has also been asked to speak to resident with obnoxious weed ordinances.**

Lani Forbes wants to let the council know that she was able to apply for the COVID relief grant for our Village Police officers, and will report back with news on it when she hears. She also wanted to let us know that she will be going to Irving Township hall meeting to see if, due to the COVID, the elections this year can be back at Freeport for spacing due this social distancing time frame.

Old Business:

1. East st project – **survey done but TBD for start date**
2. Need to install 10 water meters for software completion with BSA to link up –**Council will be hiring a new part time DPW to help free time, for Village DPW Bob Richardson, time to replace himself.**
3. Village of Freeport Green Dump Truck for Auction- **Dave Newman has been contacted to have vehicle fixed and finished ready to go to auction end of month, August 2020**

New Business:

Discussed getting vehicle stickers and number system so all Village vehicles will be numbered and label for easier communication of which vehicle will be worked on. Shawn Hill and Bill Andrews will be working on this together.

Discussed needing to have work done on Village F350 truck from Drury Diels seeking more quotes before approval.

Discussed needing to renewal our CD with Union Bank or switching this out to our Thornapple Credit union. Joyce Callihan will be working on this with TCU.

Motion by Lani Forbes and supported by Shawn Hill to accept Ben Christie's application or part time DPW help at \$12 per hour not to exceed 6 hrs per week.

Roll call: John Raymond, Karl Wilkins, Shawn Hill, Lani Forbes, and Bill Andrews. All Yes

Motion passed

Discussed new Policy Procedures for Village Office as follow:

Phone Calls

Water billing issues will be forwarded to Treasurer by email or message taken and left in her box

Water supply issues will be forwarded to Water Operator by email or message taken. The Water Operator cell # will be given to customer for an emergency or important situation.

Cemetery issues will be forwarded to DPW cell phone or email

Planning and Zoning Questions will be forwarded to Planning and Zoning Chairperson email or cell phone, or Zoning Administrator's email depending on the question. Residential would go to Zoning Administrator; Commercial would go to Planning and Zoning Chairperson.

Mail

Mail that is addressed to a specific person on the council, employee or department should be put into that person's box unopened. An email should be sent to said person making them aware that they have received mail.

All in Favor

Correspondence:

Clark Lewis (the juggler) wants to know if he can use the grass next to the community center. Connie told me she was not sure if he wanted a tent or anything. He is trying to do some kind of a fundraiser. He is looking at doing it on July 29 Wednesday.

Announcements:

Lani Forbes will be working on a relief program through MML (Michigan Municipal League) for the pay of our police during the COVID-19

Next Council meeting is September 14th, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm

Shawna Hill

Village Clerk

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