

Grand Ridge Village Board
Minutes of the January 16, 2024, 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, Dennis Rockey and John Hettel. Village Attorney Sheryl Churney, Village Clerk Christy McGuire, Police Chief Josh Jabczynski, Nick Hettel, Stephanie Wroblewski and Jon Berninger were also present.

Minutes. Trustee Hinterlong made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2023 Board meeting as presented; second by Trustee Hettel. 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 Hinterlong. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Olney, Rockey, Koetz and Hettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills. Mayor Hines noted that a payment to NCAT in the amount of \$500 will need to be added to the bill list. Trustee Rockey made a motion to approve payment of the monthly bills; second by Trustee Koetz. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Olney, Rockey, Koetz and Hettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment. None.

Old Business.

A. Purchase of Welcome to Grand Ridge Sign. Trustee Rockey reported he is waiting on a proposal from Designs and Signs. He also stated he will be working with a different company to purchase parking signs for the 400 block of W. Main Street.

New Business

A. Swearing in of New Officer. Police Chief Jabczynski introduced Officer Jon Berninger who was sworn in by the Village Clerk as a new Village Police Officer.

B. Gift Cards for Bob and Greg Durdan. Mayor Hines made a recommendation to give gift cards to Bob and Greg Durdan to thank them for assisting the village with putting up Christmas Decorations. Trustee Hettel made a motion to approve the purchase of two \$50.00 Visa gift cards; second by Trustee Koetz. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Olney, Rockey, Koetz and Hettel. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Trustees discussed the need for new or repaired decorations.

C. Advisory Long Range Development Committee Members. Mayor Hines made a recommendation to appoint Rick Bacon, Jim Harsted, Nick Hettel, Jared Simons, John Hettel and Anne Hinterlong as members of the Advisory Long Range Development Committee. Trustee Koetz made a motion to approve the appointments of the committee members as presented; second by Trustee Olney. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

D. Water Rates. Trustee Hettel reported a Water Committee Meeting was held on January 8th. He reported a water meter was damaged at the gas station and had to be replaced. He also discussed looking for someone to make repairs to water meters. The board discussed raising water rates