

Grand Ridge Village Board
Minutes of the June 20, 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, Kim Olney, Dennis Rockey and Cindi Koetz. Trustee John Hettel was absent. Village Attorney Sheryl Churney, Village Clerk Christy McGuire, Mike Harden, Steven Fulkerson, Tim McGuire, Buck Hill, Jack Tidaback, Nick Hettel, Stephanie Wiertz, James Friske and Ryan Cunningham were also present.

Minutes. Trustee Hinterlong made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2023 Board meeting as presented; second by Trustee Koetz. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. Trustee Rockey made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2023 Main Street Light Committee meeting; second by Trustee Hinterlong. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

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

Mayor Hines noted Shared Certificate 2004 was renewed at Streator Onized Credit Union due to a higher interest rate.

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

Public Comment. Buck Hill spoke regarding concerns over abnormal amounts of water in his basement at 9 Clover Court which is currently being pumped into his front ditch causing standing water in the front yard. He noted the issue has continued even during the long period without rain and other Clover Court subdivision residents also have experienced water issues. Mr. Hill has spoken to representatives from the village regarding the issue. Prior actions to address the water issue were discussed. He asked the Board to investigate and act to solve the issue. Possible causes of the problem (such as an underground spring) and ideas to address the issue (such a French drain or new catch basins) were discussed. Ms. Churney asked Mr. Hill if he could provide reports from the water experts he had look into the issue. Peter Faletti will check to see if the county may have a map of locations of wells.

New Business.

- A. **Mediacom discussion on Fiber Service to Grand Ridge.** James Friske, the regional marketing director, and other Mediacom representatives discussed plans and procedures for installing fiber service to Grand Ridge and answered questions.
- B. **Review of Tentative Appropriation Ordinance.** The Trustees reviewed the tentative 2023-2024 appropriation ordinance. Final action on the ordinance will be taken at the July board meeting.
- C. **Zoning Board of Appeals Recommendation 2023-06-13.** Trustee Koetz made a motion to accept and place on file ZBA Recommendation 2023-06-13 concerning proposed amendments to Section 155.021 of the Village Zoning Regulations to Permit the ZBA to Serve as the Planning Commission and Section 155.197 to Permit Short-Term Rentals as a Special Use; second by Trustee Stricklin. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Olney, Rockey and Koetz. Nays: None. Motion carried.