

# VILLAGE OF HOLLY

## VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

May 24, 2016

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The regular meeting of the Village of Holly Council Meeting was called to order by President Bladzik at 7:00 P.M. in the Karl Richter Center Board of Education Room located at 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, Michigan.

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### Councilmembers Present

Ryan Bladzik  
Bob Allsop  
Dave Cruickshank  
Suzanne L. Heiple  
Robert Kleven  
Debra Musgrave  
Chris Rankin

### Staff Present

Jerry L. Walker  
Cathrene A. Behrens  
Brian Klaassen  
Mike Story

### Others Present

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President Bladzik called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Clerk/Treasurer Behrens called the roll.

### CHANGES TO AGENDA:

President Bladzik stated that in front of the council is an amended agenda that came along with Resolution 2016-019 in regards to the MML's Community Excellence Awards. We are adding that under consent agenda because in order to submit we need municipal board endorsement of submitting for an award.

Council Member Rankin stated he had a correction from the minutes of the previous meeting where it states that President Bladzik called the meeting to order and it was actually

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President Pro-Tem Musgrave that called the meeting to order.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Agenda Approval
2. Consideration of the Approval of the Council Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2016.
3. Consideration of the Approval of Warrant 2016-010 in the amount of \$108,829.76.
4. Consideration of the April 2016 Village of Holly Balance Sheet Report.
5. Special Event Permit
  - a. Hulet-Bravender Post 5587 Memorial Day Parade.
  - b. Fenton Players "Much Ado About Nothing"
  - c. Oakland County Main Street Accreditation Ceremony

- d. Dicken’s Festival Fundraiser  
Longest Market Days
- 6. Consideration of Resolution 2016-019 endorsing the Village of Holly’s participation in the MML’s 2016 Community Excellence Award “Michigan in Motion”

**CM 2016-051 Motion by Musgrave, second by Rankin, to approve the consent agenda as amended and corrected.**

**Motion carried by a voice vote of all ayes and no nays.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rick Powers, 816 Holly Bush Court and Terry Baker, 132 Park Avenue approached the council to propose the following: Mr. Powers stated they were here to ask permission to put in three flagpoles at the corner of Park and Maple Street. The idea and the timeline on it is hopefully get approval from the Village, and financial support from the Moose which has already been approved depending upon the Council’s approval. The whole purpose of this is to show the patriotic spirit of Holly and also beautification of the area. That area is very heavily traveled. Their timeline is to have it ready by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Hopefully they will have all the funds, have them erected by the end of June and have a ceremony on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to raise the flags.

Council Member Cruickshank asked about the maintenance of the flags.

Mr. Powers stated the maintenance of the flags will be managed by Terry Baker. Unbeknownst to many people, Terry Baker has maintained that island for the last 19

years. They plan on planting some flowers in front of the flag and it will be either maintained by Terry Baker or the Moose. The Moose is a very strong supporter of this and they have already committed to about half the budget which is \$3,500.

Ryan Shiel, 320 LeGrande Street, Holly, MI stated he was recently appointed to the Parks Commission and he would like to thank Village President Bladzick and the entire council for his appointment and believes it will be a great learning experience.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**#1. Consideration of the Approval of the CDBG Contract between the Village of Holly and Simen, Figura & Parker, PLC.**

Clerk/Treasurer Behrens stated that before council was a Community Development Block Grant Contract which has been prepared by the Village to enter into with our current law firm Simen, Figura. In order to recover CDBG funding for the attorney fees that the Village is incurring regarding the blighted property at 302 North Street, we are required to have a fully executed current contract with the law firm. This contract has a two-year timeline with a maximum value of \$2,500 and has been reviewed and approved by Attorney Gildner and his partners. The amount of the contract, because it is less than \$3,000, does not require the Village to go out for procurement for these services. To date the Village has incurred approximately \$500.00 in

legal fees obtaining legal rights to enter the property located at 302 North Street.

**CM 2016-052 Motion by Musgrave, second by Allsop to approve the CDBG contract in the amount of \$2,500 between the Village of Holly and Simen, Figura & Parker, PLC.**

**Roll call vote was as follows:**

**Voting for: Cruickshank, Heiple, Kleven, Musgrave, Rankin, Allsop, Bladzik**

**Voting against: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

**#2. Consideration of the placement of flagpoles at the island located at the corner of Park and E. Maple Street by Rick Powers and Terry Baker in cooperation with the Holly Moose Lodge.**

**CM 2016-053 Motion by Allsop, second by Kleven, to approve the placement of flagpoles on the island located at the corner of Park and Maple Street.**

Council Member Heiple asked who would assume the liability for the flagpoles should they fall over onto a vehicle.

Mr. Powers stated that he would think the Village would have the ultimate liability as the flagpoles would be turned over to the Village as property of the Village.

Council Member Cruickshank stated that he would expect that DPW Director Klaassen will approve the installation of the flagpoles themselves and sign off on that to ensure they

are safe.

