

COLON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Village Hall

REGULAR MEETING – March 08, 2022

Meeting Call to Order: at 7:00pm – Pledge of Allegiance was spoken at the budget workshop at 5:30

Present: Dick Delp, Eddie LeBoeuf, Marilyn McManus, Michael Malmborg, Linda Norton, Jodi Gross, Sharon Craun.

Also Present: Chief Mark Brinkert, Billi Farrand, Matt Barrett, RA Kuhlmann, Kurt Kuhlmann, Matt Overholt, Ed Bell, Carol Richie, David Senkewitz, Vicki Senkewitz, Carl Thornton.

Approve Consent Agenda-

1. Approval of Agenda – J. Gross made a motion to approve the agenda with the following additions: *New Business: Add j. Gest Pro Tree Service, k. Irrigation building.* Second, Michael Malmborg.
2. M. McManus made a motion to table the February 08, 2022 regular minutes until April 12, 2022. Seconded by L. Norton. Motion passed
3. M. McManus made a motion to approve the February 2022 bills in the amount of \$45,562.88 and payroll in the amount of \$40,098.74. Seconded by L. Norton. The motion passed.

Public Comment:

1. Scott McGraw introduced himself. He is running for the State Representative.
2. Carl Thornton had questions about the fund balance, finance meetings, and sewer increase. Also stated the he was impressed that Matt asked him about the schedule for equipment maintenance and replacement.

Monthly Reports

1. Department of Public Works – report as presented.
 - a. Council did not have any questions.
2. Police – report as presented
 - a. Motion made by E. LeBoeuf, Seconded by D. Delp to hire Isaiah Wertheimer as a part-time officer starting at \$15.00 per hour with no benefits and a 1 year probation. Motion passed
3. Office Manager – as presented
 - a. Increase of 5.9% Cost of Living wage for 2022 for village employees: effective 4/01/2022 L. Norton made a motion, D. Delp seconded. Roll call: D. Delp, E. LeBoeuf, J. Gross, M. Malmborg, L. Norton, M. McManus and S. Craun voted Yes. Motion passed.
 - b. Discussion about Point & Pay.
 - c. Approved payment of Reoccurring bills, Motion made by E. LeBoeuf, seconded by L. Norton. Roll Call: D. Delp, E. LeBoeuf, J. Gross, M. Malmborg, L. Norton, M. McManus and S. Craun voted Yes Motion passed
4. Fire board – presented by Marilyn McManus
 - i. Jaws of Life: rescinded motion to take money from the rescue fund.
 - ii. March 10, 2022 7:00 at the fire building (next meeting)
 - iii. Matt flying out for final inspection of new fire truck.
5. Lake Board – nothing to report.
 - a. Any questions our first meeting is April 9th at the Township Hall.
 - b. You can find out more information on www.colontownshiplakeboard.com

6. Planning Commission – presented by Kurt Kuhlmann
 - a. Master Plan 2.0 Public Hearing 3-15-2022 at 6:00 Village Hall
 - b. One more zone to define. Downtown Historic
 - c. The Master Plan is not just DDA project. It is for the whole Village of Colon.
 - d. Carol Campbell resigned from the planning commission. E. LeBoeuf made a motion to accept Carol Campbells resignation with regret. Seconded by, L. Norton Motion Passed
 - e. More discussion about the Master Plan. If anyone has questions, they can contact anyone on the Planning Commission.
 - f. State of Michigan mandates an update of the master plan every 5 years.
7. Colon Community Park – nothing to present
8. DDA Committee – RA Kuhlmann presented an oral report
 - a. Moving forward with MSU. We have the \$1,250.00 match from Sturgis Bank and Trust. Through donations we have a little over \$1,500.00 toward the \$5,000.00 that the DDA asked the Village for.
 - b. Pop-Up season is coming, so if you know of anybody that wants to rent the pop-ups.
 - c. Starting a new year of the DDA, Kelli Pucci is no longer able to be a part of. Susan Frook has not been able to attend meetings so she agreed to have the DDA replace her. You also have a resignation letter from me.
 - d. Isiah Danbarry, and Vicki Senkewitz, Ryan Fish are new to the DDA. A motion to accept these three to the DDA effective April 1, 2022 made by, E. LeBoeuf, seconded by J. Gross. Motion passed
 - e. Meeting on 3/10/2022 to appoint new Chair.
 - f. E. LeBoeuf made a motion to accept Ruth Ann Kuhlmanns resignation with extreme regret, D. Delp seconded. Motion passed.
 - g. The DDA website is live now, www.visitcolonmi.us.
9. Blight Report – as reported.
 - a. S. Craun is going to ask M. Haydon to attend the April meeting.
10. Zoning Report – as reported.
11. Other committee Reports
 - a. Water/Sewer Committee: E. LeBoeuf: Still moving ahead with lift stations. Fleis & VandenBrink joined us in the meeting to reacquaint the new staff and our projects.
 - b. Catherine Street location is holding us up on projecting the sewer increase.
 - c. Fleis & VandenBrink to be invited to the April meeting.

