

Minutes of the regular Village of Mulliken council meeting held

December 4, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Dennis Kepitis

Members present: Sherry Kempf, Bob McCausey, Will Simon, Brandon Lambrix-absent, Susie Debler
Pam Jenkins

Corrections to the minutes from November 6, 2023 meeting: The company helping Kelli was incorrectly called County Side Accounting. They are Country Side Accounting. The money that will repay the general fund will come out of major and local, not sewer and local.

Motion to accept November 6, 2023 minutes as corrected made by Sherry and second by Bob. 5 yays 0 nays, motion carries.

Treasurers Report: 1). Per Kelli, the account numbers are now uniform with the state of Michigan. There are differences in the way the previous reports were presented due to the new system. 2). Kelli would like to change the billing system for the sewer to possibly a coupon system to eliminate the cost of the quarterly mailing that we do now. The cost of postage is getting to high. 3). We paid \$15,000 in culvert repair on French St. and Charlotte St. and a pipe repair on Eaton Hwy.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Sherry and second by Pam. 5 yays 0 nays Motion carries.

New Business: Dennis would like the council to consider redoing the Master Plan for the village after the first of the year. 2). We received a bid from Infrastructure Alternative for \$4720 to come out and do a sludge judging on the lagoons and help with receiving and applying for sewer grants. Motion to accept the bid made by will and second by Sherry. 5 yays 0 nays. Motion carries. 3). Chris form Corrigan Oil present to discuss the variance needed for the canopy for the gas pumps. They will serve Diesel, Premium and Regular gas.. He stated that he could not find a property line limit for the canopy in our master plan, and therefore would like the council to vote on a variance before they proceed. He suggested we update our master plan, which we will do. He stated they are working on the parking and will be discussing options with Rob Piercefield, the owner of the adjacent property. They are also considering moving the outdoor coolers to allow for a better traffic flow. Rob also stated he had concerns about the parking. 4). Dennis stated the sweeper truck suction went bad and it will cost \$12,000 to fix. Bob made a motion to have the truck fixed, but get one more bid. Will seconds. 5 yays 0 nays. Motion carries. 5). Next meeting council needs to start budget discussions.

Old Business: Committee Reports: Lights are good. Maintenance Report: Eric finished leaf removal and is now doing the fall discharge on the sewer ponds. Will states Eaton County Sheriff made 6 calls in the village.

Zoning Report: Dennis is still working on the property on Charlotte St. He is also in contact with the county on the Huver property.

Ordinance Violations Report: Dennis is still working on the neighbors next to the Deblers on Charlotte St.

Limited Public Comment: Jim AlOUGH would like to know about the bell. He was informed nothing can be done until the concrete slab is laid. Robert West wanted to know if the village allows house trailers. He was informed we do not, but we do allow modular homes. They must be on a foundation. Tim Barnes, County Commissioner, here to let us know all their meetings are live on utube. The schedule is on their web page. The county is hiring 6 more police officers. They are also in the process of getting a new mobile command center for the Sherriff Dept. They continue to upgrade the roads, but it is a long process. Advices the council to please contact him with any questions.

Motion to adjourn made by Sherry and second by Susie 5 yays 0 nays motion carries

Minutes compiled and submitted by clerk Cheryl Goodrich