

**Grand Ridge Village Board**  
**Minutes of the May 16, 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, Cindi Koetz and John Hettel. Village Attorney Sheryl Churney, Village Clerk Christy McGuire, Police Chief Josh Jabczynski, Mike Harden, Steven Fulkerson, Teirra Fulkerson, Timothy Koster, Holly Koster and Karen Meagher were also present.

A motion was made by Trustee Koetz to allow Trustee Rockey to attend the meeting remotely; second by Trustee Hettel. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. Trustee Rockey then joined the meeting by telephone conference call.

**Minutes.** Trustee Hinterlong made a motion to approve the minutes of the April board meeting and the May 4, 2023 Special Meeting as presented; second by Trustee Stricklin. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Trustee Hinterlong made a motion to approve minutes of the May 2023 Water Committee Meeting; second by Trustee Olney. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

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

Mayor Hines reported that a Certificate of Deposit currently held with Streator Onized Credit Union will mature on June 1, 2023. It was noted that Grand Ridge National Bank currently offers a higher rate of interest. Trustee Hinterlong made a motion to renew CD# 2004 with Grand Ridge National Bank; second by Trustee Stricklin. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Olney, Rockey, Koetz and Hettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

**Public Comment.** Teirra and Steven Fulkerson addressed the Board regarding a concern over a refund they felt was owed to them on their water bill.

**Old Business.**

- A. **Intergovernmental agreement concerning speed warning signs.** The village board made a decision to remove the item from the agenda at this time and revisit it in the future as needed.
- B. **Village Clean-up Days.** Mayor Hines Reported that Village Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> due to the Memorial Day holiday and Republic Services' schedule. Trustee Rockey noted that the time will be 7 a.m. Trustee Rockey will work on coordinating a list of volunteers to help on this day.
- C. **Ordinance concerning Short-term Rentals.** Mayor Hines reported that a past conversation regarding short term rentals has recently been asked to be re-addressed. Attorney Churney the Village Board had previously discussed allowing short term rentals as a special use under the Village's zoning ordinance. The prior draft of the short-term rental ordinance has been provided to the board. Ms. Churney recommended keeping this item on the agenda so that Village Trustees can study it and get back to her with any comments.