

**Grand Ridge Village Board**  
**Minutes of the May 21, 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, Dennis Rockey and John Hettel. Cindi Koetz was absent. Village Attorney Sheryl Churney, Village Clerk Christy McGuire, Mike Harden, Josh Jabczynski, Joyce Miller, Stephanie Wiertz, and Dr. David Manigold were also present.

**Minutes.** Trustee Hinterlong made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 Board meeting as presented; second by Trustee Hettel. 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 Rockey. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Olney, Rockey and Hettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

**Public Comment.** Dr. David Manigold discussed OSF's current proposal for downsizing the hospital in Ottawa along with changes that would limit services being offered to the community. He noted that a proposed resolution opposing the OSF plan is being reviewed by the Ottawa City Council and the County Board. He encouraged the Grand Ridge Village Board to take similar action.

**Old Business.**

- A. **Purchase of Welcome to Grand Ridge Sign.** Trustee Rockey discussed suggestions from the Village Board for the new Welcome to Grand Ridge sign. He will continue to work on finding a company to customize a sign and provide the Village with a cost estimate.
- B. **Drainage in McBride Subdivision.** Mayor Hines reported she has a survey map showing approved easements within the McBride Subdivision. Attorney Churney noted she will need a legal description for an easement from Grand Ridge Grade School. She will work on drafting a legal agreement pending the legal description.

**New Business.**

- A. **Eldon Niles request to address the Village Board regarding garbage pickup.** Mr. Niles was not present.
- B. **Accounts for Park and Historical Society.** Trustee Olney made a motion to approve setting up bank accounts for the Park Committee and the Historical Committee fundraising; second by Trustee Hettel. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Olney, Rockey and Hettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.