Unfinished Business

- a) **Handbook Review** – Personnel Committee.
 - a. M. Malmborg made a motion to table the handbook review until next month. Seconded by L. Norton passed. Motion passed
- b) **Sharing/Donating Sick Time**
 - a. This will go along with the personnel committee reviewing the handbook.
 - b. E. LeBoeuf made a motion to postpone the Sharing/Donating Sick Time indefinitely. Seconded by M. McManus. Motion passed
 - c. Much discussion between E. LeBoeuf and L. Norton about the difference between tabling indefinitely and postponing indefinitely.
- c) **Lease Agreement** – Sharp: Signed the agreement for five years.
- d) **Covid Resolution**- E. LeBoeuf prepared a resolution. E. LeBoeuf made a motion to adopt. Seconded by M. Malmborg. Roll Call D. Delp, E. LeBoeuf, J. Gross, M. McManus, L. Norton, S. Craun all said Yes.

- e) **Ambulance Service** – rates are going up. Looking at alternatives. No decisions have been made. Response time.
- f) **Township/Village Agreement:** R. Thrall just contacted Sharon on the changes. Township does not want to pay for water. M. McManus has questions about the percentage split.
- g) **New Water hook up Increase Resolution:** 5/12/2020 resolution passed but not signed by K. Kuhlmann.
Water/Sewer rate increase Resolution: Must discussion about the cost of living and not to exceed. E. LeBoeuf made a motion to adopt each resolution, 22-03-08A and 22-03-08B. Seconded by M. Malmborg. Roll Call vote, M. McManus, E. LeBoeuf, M. Malmborg, D. Delp, L. Norton, S. Craun, J. Gross all said Yes. Motion passed.
- h) **New Building Offer:** move forward with a starting bid. C. Wilson gave a few different percentage rates. BPO's. Much discussion. Kathy Earl is assisting. M. Malmborg made a motion to start bid at \$170,000 not to exceed \$200,000. Seconded by, E. LeBoeuf. Roll Call Vote: M. McManus, E. LeBoeuf, M. Malmborg, D. Delp, L. Norton, S. Craun all voted yes. Motion Pass
- i) **Tree Service.** Motion to approve Gest Pro Tree Service to remove limbs not to exceed \$2,775.00 from August 2021 storm. L. Norton made the motion, seconded by M. Malmborg. Roll call vote: M. McManus, E. LeBoeuf, M. Malmborg, D. Delp, L. Norton, S. Craun all voted yes. Motion passed
- j) **Irrigation building:** Brandon Baker was not interested in repairing this building. Much discussion. \$6, 223.00 was a previous bid from Manson Construction. L. Norton made a motion to accept Manson Construction not to exceed \$6,223.00. M. Malmborg seconded. Roll Call Vote: M. Malmborg, L. Norton, S. Craun, D. Delp, J. Gross, E. LeBoeuf, M. McManus all voted yes. Motion passed.

New Business

- a) **Approval of Budget.** After much discussion, M. Malmborg made a Motion to adopt the 22-23 budget as \$1,766,972.00 total expenditure. Seconded by J. Gross. Roll Call vote: M. McManus, E. LeBoeuf, M. Malmborg, D. Delp, L. Norton, S. Craun, J. Gross all said yes. Motion passed
- b) **DPW** – John, 90 days little bit of hiccup. Motion to hire John Walls full time with benefits made by M. Malmborg, seconded by, E. LeBoeuf. Roll Call vote: M. Malmborg, D. Delp, E. LeBoeuf, S. Craun, J. Gross, L. Norton voted yes. M. McManus voted No. Motion Passed.
- c) **Dam Lights:** changing the lights for support of Ukraine. E. LeBoeuf stated that the new light bulbs would cost approx. \$3000 not including installation.

Public Comments

Carl Thornton: talked about the purchase of a new Village Office. Doesn't think the village should spend money.

Correspondence

- a) Letter from Joe and Kelli Pucci
- b) Mark Christophson asking about water and sewer on willow dr.
- c) L. Norton commented on the posters that were up for Black History Month. Much discussion between her and E. LeBoeuf.

Adjournment – E. LeBoeuf made motion to adjourn. Seconded by M. Malmborg. The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Dekker