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COUNCIL MEETING Minutes Colon Village Office 111 S. St. Joseph Street Colon, MI 49040

November 8, 2022

7:00 PM

- 1) Call to Order by President Craun at 7:03pm
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance recited,
- 3) Roll Call Present: Malmborg, Gross, Norton, McManus, Senkewitz, Delp, Craun

Consent Agenda:

President Craun appointed Camille Wilson as recording clerk for today's meeting in the emergency absence of Carol Ritchie.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of 10/11/22 meeting minutes with correction to Police Chief Report engine regarding squad car "not to exceed" \$9000. Motion to approve as amended: Senkewitz; second by Norton. Motion passed.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills: Motion made by McManus to approve the financial report, second by Norton. Motion passed. Motion made to pay bills in the amount of \$202,963.95 and payroll in the amount of \$39,365.25 seconded by Delp, Motion passed.

Public Comments:

Carl Thornton: he asked about the open spot-on today's ballot of Village Council seat and felt that no one knew and suggested it should have been advertised by the Council some way or another.

Monthly Reports

- a. **DPW** report not given. Discussion held about the "Hazards in the Workplace" class held in Bay City, MI, 11/29-30. Cost is 195, hotel 106. Must determine who will go and which vehicle will be taken; a village one or their personal.
- b. **Police Chief Report:** Written report dated 11/3/22. He has presented a memo dated 11/1/22 regarding a school resource officer partnership with Colon Schools. Norton made a motion to participate in the School Resource Officer with 20% of the cost to the Village. Delp second. Roll call: All yes, Malmborg no.
- c. **Office Manager Report:** Motion to approve wage enhancements as recommended made by Norton, in amount of 1,800 for 2022 seconded Senkewitz. Roll call: all proved.
- d. **Fire Board Report.** McManus presented the report. 39 Calls: Village – 16, Township – 20, Mutual Aide – 3. Due to Rescue Captain appointed as Assistant

Chief. Board will interview 2 applicants for the Rescue Captain position. CCFR Department received ARPA funds portion from County Commissioners distribution in the amount of \$23,500.00. Next meeting November 9th.

- e. **Lake Board Report** Last meeting of year completed; next public meeting is 4/15/23.
- f. **Planning Commission:** No update.
- g. **Colon Community Park Board:** Martha Graham presented on behalf of the park; see further down in report.
- h. **DDA Report:** Camille Wilson reported that the MSU SBEI last meeting is 11/29/22 at the American Legion. Doors open at 5:30; the meeting runs from 6-7:30pm. She reported completion the Redevelopment Ready Communities training provided by the MEDC.
- i. **Blight Report**-none.
- j. **Zoning Report**-none.
- k. **Committee Reports**-no additional reports.
- l. **Fleis** –No report provided.

8) Unfinished Business

- a. **Update New Building and Signs:** Linda Norton reported about working with sign companies for a sign for the Village Hall. Michael Malmborg suggested Colon CTE students might be interested in creating something; Linda Norton will reach out to the school.
- b. **The Colon Historical Society:** has asked if the sign at the old office can be donated to the museum. Motion to donate the old Colon Village office sign to the museum: Michael Malmborg, Delp
- d. **Reimbursement Lamb Knit:** No Update
- e. **DPW** – update: Two applicants received for DPW Supervisor. Motion made by Norton to hire applicant Stacy Moyer as Supervisor, at 19.00/hour probation period of one year. Motion seconded by Senkewitz. Roll call: Yes: Gross, Norton, Senkewitz, Delp, Craun. No: Malmborg, McManus.
Motion made by Gross to send S. Moyer to the training discussed at the meeting at a cost not to exceed \$371 for Stacy or \$321 for Nathan, plus mileage or Village vehicle, to be determined with the participant of the class. This will come from the Water Dept budget. Second by Michael Malmborg. All approved.

9) New Business

- a. Auditor – Kathy Mieras. Audit was completed on time. Net change in fund balance being negative is largely that way due to the fire truck purchase and the 56k spent on Lamb Knit--reimbursement expected was not received yet in the budget year it was expected. Unearned revenue category was explained. The State measures our budget against actual and our differences were a minimal except for legal professional fees, of which the Village received a three-year-old bill in the budget year. She shared those choices about where municipalities bank is commonly underinsured, primarily because small towns have lost many financial institutions but that many municipalities experience this and main thing is to know you are banking with a

solid institution.

b. **Veterans Day/President Day:** In the Police Report it was requested that the Village Office would be closed on Veteran's Day instead of President's Day as a paid holiday. Motion: Made by Michael Malmborg to change the paid holiday list that previously contained President's Day to be Veteran's Day instead. Second by Linda Norton, all approved.

c. **Lifecare Ambulance** – Sharon Craun shared the Lifecare Ambulance quarterly report.

d. **Park** – 5 Year Plan and grant applications.

Martha Graham reported that the Michigan DNR is releasing funds in a SPARK fund of 65million to develop and renovate parks. The Park Board updated and passed their five-year plan over a number of meetings. Objectives in their five-year plan include applying for a 501c3 organization to be created such as "Friends at the Colon Community Parks", similar to the Friends of the Library, who have been a 501c3 for 30 years as of 2022. There are two grants they are requesting approval to apply for: 750k for Colon Community Park and 300k Veteran's Memorial Park. Both grants are 100% provided; they do not require any match.

Ideas: include pickleball courts, basketball court, could be an ice-skating rink and deal with handicap accessibility to playground and to improve playground.

Motion: Made by Michael Malmborg to approve the Five-Year Plan presented by the Parks Committee. Second by Richard Delp. Approved.

Resolution to adopt: The Colon Village Council authorizes submission of a SPARK application on behalf of the Colon Community Park for 750k. Resolution 22-11-08-01

Motion to adopt the resolution by Marilyn McManus, second by Michael Malmborg. Approved.

Resolution to adopt: The Colon Village Council authorizes submission a SPARK application on behalf of the Veterans Memorial Park in the amount of 300k

Motion to adopt the resolution by Linda Norton, second by David Senkewitz. All in favor. Approved. 22-11-08-02

Dress Code in the Handbook:

Sharon Craun reported that the handbook had not had a section regarding dress code in the past and they created one for review for office staff, DPW and Police Staff. Motion made by Jodi Gross to approve the dress code effectively immediately, with corrections as discussed. Second by Merval Delp. All in favor. Approved.

10) **Public Comments:** Blight officer should be looking around now that the leaves are all done.

11) **Correspondence:** 1) Comments shared about Marilyn's last Council meeting. Thank you for all the years of service.

12) **Adjournment at 9:45**

Respectfully submitted by: Camille Wilson – appointed recording clerk for today's meeting in

the emergency absence of Carol Ritchie.

AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

UNAPPROVED