

**Grand Ridge Village Board**  
**Minutes of the January 17, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Village Board**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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. Village Clerk Christy McGuire, Mike Harden, Martha Harden, John Hettel, Nick Hettel, Josh Jaegle and Teirra Fulkerson were also present.

**Minutes.** Trustee Buckley made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2022 board meeting as presented; second by Trustee Stricklin. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. Trustee Hinterlong made a motion to approve minutes of the January Water Committee Meeting as presented; second by Trustee Stricklin. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report.** Trustee Hinterlong made a motion to approve the December 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 Rockey made a motion to approve payment of the monthly bills which included deleting a duplicate payment to Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins in the amount of \$3,513.50 and updating the amount of a payment to BP for fuel under GEN/LAW from \$179.29 to \$79.29; second by Trustee Koetz. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Tidaback, Rockey, Koetz and Buckley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Public Comment.** None.

**Old Business.**

**A. Ordinance amending Village Water Rates.** Board members discussed water rates and current water debt. Handouts were provided showing the rates from different areas compared to our rates. Trustee Stricklin noted prices for chemicals, equipment, hydrants, et cet. have continuously been going up. Mayor Hines noted that water rates have not changed since 2012. Mayor Hines made a recommendation to review information provided and the committee will submit a proposal and ordinance to vote on at the next board meeting.

**New Business.**

**A. Gift Cards for Bob and Greg Durdan.** Mayor Hines made a recommendation to give gift cards to Bob and Greg Durdan to thank them for assisting the Village with putting up Christmas decorations. Trustee Koetz made a motion to approve the purchase of two \$50 Visa gift cards; second by Trustee Stricklin. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Tidaback, Rockey, Koetz and Buckley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**B. Donation to Grand Ridge PTO.** Trustee Stricklin made a motion to approve a donation to the Grand Ridge PTO in the amount of \$200 to sponsor a Trivia Night; second by Trustee Hinterlong. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Tidaback, Rockey, Koetz and Buckley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Engineers Report.** Peter Faletti reported he received a reminder from Advanced Asphalt that payment is due from the 2022 sidewalk project.

## **Committee Reports.**

**Streets and Alleys.** Trustee Rockey expressed concern over wear and tear caused by garbage trucks in the Village's alleys. He suggested a street only pick up would be a good topic to consider for discussion at a future board meeting. At Trustee Rockey's request, Mike Harden provided the following updates on maintenance projects:

- the snow plow truck and police truck have both been serviced
- light bulbs have been changed out on some of street lights on Main Street and deteriorating conditions of the current lights was noted
- a tree in the alley way behind the village hall was trimmed
- the current inventory in the water facility is being evaluated in order to eliminate parts no longer needed so that an inventory list can be created of parts in use
- new lights in the maintenance building are in the process of being installed

Options for putting up a pole and replacing a light as part of an agreement with Jeff Koetz were discussed.

**Building Permits.** Trustee Tidaback reported he had spoken to a real estate agent with questions about the process for a fence permit on a house currently for sale in the Village. He also noted he has not been able to reach the owner at a property located in the 300 block of Porter Avenue to discuss a revised permit for work being done at the residence.

**Water.** Trustee Stricklin discussed a survey received from Illinois Rural Water requesting information from residents about lead pipes in homes. Trustee Hinterlong noted the survey did not say who it was from and why the information was needed. Mayor Hines will inquire about additional information to update the form before it is sent to residents.

**Police.** Trustee Koetz read the Police Chief's report which noted the camera on the corner of Sylvan Ave, and Main Street has been reinstalled by Durdan Electric. She also noted that Officer Hinton has resigned and the Village is currently looking for a part-time police officer. Mike Harden is now servicing our police vehicle by taking care of oil changes and tire rotations.

**Park.** Trustee Koetz reported she has spoken to a ComEd representative about having a street light installed near the end of East Liberty Street. She noted this location, which also includes the ball diamond near the end of the Village Park, is very dark at night. ComEd has put in a work order and will contact Trustee Koetz with information before any work is done.

## **Executive Session**

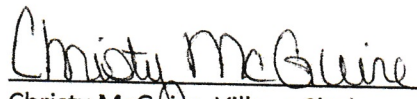
Trustee Koetz made a motion to go into executive session at 8:12 p.m. for review of Executive Session minutes; second by Trustee Rockey. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Tidaback, Rockey, Koetz and Buckley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Trustee Koetz made a motion to conclude the executive session at 8:15 p.m.; second by Trustee Buckley. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Tidaback, Rockey, Koetz and Buckley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

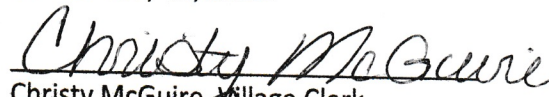
Trustee Koetz made a motion to approve Executive Session minutes dated July 17, 2022, August 16, 2022, October 18, 2022 and December 20, 2022 and to release these minutes; second by Trustee Tidaback. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Tidaback, Rockey, Koetz and Buckley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Adjournment.** Trustee Koetz made a motion to adjourn; second by Trustee Rockey. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Christy McGuire, Village Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees  
on February 21, 2023.

  
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