

Grand Ridge Village Board
Minutes of the August 20, 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, Dennis Rockey, Cindi Koetz and John Hettel. Village Attorney Sheryl Churney, Village Clerk Christy McGuire, Police Chief Josh Jabczynski, Kathy Gieger, Tim Gieger, Mike Harden, Martha Harden, Nick Hettel, Josh Jaegle, Buck Hill and Steve Fulkerson were also present.

A motion was made by Trustee Hinterlong to allow Trustee Olney to attend the meeting remotely; second by Trustee Hettel. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Rockey, Koetz and Hettel. Nays: None. Motion carried. Trustee Olney then joined the meeting by phone conference call.

Minutes. Trustee Hinterlong made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2024 Board meeting, the July 10, 2024 Water Committee Meeting, the August 13, 2024 Water Committee Meeting and the August 13, 2024 Finance Committee meeting; second by Trustee Hettel. Ayes: Stricklin, Hinterlong, Olney, Rockey, Koetz and Hettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

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

Public Comment. The Village Clerk noted that Shared Certificate #2006 is due to mature on September 1, 2024 at Streator Onized Credit Union. The Clerk will look into options for who is offering the best interest rate on the date of renewal.

Travel Request(s). None.

Old Business.

- A. **Purchase of Welcome to Grand Ridge Sign.** Trustee Rocky noted he did not have anything new to report. The Village Clerk reported she has been in contact with Midwest Sign Works in Morris, IL and is waiting to hear back for an estimate. Trustee Olney discussed an option to purchase a sign from a hop farm which closed in Ottawa to use to create a welcome sign for the village.
- B. **Drainage in McBride Subdivision.** Trustee Rockey noted he has been in contact with Lemrise Tile Repair and is waiting to see if there are any cost increases that will affect their bid from. Attorney Churney noted she is currently working on a letter agreement with the affected property owners. The Village will put in the line and the property owners will be responsible to pay to get to the line. Trustee Rockey will notify Lemrise Tile repair that the Village is ready to move forward with the project once the harvest has been completed.
- C. **Discussion to amend Village Code to provide for a single garbage hauler.** The Village board discussed the pros and cons of having a single carrier for garbage pickup. A motion was made by Trustee Rockey directing the village attorney to draft an ordinance for a single hauler for garbage only; second by