

Grand Ridge Village Board
Minutes of the August 15, 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, Cindi Koetz and John Hettel. Village Attorney Sheryl Churney, Village Clerk Christy McGuire, Village Engineer Peter Faletti, and Stephanie Wroblewski were also present.

Minutes. Trustee Hinterlong made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2023 Board meeting as presented; second by Trustee Koetz. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Trustee Stricklin made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2023 Park Committee Meeting; second by Trustee Olney. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

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

Payment of Bills. Trustee Rockey made a motion to approve payment of the monthly bills to include payment to KTJ, Ltd. in the amount of \$1,983.60 from the General Fund; second by Trustee Hettel. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Olney, Rockey, Koetz, Hettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment. There was no public comment.

Old Business.

- A. **Update on 160 W. Main Street.** A letter was sent to the property owner by Ms. Churney after the July board meeting directing that action be taken to address the building condition and advising the village will pursue available legal options. Ms. Churney noted that the letter did not garner a response. Ms. Churney coordinated with Chief Jabczynski and sent out nuisance abatement notice. The property owner contacted Mayor Hines today to set up a meeting to discuss his plans. The item will be placed on the September meeting agenda for further discussion.
- B. **Bids for 2023 Sidewalk Program.** The Village Engineer reported the sidewalk project is being reviewed by IDOT. Mr. Faletti noted the Village can solicit bids once the project has been approved by IDOT. Mayor Hines recommended calling a special meeting if bids are received in sufficient time before the September board meeting.
- C. **Report on Status of Lead Line Inventory Project.** Trustee Hettel reported Mayor Hines mailed a lead line survey letter to village residence. Mayor Hines contacted Jack Kusek who will coordinate with a contractor to inspect locations of property owners who do not reply to the survey. The Village is required to use an outside contractor to qualify for grant funds. Trustee Hettel noted the deadline to submit the information for the grant is March 2024.
- D. **Drainage issues.** Trustee Koetz reported she spoke with a former trustee who noted that American Water conducted a leak detection test several years ago in the location where drainage issues are occurring in Clover Court. It was noted at that time that no leak was detected. Trustee Rockey advised he inspected the area after a heavy rain and the water was moving, there was not much standing