

VILLAGE OF HOLLY

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

September 13, 2016

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.

Councilmembers Present

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

Staff Present

Cathrene A. Behrens
Toni Brinker
Brian Klaassen
Steve McGee
Andrew Potter
Mike Story

Others Present

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

Clerk/Treasurer Behrens called the roll.

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

Council Member Musgrave asked to add Consideration of the practice and opportunity for Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Agenda Approval
2. Consideration of the Approval of the Council Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2016.
3. Consideration of the 425 Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes of August 30, 2016.

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4. Consideration of the Approval of Warrant 2016-016 in the amount of \$122,038.27.
 5. Consideration of Excusing the Village Attorney from tonight's meeting.
 6. Consideration of the Confirmation of the Village President's Appointment of George Kullis to the Planning Commission.
 7. Business Registration
 - a. O'Reilly Auto Parts
 - b. Real Estate One Professionals

CM 2016-095 Motion by Musgrave, second by Cruickshank to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

PRESENTATION – Police Officer Justin Barnes.

Chief of Police Mike Story stated that he was before the council this evening to introduce our newest part-time police officer, Justin Barnes. He stated that Justin comes to us from the Burton Police Department although he has been on a little bit of a hiatus. He served eight years there, a couple of years in patrol and moved into working narcotics which is very specialized and training intensive. Justin started his career with the Holly Police Department for several months and he now has the desire to come back to the professional and the department will gladly accept him and wish him the best.

Council Member Kleven asked if he was related to former Holly Area Schools Superintendent Kent Barnes.

Chief Story advised that he is his bouncing baby boy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

#1. Consideration of Resolution 2016-029 to authorize the Local Road Improvement Matching Fund Pilot Program Cost Participation Agreement for the Rehabilitation of Cogshall Street.

CM 2016-096 Motion by Musgrave, second by Rankin to consider Resolution 2016-029 to authorize the Local Road Improvement Matching Fund Pilot Program Cost Participation Agreement for the Rehabilitation of Cogshall Street.

Motion by Rankin, second by Musgrave to waive the reading of the resolution.

Clerk/Treasurer Behrens stated the Oakland County Board of Commissioners have implemented a new funding program for local community streets to assist with community development. The Village Manager made the decision to utilize these funds for the improvements we are making to Cogshall Street. It is approximately \$7,711 and are asking for Council’s authorization of the Resolution for submission to Oakland County. The funds will be turned over to the Village and at the completion of the project there are some economic reporting requirements that the Village will be responsible for.

Council Member Kleven asked where staff was at with the street study that we contracted out.

DPW Director Klaassen stated that the study is complete and there will be a presentation at an upcoming council meeting.

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 practice and opportunity for public comment.

Council Member Musgrave stated that throughout the various issues that have come before the Village she is finding that things are not being addressed to the Village Council like they are supposed to be and there is chatter amongst other people in the audience and that is not how public comment is supposed to occur. It has turned into more of a circus with some comments being made and it is not right and it is hurtful and she does not appreciate it and would like to see it stopped. She thinks that two public comments go, the motion was made that we allow public comment after each business item so she doesn't see the need for two public comments.

CM 2016-097 Motion by Musgrave, second by Rankin to amend the Council Rules and Procedures to amend section 3.1, Order of Business, Item #8 striking the first public comment from the council meetings.

Council Member Rankin stated he would like to offer an amendment to limit the public comment for each item on the agenda to one comment.

CM 2016-098 Motion by Rankin, second by Musgrave to amend the motion to further amend section 3.1, Order of Business, Item #11 limiting public comment to time speaking per person per business item.

Council Member Allsop stated he thought there was an amendment several months ago presented by Council Member Cruickshank to allow people the opportunity to speak.

Council Member Cruickshank stated the amendment he proposed was to allow a public comment and not a Q & A session after council discussion before the actual vote. It had nothing to do with the first public comment or the last public comment. His interpretation is that the first public comment is for any topic, public comments during business items are on those specific topics and the final public comment is regarding items on the agenda.

Clerk/Treasurer Behrens stated she believes the first public comment is intended to allow people to come into the council meeting, make their comment and then to allow them the opportunity to leave if they are unable to stay for the entire meeting. This is just something to consider for discussion purposes.

Council Member Musgrave stated that the manner of the back and forth comments is tiring for people who attend the council meetings to hear what is going on and there has to be some organization to it.

CM 2016-099 Motion by Kleven, second by Cruickshank to postpone this item until the next council meeting of September 27, 2016 where the amendments can be presented in the Council Rules and Procedures.

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

President Bladzick stated this would be under old business on the agenda of September 27, 2016.

REPORTS

Village Manager

President Bladzick stated that Manager Walker is excused tonight due to training.

Village Attorney

Nothing to report.

Village Clerk/Treasurer

Nothing to report.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Council Member Cruickshank stated there is a meeting scheduled on Thursday.

Council Member Heiple stated there was a Planning Commission meeting on August 24th. The issue before the Planning for the past several months was to consider how to proceed for the future regarding businesses on Maple Street. A motion to recommend to Council an overlay district with specific guidelines was approved with a vote of 5-2.

KRCC Director Toni Brinker stated that Grease was very successful and they had about 1,400 people here. We are headed into fall and next weekend we have another huge craft show here. Photography, roller skating and karate are coming soon to the community center. More and more people calling for lots of different things.