President Bladzik stated that he would assume that any contractor would be fully licensed and insured to handle the installation of the poles. If it is done right, this is not different than anything else we do.

**Motion carried by voice vote of all ayes and no nays.**

**REPORTS**

**Village Manager**

Oakland County Road Commission notified the Village that there is a federal earmark that was applied for some time ago. The earmark is in the amount of \$860,000 and their question was “do you want it?” and, of course, the answer was yes. There are a few strings tied to it; there are only certain roads it is eligible for. One of the roads it is eligible for is the intersection of Grange Hall and N. Saginaw, which that intersection sorely needs some improvement. The Road Commission has agreed to allocate an additional \$110,000 to the project to push it up close to \$1 million to get it the project moving forward. We will bring that information to you in upcoming meetings. Road striping has been started. They have started to grind off some of the road legends. The DPW has been installing signs and we look weather permitting for that road striping to take place next week. The Clerk/Treasurer and myself met with our MMRMA insurance representative today and learned that our annual premium has decreased. Additionally, the Village is now eligible to start applying for RAP Grants through the MMRMA and we will be

moving forward on that front.

**Attorney**

Attorney Gildner stated that things are moving forward on the dangerous building blighted property at 302 North. We are due on court on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to ask the court to give the Village all the afforded needs to enter the property and do what we need to do. He has not been in front of the Judge on this case as of yet, but he is confident of the outcome and doesn't anticipate any sort of opposition. Secondly they have filed a notice of judgment lien against Silverman against two of the three entities. If you recall sometime back we couldn't file because we didn't have an EIN number and we were able to obtain two of the three and we are not sure that we can obtain the third one at this point. What this means is that that there is a lien in the amount of the judgment on all properties owned by, or in the name of those entities anywhere in the State. Should they wish to sell any of these properties, they would have to deal with the Village first. He has additionally been working some miscellaneous correspondence with

**Clerk/Treasurer**

Clerk/Treasurer Behrens stated that the reduction in our insurance premium is directly attributable to all of the department heads, getting things accomplished and ensuring things are safe because the Village has went through some rather tough years in the past with liability insurance issues.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Council Member Kleven stated that the Holly Area Community Coalition had their Champions of Youth Awards Ceremony and that the following were recipients of this award: Audrey Boman, Paul Finkle, Karen Gietzen-Stewart, Deanna Houldsworth, Jeff Irvin, Erik Kahn, Andy LaVigne, Jack Lewandowski, Michelle Major, Erica Palm, Miles Syjud, Evan Vergith and Henry Weis. On June 14, 2016 they are having the Youth Block Party and the downtown streets are going closed off and he may ask to be excused from the council meeting that night depending upon the crowds.

Council Member Rankin stated they had a pretty successful cleanup day. They weren't able to paint due to snow but they did get a lot of gardening done at Ganshaw Park; about 90% of the trail filled with wood chips at Water Works Park. John Lauve helped clear out a large section of woods at the north end of Ganshaw Park and got the old canoe and broken paddle boat out of the woods and the DPW was kind enough to take care of the large pile of brush that was created and overall it was a pretty successful day.

Council Member Heiple stated the Planning Commission is meeting tomorrow night and they will be discussing the zoning amendments on E. Maple Street.

Council Member Cruickshank stated the Historic District did the tour of the proposed re-districting from the Historic District Committee and were chauffeured around by Steve McGee for about an hour and a half. There was lots of discussion and they plan on resuming this topic at the meeting in June.

He stated that the Blight Task Force first meeting is tomorrow and will be held at the conference room at the Village offices at 7:00 pm.

President Bladzick stated that at the last DDA meeting the board approved funds for the tree replacement and tree grates downtown after a lengthy discussion.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Cruickshank stated he read an article in the Tri-County Times about a DDA in a neighboring community is larger than ours but we are bringing home all of the awards.

Council Member Musgrave stated her in-laws yesterday had a fire yesterday because of a little glass globe they had sitting in some mulch and it heated up and caught the mulch and the front of the house on fire.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Lauve, 200 N. Saginaw, stated they have put up the ugly bicycles signs because Saginaw Street needed more signs in the street to spruce it up. He would like to see if the DDA had some money to landscape the street because that was the number one item that people wanted for this section of the street. He has put flowers in and his neighbors across the street have put some in and Mr. Rodgers has put some flowers in and he would like the Village to write a letter to them commending them on this action. He stated he didn't understand about an accreditation ceremony.

President Bladzick stated this is a ceremony for the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Village has ten measures that we have to meet in order to be accredited. Oakland County has a ceremony for the communities that reach all ten points on the accreditation process. The Village hosted it three or four years ago and we are hosting it again. It is being held on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the corner of S. Saginaw and Battle Alley.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to discuss, Village President Bladzick adjourned the meeting at 19:30.



**Ryan Bladzick, Village President**



**Cathrene A. Behrens, Clerk/Treasurer**