

VILLAGE OF THREE OAKS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – DATE: 02-12-20

President (Pro-Tem) called Village Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Three Oaks Village Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance: Yes

Roll Call: Present: Graziano, Kramer, Thomas, Pappa, Newquist, Zebell

Absent: Grosse

Approval of the Agenda as presented by Village President, Pro-Tem, Steve Graziano.

Moved: Kramer Supported: Zebell Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment on the Agenda: None

Approval of the Consent Agenda to include: Approval of Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on 01-08-20, and the Minutes of the Special Council Meetings held on 01-15-20 and 01-22-20. Approval of the Police Department's Report. Approval of Invoices to be paid (\$50,718.12) (with the exception of the Moore & Bruggink invoice for \$2,486.50), Approval of Disbursements made from January 1 through January 31, 2019 (\$86,876.02) and Approval of Prepays, and Payroll as paid (\$49,467.70). Moved: Zebell Supported: Newquist Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

- **FLAG DAY COMMITTEE – STREET CLOSURE REQUEST:** The Flag Day Committee, submitted a request asking Council for approval to close North Elm Street and various side streets on the North side of the village for the staging of the parade floats and the Flag Day parade itself on Sunday, June 14, 2020. **A Motion was made to authorize the closing of North Elm Street and various side streets (with times to be announced) for the Flag Day parade on Sunday, June 14, 2020.** Moved: Newquist Supported: Zebell Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0 MOTION CARRIED.
- **FLAG DAY COMMITTEE – NOISE ORDINANCE EXTENSION REQUEST for FLAG DAY WEEKEND:** The Flag Day Committee, requested that the noise ordinance be extended on Saturday, June 13, 2020 from 12:00 midnight until 1:00 a.m. **A Motion was made to extend the noise ordinance from 12:00 midnight on Saturday, June 13, 2020 until 1:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 14, 2020 pending the approval of Police Chief, Dennis Buller.** Moved: Newquist Supported: Zebell Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0 MOTION CARRIED.
- **WETLANDS LOGGING & TREE ART, INC. - QUOTE for TREE TRIMMING in the DOWNTOWN AREA:** The pear trees in the downtown area need to be trimmed back as they are growing into some of the buildings and some lower branches are just above head level in some areas. Late winter is the optimal time for trimming. Three (3) companies were asked to submit bids. Two (2) declined as they already were busy with scheduled work and said they could not compete with the price quoted by Wetlands. Council Member, John Pappa asked why this had not been previously approved since the tree trimming work has already started. Council Member, John Kramer replied that the company was able to begin immediately on the work and could quickly slide it into their schedule. President Pro-Tem, Steve Graziano also said that since it was an expenditure below \$5,000, that the Interim Village Manager has the authority to approve the work. **A Motion was made to accept the bid from Wetlands Logging & Tree Art, Inc. in the amount of \$3,900.00 for the trimming of pear trees on both sides of North Elm Street in the downtown area.** Moved: Kramer Supported: Newquist Aye: Graziano, Kramer, Thomas, Pappa, Newquist, Zebell Nay: None Absent: Grosse Abstain: None MOTION CARRIED.

- **2020 MEETING DATES set for VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETINGS:** The calendar for the 2020 schedule of Village Council Meetings was presented. A separate list shows the dates for each meeting. **A Motion was made to approve the dates for the 2020 regular Council meetings for the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Village Hall as listed on a separate list. Moved: Kramer Supported: Zebell Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0 MOTION CARRIED.**
- **PLANNING COMMISSION:** Council Member, Colleen Newquist reported that at their February 4, 2020 meeting the Planning Commission did not approve the Mixed Use-2 request from Shoreline Development because it does not meet the requirements in the Master Plan regarding the Village's future land use plans. A committee of three (Colleen Newquist, Jose Hernandez and Richard Smith) was appointed by Gene Svebakken, Planning Commission Chairman to review the current short-term rental ordinance. When she was asked if there could be a limit imposed on the number of short-term vacation rentals allowed, she replied that the Village would need justification to limit the requests – it could not just be an arbitrary number chosen. Colleen also reported that a marijuana related company will be opening an office (administrative work only) next to the Featherbone Restaurant. Also, at the February 4th meeting, the Annual Planning Commission Report was approved and will be submitted to Village Council for review and approval. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.
- **DDA BOARD:** The DDA did not meet in February, so no report is available. The next DDA meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm on Wednesday, March 4, 2020.
- **PARKS and RECREATION BOARD:** Council Member, Becky Thomas reported that at their February 3, 2020 meeting, the Parks & Recreation Board discussed their plan for Watkins Park which may include a dog park, tennis, bocce ball, pickleball, etc. There has been a drawing made of the proposed changes, and it can be re-designed, but in order to qualify for grant money, a preliminary plan has to be submitted by the April 1, 2020 deadline. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Monday, March 2, 2020.
- **COUNCIL MEMBER, JOHN PAPPA,** asked Quentin Clark, Water & Sewer Superintendent what Council could do to help him with maintaining and operating the Plant efficiently. Quentin replied that day-to-day operations were going smoothly, but that on the “hydraulic” side, our storage limits at the ponds were being pushed and he was actively working on avoiding an unscheduled emergency discharge. He stated that there is still a heavy infiltration of “I & I” and until cameras can get into the sewer system to determine where it is coming from nothing can be done to stop it. The company that the Village is contracted with is unable to get out into the fields with their equipment because of the wet weather. He was instructed to get information about other contractors that have different types of equipment who could conduct the work now in order to get a handle on it as soon as possible. He also addressed the need for dredging and re-lining each pond and the proposed costs for that work. Quentin expects to receive the administrative consent order from EGLE by the end of February that will clearly define what steps the Village needs to take in order to bring the sewer ponds and sewer system into compliance with State requirements.

- **VILLAGE PRESIDENT PRO-TEM COMMENTS:** Steve Graziano, Mayor Pro-Tem reminded audience and council members that the downtown merchants were holding an “after-hours” shopping event on Saturday, February 15th where the stores would be open until 8:00 pm. This event is held the 3rd Saturday of every month. Also, it was reported that on the next two (2) Wednesdays public meetings were being held by River Valley Schools in their search for a new superintendent.
- **Council Member, Becky Thomas made a motion to set Trick or Treat day and time for Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Moved: Thomas Supported: Kramer Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0 MOTION CARRIED.**
- **MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:33 pm**

Submitted by:

Cynthia E. Moynihan,
Three Oaks Village Clerk
Minutes for the 02-12-20 Council Meeting
Were **APPROVED** at the 03-11-20 Council Meeting