

Grand Ridge Village Board
Minutes of the December 19, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Village Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 John Hettel. Trustee Cindi Koetz was absent. Village Attorney Sheryl Churney, Village Clerk Christy McGuire, Stephanie Wroblewski, Mike Harden and Jack Kusek were also present.

Minutes Trustee Hinterlong made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2023 Board meeting, the December 8, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting and the December 15, 2023 Park Committee Meeting as presented; second by Trustee Olney. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report Trustee Hettel made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; second by Trustee Hinterlong. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Olney, Rockey, and Hettel. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Mayor noted she was trying to get as many bills as possible covered by the County ARPA grant.

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

Public Comment None.

Old Business

- A. **Purchase of Welcome to Grand Ridge Sign** Trustee Rockey noted he has found limited options for companies that make these types of signs. He will contact Designs and Signs in Ottawa to discuss further options. Jack Kusek will speak with the Village of Mark regarding information on signs they recently purchased. Trustee Rockey also noted he is still waiting on information regarding purchasing parking signs for the 400 block of W. Main Street.
- B. **Employee Compensation** Trustee Hinterlong presented compensation recommendations made by the Finance Committee. Trustee Stricklin made a motion to approve compensation recommendations as presented; second by Trustee Hettel. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Olney, Hettel. Nays: None. Trustee Rockey abstained from the vote. Motion Carried.

New Business

- A. **Swearing in of new police officer** This item was postponed until the January meeting.
- B. **Donation to NCAT** Trustee Olney made a motion to approve a donation to NCAT in the amount of \$500; second by Trustee Hettel. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Olney, Rockey and Hettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- C. **Announce schedule of meetings for 2024** Trustee Olney made a motion to approve to continue to have Village Board meetings on the third Tuesday of each month; second by Trustee Hettel. Motion passed on a voice vote.