

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL VILLAGE OF UNIONVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 8, 2024

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

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

Council Absent: Tod Sting and Greg Miracle.

Others Present: Clerk Alexis Ortner, and DPW Assistant Brent Vermeersch.

Guests Present: Amanda Langmaid and Karen Thompson.

INSURANCE: Amanda Langmaid was present to present the quoted health insurance plans and to answer any questions that the council might have. Brent Vermeersch was present to tell the council the plan that he and David Yoder had selected as their preferred plan to stay under the state mandated cap.

Motion by B. Gaeth, seconded by Balzer to accept the 2024 HAP health insurance plan for a cost of \$38,919.12 annually. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays. 2 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Gaeth, seconded by C. Gaeth to accept the 2024 Aflac dental and vision insurance plan for a cost of \$3,960.72 annually. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays. 2 Absent. Motion carried.

CLERK REPORT: The Clerk discussed the upcoming BS&A software update schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was requested by President Katnik, and Karen Thompson voiced her concerns about the increased occurrences of speeding traffic (especially beet trucks) down Cass St. She wanted to know if tickets were being issued for these types of offenses and what the council could do about the situation. The council invited her to return to the regular meeting on April 15, 2024, to get answers.

ADJOURN: Motion by Balzer, second by B. Gaeth to adjourn the April 8, 2024, meeting at 7:22 pm. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays. 2 Absent. Motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting: April 15, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall.

Alexis J. Ortner
Village Clerk

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Others Present: Clerk Alexis Ortner, Treasurer Leila Rish, Police Chief Bill Owens, and DPW Supervisor Dave Yoder.

Guests Present: Karen Thompson and Jessica VanHove.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President Katnik requested public comment.

Karen Thompson was present to discuss the increased amount of speeding vehicles down Cass St. She wanted to know if the Police Dept. or the Council could do anything about it. The Council said they will have Bill reach out to other departments to help patrol and enforce the speeding issue.

DPW REPORT:

- Chad Gaeth, DPW employees, and Administrative Assistant, Leila Rish, met on April 11, 2024, to open the bids received for the needed local street repairs. Pyramid Paving Company had quoted \$88,483.48 and Ace-Saginaw Paving Co. had quoted \$76,968.26, both to complete all work at the same time. **Motion** by Balzer, seconded by Townsend to move forward with Ace-Saginaw Paving Co's quote of \$76,968.26 for the repairs to the local streets, all work done at the same time. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays. 2 Absent. Motion carried.
- The Little League paid TLC to thatch and treat the playing field.
- The new riding lawn mower has been received and the attachments from the previous one mounted on.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Motion** by Balzer, seconded by Sting to approve the March 25, 2024, Budget Public Hearing minutes as presented. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays. 2 Absent. Motion carried.
- **Motion** by Balzer, seconded by Townsend to approve the 2023-2024 Year-End meeting minutes as corrected. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays. 2 Absent. Motion carried.
- **Motion** by Townsend, seconded by Miracle to approve the April 8, 2024, Special Meeting minutes as corrected. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays. 2 Absent. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: **Motion** by Balzer, seconded by Sting to pay the April 2024 accounts payable of \$30,798.06. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays. 2 Absent. Motion carried.

CLERK REPORT: The Clerk announced that she will be leaving the state of Michigan in July and tendered her resignation. **Motion** by Sting, seconded by Townsend to accept the Clerk's resignation with a date of June 22, 2024. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays. 2 Absent. Motion carried. **Motion** by Balzer, seconded by Townsend to advertise for the Clerk's position. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays. 2 Absent. Motion carried.

President Katnik had discussed with Jessica VanHove, a previous Clerk of the Village of Unionville, about her coming in on an hourly pay basis to help resolve the issues discovered by the current clerk, Alexis Ortner, and broached the idea to the council. ~~**Motion** by Townsend, seconded by Sting to approve Jessica working in the office on a consultation basis for a month's time at an hourly rate based on the monthly pay of the Clerk, which would be \$10.50 per hour. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays. 2 Absent. Motion carried.~~ Motion rescinded 05/16/2024.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Leila Rish gave the Treasurer's report to the Council including the Village's account balances. The water vendor received \$290.00 for March 2024. She also told the council that the Village has just under \$15,000 invested into the property on Bay St.

POLICE: Police Chief Bill Owens gave his report to the Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Chief of Police is in the process of writing blight letters to eight different properties with the DPW's assistance.

NEW BUSINESS: **Motion** by Townsend, seconded by Miracle to approve the request from the American Legion to have the Memorial Day Parade on Bay Street from Marvin Street to Center Street on Monday, May 27, 2024, 10:30 am. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays. 2 Absent. Motion carried.

They will have a guest speaker of State Representative, Matthew Bierlein, accompanied by State Representative, Greg Alexander. Both represent Tuscola County.

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PARKS AND RECREATION: Council members Sting and Miracle mentioned an idea for changing the locks on the public restrooms at the Village Park to ones with timers that can be programmed. It would cost about \$900 to do both doors. No motions or decisions made.

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

ADJOURN: Motion by Balzer, second by Townsend to adjourn the April 15, 2024, meeting at 8:25 pm. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays. 2 Absent. Motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting: May 20, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall.

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