

Grand Ridge Village Board
Minutes of the December 20, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Village Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Kay Hines at the Grand Ridge Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance. Trustees present: Jim Stricklin, Anne Hinterlong, Jack Tidaback, Dennis Rockey, Cindi Koetz, and Julene Buckley. Attorney Sheryl Churney, Village Clerk Christy McGuire, Mike Harden, Tim Koster and Police Chief Josh Jabczynski were also present.

Minutes. Trustee Rockey made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2022 board meeting as presented and the minutes of the December 2, 2022 Police Department Committee Meeting; second by Trustee Buckley. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report. Trustee Hinterlong made a motion to approve the November 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented; second by Trustee Tidaback. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Tidaback, Rockey, Koetz and Buckley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills. Trustee Hinterlong made a motion to approve payment of the monthly bills as presented; second by Trustee Buckley. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Tidaback, Rockey, Koetz and Buckley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment. There was no Public Comment.

Old Business.

- A. **2022 Tax Levy Ordinance.** Trustee Koetz made a motion to approve the 2022 Tax Levy Ordinance (Ord. No. 2022-07) as presented; second by Trustee Rockey. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Tidaback, Rockey, Koetz and Buckley. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- B. **Ordinance Enacting a Code of Ordinances.** Trustee Tidaback made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-08, an Ordinance enacting a Code of Ordinances for the Village - Revising, Amending, Restating, Codifying, and Compiling certain existing general ordinances of the Village dealing with subjects embraced in such code of ordinances; second by Trustee Buckley. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Tidaback, Rockey, Koetz and Buckley. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- C. **Ordinance Amending the Village's Water Service Rates.** Mayor Hines reported the Water Committee Meeting will meet again in January to further discuss water service rates. An update will be provided at the January Board meeting.
- D. **Permanent Easements for Alley and Street Purposes.** As indicated by the agenda, this matter would first be addressed in Executive Session.
- E. **Zoning Title Amendment.** The consensus of the Board was to table amending the Zoning Title to address short term rentals.

New Business.

- A. **Wage increases for Police Department.** Trustee Koetz made a motion to approve a three-year plan for hourly wage increases for the Village's Police Officers, the Deputy Chief, and the Police Chief as presented; second by Trustee Hinterlong. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Tidaback, Rockey, Koetz and Buckley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Committee Reports.

Streets and Alleys. Trustee Rockey reported the snow plow is ready for winter. He would like to coordinate with Nick Hettel to try to remove a sidewalk deemed unsafe at a residence on Porter Avenue. He noted the resident appears to have done more work than previously disclosed on the initial permit. Trustee Tidaback will visit the location to discuss a revised permit for the work being done. Trustee Rockey also reported an ongoing issue still exists on the corner of Porter Ave. and Penn Street with water being pumped from the residence and running into the street. The issue has become increasingly concerning with the onset of cold temperatures as the water will freeze. Chief Jabczynski will visit the residence to discuss the issue with the property owner.

Water. Trustee Stricklin reported the Illinois Rural Water Association dropped off a tool for the Village to check water hydrant pressure. He also met with a neighbor next to the Penn Street Pump Station to discuss clean-up of the 70-foot setback area. It was also noted that blue flags have been ordered for the water department. Trustee Hinterlong noted the clean condition of the maintenance building and complimented all involved in the clean up project for a job well done.

Police. Chief Jabczynski reported Durdan Electric pushed back the date for installation of the camera on the pole at the corner of Sylvan Avenue and Main Street by one week due to the holiday. He also reported he has applied for a grant for license plate readers on state highways. The grant is offered by the State of Illinois.

Executive Session. Trustee Buckley made a motion to go into executive session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss the purchase of real estate; second by Trustee Rockey. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Tidaback, Rockey, Koetz and Buckley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

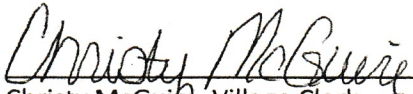
Trustee Rockey made a motion to conclude the Executive Session at 8:02 p.m.; second by Trustee Tidaback. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Tidaback, Rockey, Koetz and Buckley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Per the agenda item indicating action would be taken following the Executive Session; Trustee Hinterlong made a motion to approve obtaining a permanent easement for a strip located in the 100 block of West Main Street for \$8,000 from Holly and Tim Koster; second by Trustee Koetz. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Tidaback, Rockey and Koetz . Nays: Buckley. Motion carried.

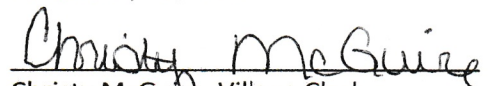
Adjournment.

Trustee Buckley made a motion to adjourn; second by Trustee Koetz. Voice Vote: all ayes; no nays. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Christy McGuire, Village Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees
on January 17, 2023.


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