

Grand Ridge Village Board
Minutes of the September 19, 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. Trustee Dennis Rockey was absent. Village Attorney Sheryl Churney, Village Clerk Christy McGuire, Mike Harden, Buck Hill, Steve Fulkerson, Nick Hettel and Stephanie Wroblewski were also present.

Minutes. Trustee Hinterlong made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2023 Board 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 Treasurer's Report as presented; second by Trustee Koetz. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Olney, Koetz and Hettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Public Comment. Buck Hill followed up on comments discussed at a previous Board Meeting regarding drainage issues occurring at his residence at 9 Clover Court. He noted that multiple efforts have been made by professionals to diagnose and solve the issue and he is still awaiting results of these efforts. He met with Mayor Hines on September 12th to go over original blue prints for McBride Subdivision which is now known as Clover Court Subdivision. He asked that the village consider looking into USDA grants to solve the water issue and also requested access to village resources as he researches the issue to resolve the problem. Mr. Hill commented that he will attempt the process of "witching" for a tile. If a tile can be located, he would like to try to identify the condition of the tile. Mr. Hill will communicate his findings to the village for future discussion.

Old Business.

A. **Discussion of drainage issues.** The item was discussed during public comment.

New Business

A. **Approve and Place on File 2023 – 2024 Village Audit.** A motion was made by Trustee Hettel to approve and place the 2023 – 2024 Village Audit on file; second by Trustee Olney. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Olney, Koetz and Hettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

B. **Approve Halloween Trick or Treat Hours.** A motion for Halloween Trick or Treat Hours to be on October 31st from 6pm – 8pm was made by Trustee Stricklin; second by Trustee Koetz. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

C. **Resolution to Approve Authorizing Financial Commitment In the Safe Routes to school grant.** A motion was made by Trustee Stricklin to approve Resolution No. 2023-09-19, a resolution approving and authorizing financial commitment for the Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program; second by Trustee Koetz. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Olney, Koetz and Hettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.