

VILLAGE OF HOLLY

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

August 9, 2016

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

Councilmembers Present

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

Staff Present

Jerry L. Walker
Cathrene A. Behrens
Brian Klaassen
Steve McGee
Andrew Potter
Mike Story

Others Present

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

Clerk/Treasurer Behrens called the roll.

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

Council Member Allsop requested that Consent Agenda Item #6 down to New Business Item #3 Consideration of the Oakland/Macomb Regional Transit Authority (RTA).

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Agenda Approval
2. Consideration of the Approval of the Council Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2016.

3. Consideration of the Approval of Warrant 2016-015 in the amount of \$95,366.95.
4. Consideration of the excusing the Village Attorney from tonight's meeting.
5. Consideration of Resolution 2016-026 Adopting the annual MERS Officer and Employee Delegates and Alternates for the Annual MERS meeting.
6. Consideration of the Oakland/Macomb County Regional Transit Authority (RTA).

CM 2016-086 Motion by Rankin, second by Musgrave to approve the consent agenda as amended.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patrick Feeney, 210 Franklin, stated he doesn't know where to begin but he doesn't know how many are aware of an incident he had last Thursday at Village Offices and he thinks that it goes to the root of one of the things that you are considering tonight and it involves a Fire Employee commenting to Mr. Potter that he could look into it because he is the Assistant Village Manager. He was directed to talk to the DDA Director and he stated that the Council was his representative and he wonders why that comment was made and why. He looked in the minutes of July and there was no discussion about the situation being dire and he contacted Brian Feldman from Snap Fitness and they talked and what he explained to him is that the DDA is a little bit restricted on his funds and they want to retain Mr. Potter but he seemed to think it was a money issue which would help the DDA retain Mr. Potter. If we are looking at it that way to keep Mr. Potter in that position, why don't we take that \$4,000 and give it to the DDA and have them structurally fix this. In the future if Mr. Potter is still gone and the position is still there, who does the hiring. If the DDA does the hiring, he doesn't think that is acceptable. Because of the behavior that he has seen at the Village and these crazy rumors he was talking to someone about the Village Manager and they stated this was just a prelude to the Manager taking over the Chief of Police position.

OLD BUSINESS

#1. Consideration of the position of Assistant Village Manager/Community Development Director.

President Bladzick stated the position will remain a DDA employee under the TIF capture so the position would be hired under the same process. The qualifications of planning and zoning would be a part of that and he would assume that a member of Village administration would be a part of the hiring team as well. In the last hiring process there was a representative from Oakland County Main Street, himself as the Village Representative and the DDA Chairperson. He stated that the DDA Chairperson Dick Rossell and the DDA Secretary Lisa Clark were both present and turned the floor over to Mr. Rossell.

Dick Rossell, 512 E. Maple stated this idea was borne out of non-other than coming up with a collaboration between the Village and the DDA to fill an area, particularly in the Planning area. The idea is to create a position going forward to try and build a rapport between the two boards, Andy, besides us being an award winning DDA, he also won the DDA Director of the Year award from Oakland County this year. The board thought that they wanted to give him a little more, he was hired on a slim budget, and we kind of want to reward him. He is being taken from a contract employee and provided a slight benefit by paying into social security and picking up the taxes. We thought that if we could share some services, that the Village could kick in the money to make it happen as a Village employee. They think it can be a good opportunity going forward for the Village and he thinks that it is a sound balance thing as opposed to going out and spending \$50,000 to put someone in that position. At the DDA Board Meeting last night they figured out it would be approximately 13 hours per month worth of time.

Council Member Allsop asked that when the Village Manager is out of who would be in charge of the Village, would that be Mr. Potter.

President Bladzick stated that is a decision of Council and historically the Village has rotating between the Village Clerk/Treasurer and the DPW Director and the council would make the decision at the time of recommendation.

Manager Walker stated that Andy would report back through his office primarily on planning and zoning.

Council Member Heiple asked if the previous DDA Directors were Village employees.

President Bladzick stated they were not, they were employees of the DDA. He stated that Ms. Ponsart was a payroll employee as well as Ms. Perrault.

President Bladzick stated that just for clarification he would like to point out that the only purview of the council is to consider the budget amendment necessary to fund this position for the remainder of the budget year. Village administration has the right to handle the planning and zoning duties as they see fit as that is a duty of the day-to-day functions of the Village and not the council as the legislative body.

Council Member Musgrave stated she would like to

Lisa Clark, 602 S. Broad stated that she just wants to say she has been on the board quite a while and worked with several different DDA

Directors and Mr. Potter is far and above other DDA Director's we have had. Our payroll is limited by our TIF capture, and she was a member of the committee that reviewed all of the applications that came in and in the past there were people in there who were not qualified. There wasn't anyone who applied for the salary we could offer. When the DDA received Mr. Potter's application they liked him. Andy has done a wonderful job for all of them, he is there. If they need something he finds it out; they have moved forward more since they have had Mr. Potter and they are on a wonderful path. We are a great place to live and work and she wants to see us keep Andy because he is such as asset. Mr. Potter does a wonderful job and if this combination will allow us to pay him more, we really owe him. Let's continue to move forward and keep everything on the upswing.

CM 2016-080 (Meeting 7/26/2016)

Motion by Allsop, second by Rankin to approve the establishment of the Assistant Village Manager/Community Development Director as presented in the council packet.

Council Member Heiple she has heard the positives of this position and asked if there were any negatives.

President Bladzick stated that he thought the change in the overtime laws might be challenging but that is something that can be managed.

Council Member Kleven stated his only problem is with the job title. As the Assistant Village Manager it sounds like his hands are in everything and if it is just planning and zoning why can't it just be Community Development Director.

