

Tontogany Village Council, Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2019

Council was called to order in regular session at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Todd Buehrer presiding. Councilman Jamin Roe and Fiscal Officer Ryan Harnishfeger were absent. All other council members were present, along with Administrator Chad Johnson. Minutes from the April 1 meeting were approved as submitted.

Finance and Claims: Lisa Heft, who is temporarily substituting as fiscal officer, submitted a list of payments to be made. Heckerman moved to pay and Mehring seconded; all in favor, motion carried. Luke Weaver and his father Matt were in attendance to inquire about ideas council may have for Luke's Eagle Scout project. Removing and replacing the barrier posts at the north end of Centennial Park was suggested. Luke and his dad will check into this. Mackey reported on the recent development of a new Friends of the Grand Rapids 419 Library and distributed invitations for their meet and greet to be held on May 5 in downtown Grand Rapids.

Zoning: Chad received a call from an individual who may be interested in purchasing the former Ferrell paint store on Main Street, and invited him to attend a council meeting to share his ideas for the building. Mehring stated that she has been approached about the open burning that has been happening in the village. Concerns about illegal burning need to be directed to the Sheriff's Department. There are also ongoing concerns regarding the regular overloading and overflowing of the recycling bins

Utilities: Heft stated that all utilities checks have been deposited; Utility bills cannot be generated until Harnishfeger is able to help. Mayor will contact him tomorrow regarding signing of checks and utility billing. Because of the emergency situation, utility bills will be late for this month and possibly next month.


Chad took care of hooking up city water for a resident on Tontogany Rd. whose well went bad. Chad is scheduled to receive maps and paperwork on a water distribution system from Dave Kuhn on Friday for the Asset Management Program. Shanahan reported that the solar-powered crossing signs are still on target to be installed by the solar company working with Otsego Schools. There has been no word from the school about contributing toward sidewalk installation along their property.

Streets and Alleys: There was discussion regarding the brush pickup scheduled with the township. Mehring and Mayor Buehrer will both contact the township to make sure May 20 will work for them. Street lights that are out were reported to Heckerman.

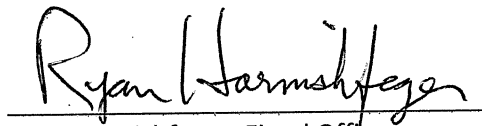
Sidewalks and Trees: After falling on the damaged sidewalk on the west side of A.C. Current, resident Karen Graf secured an estimate for repairing it from Picturesque Creative Concrete Co. to present to council: \$700.00 to remove/repair/replace the affected area of sidewalk. Council discussed this safety issue, and the necessity to set aside funds to address some of the damaged sidewalks each year. Mehring moved to accept the estimate submitted and Mackey seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Drains and Sewers: Nothing to report.

City Hall and Parks: Shanahan followed up on the Wood County Parks District grant. Once the project completion form is verified and finished from the last grant we received; they will issue the check for the disc frisbee materials to be delivered. Washington Township has received an excess of wood chips for their fall zone at the township park, and has offered them to the village for one of our park playgrounds. Portajohns were delivered to both parks today. Rusty Nail Company submitted an estimate of just over \$1000 to install the portajohn surround replacement at Centennial Park; work should be completed by the end of April. Shanahan moved to accept the bid, Benedict seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Mayor has contacted Palmer about drainage work to be done at Centennial Park. With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.



Todd Buehrer, Mayor



Ryan Harnishfeger, Fiscal Officer