Council Member Musgrave stated Steve Ghostly, membership Director for the Knights of Columbus in Fenton, presented HAYA with a check for \$500. Blessings in a

backpack was a success with a lot of people coming for that. There is a fall cleanup on October 1st at NOCFA so if anyone has any appliances or large items they need to get rid of bring them down. They are having guest readers on October 28th so if anyone has any kids or grandkids they would like to take down there, they will be there. Musical instructions are available to Holly Area students and right now HAYA has about 13 instruments. The Heritage Festival is going on September 24th and there is a shuttle from the park to the civic center and there is breakfast at 8:00 am. HAYA participated in Community Play Day but she has not heard the results of that at this time.

Council Member Rankin stated that Community Play Day was Saturday and the weather kind of interfered with the event putting a damper on their numbers. The bounce houses had to be taken down a little early due to the wind and unfortunately the dunk tank never made it. The Parks Commission also created an ad hoc committee for the creation of a dog park. It was brought to the Parks Commission by Rick Powers and Terry Baker. Rick seems intent on having a dog park up and running by Memorial weekend.

President Bladzick stated that Rick and Terry were the individuals who got the flagpoles put up on Park Street.

Council Member Kleven stated on Holly Day they had their Color Run and had a lot of runners and a lot of sponsors. There were about 200 participants.

President Bladzick stated that it was great and he had fun leading the pack.

Andrew Potter stated the DDA Board was given a presentation by Crystal Proxmire on doing a daytrip to Holly promotional online newspaper type of program. Basically you go out online and market to some of our neighbors and the DDA approved that as long as the Chamber is going to be involved and they also discussed a Dicken's sponsorship.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Kleven stated that the VFW auxiliary had their first meeting and one of the items on the agenda is bingo.

Council Member Allsop stated he has been working on the Halloween Car Show with Cal Steel on October 5th if it doesn't rain.

Council Member Musgrave stated that one thing she did not mention about HAYA was that Tena Alvarado was named volunteer of the year by the Governor's office.

Council Member Heiple stated the following *"I was one of the five at the last Planning meeting who voted to forward the recommendation to Council because I believe strongly in property rights. If someone wants to live in part of their house and run a little business from another part of their own home, I think they should be allowed to do so – within reason and within guidelines to protect the neighbor's property. I think this applies to any street we live on, even Maple Street.*

After almost every vote, and this one was no exception, we/I receive emails, texts and FB messages from people who constantly degrade those of us who have a duty to make public decisions. I have been told that I am a puppet

and an idiot for thinking the way that I do, that I am brain-dead and blind because I did not vote the way someone else wanted me to, that I am "in bed" with administration, that I am part of a back room deal and profiting somehow with my vote.

I wish everyone would remember that we are neighbors and friends and people who want to do the right thing. One commissioner resigned the morning after the meeting because of the backlash of the vote and I don't blame her. I no longer care to give my opinion in future planning meetings. I do not want to defend my thought process or apologize for my vote. I don't want to do this anymore.

It's not a matter of developing a thicker skin, it's a matter of how much disrespect and abuse one person is willing to tolerate. The expense of not going along with whatever makes the loudest people a little less angry for a moment, is not worth my time, self-esteem or increased anxiety.

I am asking to be released from the Planning Commission liaison position.

I will finish out my Council term and will not be running for re-election".

Council Member Cruickshank stated he thought Community Play Day was awesome and a hats off to all of the volunteers who don't serve on boards and commissions but come out.

President Bladzick stated that in the written reports, Janell Minnick, who was doing part-time fill in work for a long time, accepted the full-time position at the Village of Holly

vacated by Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Gwen Walters. Janell has been an active volunteer around the Village for many of our events through the past several years. He additionally stated that when Community Play Day was initially started in 2010 it was to have different organizations collaborate and bring together opportunities to shine. He was excited to see the Color Fun Run, first time events are always tough to pull off but there was a great turnout, it was well run. Community Play Days and HollyDay went off well despite the weather and he is really excited and thinks that this is starting to fill that niche that the Carry Nation Festival left when it ended. .

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marlo Davidson, 434 Sherwood Court, stated that her public comment is about public comment. It used to be that the first public comment stated it was to be about public comment that is unrelated to the agenda. She thinks that is important.

President Bladzick stated that some of their Boards and Commissions in their own rules have that in their rules so that may be something to look at.

Buster Winebrenner, 409 North Street, stated that another position at the Village offices was filled. Since 2013, since we lost our dispatch, in looking at the budgets online on the computer our police department has lost over \$500,000. But they can't hire full-time people. We have five police officers, a Sergeant, a Detective and a Chief, the rest are part-time. They can't arrest people at night on misdemeanors because the jail cells are closed at night. Our public safety has dropped in this

community bad. The fire department lost \$100,000 in our budget; Walker can do anything that he wants. We have money for everything else; \$35,000 for a communications director, money to hire an Assistant Village Manager. It is really sad that you people sit here on this board and allow this to happen. He would like to see a change but he probably won't as long as you people sit here.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Village President Bladzick adjourned the meeting at 19:38 pm.



Ryan Bladzick, Village President



Cathrene A. Behrens, Clerk/Treasurer