Manager Walker stated that around town this title is not a big deal but when he is attending regional activities and meetings on community development, it provides that higher level of authority for the Village that would be important.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting for: Cruickshank, Heiple, Musgrave, Rankin, Allsop, Bladzik
Voting against: Kleven
Absent: None
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

#1. Consideration of Ordinance #444 Adoption of the Village of Holly revised, amended, restated, codified, and compiled Village Ordinances.

CM 2016-087 Motion by Bladzik, second by Musgrave to adopt Ordinance #444 Adoption of the Village of Holly revised, amended, restated, codified and compiled Village Ordinances.

Motion by Musgrave to waive the reading of the ordinance.

President Bladzik stated during the 2014-2015 budget process Village staff identified a pair of vendors and recommended that American Legal Publishing be contracted with to codify the Village Ordinance. American Legal took all of our ordinances, re-organized them and did an analysis of inconsistencies and provided this analysis to Village staff. Through that process the ordinances were sent to the Charter and Ordinance Committee and

those recommendations were forwarded onto American Legal Publishing for final printing.

Clerk/Treasurer Behrens stated that before the Council is the binder prepared by American Legal Publishing which contains the newly codified ordinances for the Village of Holly. Attorney Gildner prepared Ordinance #444 for the adoption of this codified ordinance as presented. Authorization of the ordinance will allow staff to publish notice in the paper of the newly adopted ordinance and 30 days after publication, this new codified version will take effect.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting for: Heiple, Kleven, Cruickshank, Musgrave, Rankin, Allsop, Bladzik
Voting against: None
Absent: None
Motion carried.

#2. Consideration of the Franchise Agreement between the Village of Holly and Comcast of Flint, Inc.

CM 2016-088 Motion by Musgrave, second by Rankin to approve the franchise agreement between the Village of Holly and Comcast of Flint, Inc. and authorize the Village President to execute the agreement.

Clerk/Treasurer Behrens stated that presented for council review is the proposed franchise agreement provided by Comcast of Flint. The agreement has been reviewed by the Village Attorney and the rate structure afforded to the Village remains unchanged from the previous agreement thereby resulting in no increases being passed onto our Comcast customers here in the Village.

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

#3. Consideration of the Oakland/Macomb County Regional Transit Authority (RTA)

Council Member Allsop stated he read this over and asked if they put this transit in would they use our old railroad tracks and come downtown like they do in Detroit?

President Bladzick stated that won't affect us.

Council Member Allsop asked what this would do for us.

President Bladzick stated the rural townships that reach the edges of the County will not have the same direct benefits if you are in Detroit or Birmingham.

Council Member Allsop stated they want to put this on the ballot and if we let this go through God only knows what they really are going to do.

Clerk/Treasurer Behrens stated that this matter is already on the ballot and that this information was provided just as informational only. The matter will be decided in the November 2016 election.

REPORTS

Village Manager

Manager Walker stated we have copies of L. Brooks Patterson's information on the RTA. In the administrative staff report there are a couple of items he would like to bring their

attention to. On August 31st the Alzheimer Awareness is being held downtown which is sponsored by the Holly Car Show. During the sesquicentennial the Holly Moose has agreed to provide a beer tent and hot dogs

The job posting has been completed for the Communications Officer and it should hit the job boards at the MML, Oakland University, Michigan State, U of M and various other job boards.

Council Member Cruickshank asked the status of the audio in here.

Manager Walker stated that the vendor is waiting on parts and it very well could and should be installed by the next meeting.

Village Attorney

Excused

Clerk/Treasurer

No report

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Council Member Kleven stated the community coalition did not meet in July but they are still looking for sponsors for the color run in September.

Council Member Rankin stated there was a scheduled sent out for community play date.

Council Member Heiple stated there was a regular meeting on July 27th at which the rezoning of Maple Street was postponed to August 24th. Gary Okonski was selected as the Chairperson and Nick Pohl as Vice-Chair.

They have a Special Planning Commission meeting scheduled tomorrow night for a rezoning request at 115 Oakwood and a special land use. There is also a zoning ordinance amendment regarding the regulation of Little Free Libraries.

She stated she wanted to give out a shout out for Holly Days on September 10th.

Council Member Cruickshank stated at the last meeting they were beginning discussions on the map regarding the proposed historic district changes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Allsop stated that he wanted to thank Jerry Walker for his assistance to Cal Steele in organizing the car show for August 31st. 100% of the proceeds will go to Alzheimer's.

Council Member Kleven stated that Cal Steele will be sworn in on August 27th as the President of the VFW Auxiliary.

President Bladzick stated the DDA Board purchased some illuminated Christmas decoration light fixtures for the downtown area and there has been a desire to purchase several more. The DDA will be doing this in stages because at this time not all of the poles have electric, which will be needed, and some of the poles we want to place decorations on are owned by others. By the next meeting they plan on having all of the infrastructure needs addressed. They did not make any appropriations on that.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patrick Feeney, 210 Franklin Street, stated that no one wanted to answer his question regarding a gentleman's character and polish and then something is brought up that contains those actions. He stated that people employed by the Village and the DDA, as an employee, should not have an opinion. What ever happened to the issue of having a no right hand turn at Maple and Saginaw; that was the reason he first started coming to the meetings. He stated that we now have a position for a communications officer and stated that we need some new faces and we need to look outside of Holly. We don't need ex-council members, girlfriends, boyfriends, etc. but he thinks that if that is done there will be credibility to the position and that will go a long way towards communication.

Manager Walker stated that the no right turn on red was looked at by Patrick Cauley with TIA and he recommended against a no-right turn on red due to stacking. He did recommend more enforcement and he has talked to the Chief of Police about that issue.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Village President Bladzick adjourned the meeting at 19:56 pm.

Ryan Bladzick, Village President

Cathrene A. Behrens, Clerk/Treasurer