

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF UNIONVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON JULY 17, 2023

President John Katnik called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Council Present: John Katnik, Jon Townsend, Vickie Balzer, and Chad Gaeth.

Council Absent: Brandt Gaeth, Greg Miracle, and Sue Sy.

Others Present: Clerk Alexis Ortner, Treasurer Leila Rish, Police Chief Bill Owens

Guests Present: Jamie Collon-Vella, Joseph Michaels, and Jessica Risky.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Motion** by Townsend, seconded by C. Gaeth to approve the June 19, 2023, Regular Council minutes as presented. 4 Yeas. 0 Nays. 3 Absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jamie Collon-Vella and Joe Michaels from Cat-Man-Do, requested permission to close the alleyway down for the Ball Tournament weekend, August 4th through the 6th, to host an outdoor event. **Motion** by Balzer, seconded by Townsend to authorize Bill Owens-Village of Unionville Police Chief to sign the Michigan Liquor Control authorization to permit the outdoor event requested by Cat Man Do on August 4, 5 and 6, 2023 following written authorization from adjoining property owners. 4 Yeas. 0 Nays. 3 Absent. Motion carried.
- Jessica Risky, upon request of the council, attended to discuss the ongoing blight issues within the Village, and the possibility and cost of her taking the Village on for its legal representation. **Motion** by Townsend, seconded by Balzer to retain Jessica Risky as legal representation for the Village at a cost of \$150 an hour, and to discontinue current legal counsel through Smith & Brooker PC. 4 Yeas. 0 Nays. 3 Absent. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: **Motion** by Townsend, seconded by Balzer to pay the July 2023 accounts payable of \$30,630.64. 4 Yeas. 0 Nays. 3 Absent. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The council discussed the ongoing blight issues with Jessica Risky and is going to work on reaching out to the County to pursue more substantial citations against the buildings already cited for blight.

NEW BUSINESS: Council member Sy made an appearance and informed the rest of the council members of her need to resign from the council for personal reasons. **Motion** by C. Gaeth, seconded by Townsend to accept Sy's resignation as of this meeting. 4 Yeas. 0 Nays. 2 Absent. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Leila Rish, gave the Treasurer's report to the Council including the Village's account balances. The water vendor received \$2,030 for June 2023. To date \$7,643.16 has been collected in taxes.

CLERKS REPORT: Clerk, Alexis Ortner, gave a brief report to the council about the ongoing annual audit, shut off notices being sent out to delinquent water accounts, and the increasing revenue that the campsites are bringing in. Through Hipcamp, the Village has made \$126 in 2021, \$630 in 2022, and \$1008 so far in 2023.

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POLICE REPORT: Police Chief Bill Owens gave his report to the Council. He has been working on the blight issues throughout the Village.

WAGES: The council discussed, and table topped the possibility of requiring time off requests for full-time employees going forward to allow the council to be more informed.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: The council discussed needed sidewalk repairs around the Village and decided to move forward with pricing them out. **Motion** by Balzer, seconded by C. Gaeth to allow the DPW to get quotes for sidewalk repairs. 4 Yeas. 0 Nays. 2 Absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was requested by President John Katnik, no public comment received.

ADJOURN: Motion by Balzer, second by Townsend to adjourn the July 17, 2023, meeting at 8:46 pm. 4 Yeas. 0 Nays. 2 Absent. Motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting: August 21, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall.

Alexis J. Ortner
Village Clerk