

Minutes of the regular Village of Mulliken council meeting held January 8, 2024

Meeting called to order by President Dennis Kepitis

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

Motion to accept December 4, 2023 minutes made by Susie, second by Will. 6 yays 0 nays, motion carries.

Treasurers Report: Per Kelli, the \$9000 loss for December on the Profit and Loss sheet was due to paying the paving and repairs done for local and major roads. She also requested an approval for the major and sewer funds pay back the monies owed to the general account. She would also like to transfer \$100,000.00 from the general account to the local account due to the negative balance in that account. Susie made a motion to have the major and local accounts to pay the general account and for the general account to transfer the \$100,000.00 to the local account. 6 yays 0 nays, motion carries.

New Business: 1) Kelli would like the council to have a list of budget ideas to discuss at the next meeting and have ready to be voted on at the March meeting. 2) The council discussed the variance request from the new owners of the Thriftway store to allow them to install a canopy for the gas pumps they plan on installing. The canopy would need to extend 10 ft. beyond what the current ordinance allows. Will made a motion to accept the variance request. Susie seconds. Yays- Will, Susie, Bob, Sherry, and Pam. Nays- Brandon. 5 yays, 1 nay, motion carries. 3) The council also discussed the request for a variance on the number of parking spots allowed at the above property. The owner is going to present a drawing of the layout at the next meeting and the council will vote on the variance after they see that. 4) Brandon spoke with Deputy Griffith at the Eaton County Sherriff dept. concerning the speed limit sign and was told because they run on a battery, they don't work in the cold weather, so they pulled them. He also spoke with the Grand Ledge Public Services dept. about the one that they have. The sign is portable and solar powered. The cost is \$3800 and uses the cloud to record speeds. He will look into it. 5) Some ideas for the new budget are sidewalks, possibly a new sidewalk to Eaton Hwy., flowers, and Christmas decorations, possibly using a decorating company to put them up. Dennis would like catch basins repaired throughout the village. Possible paving French St. 6) Dennis is still having difficulty getting bids on the sweeper due to the negative comments on social media about the village and don't want their business possibly discussed in a negative matter. 7) Will would like a path put in on the property next to the Buddhist church.

Old Business: Committee Reports: Lights good, Maintenance Report: Eric states the winter discharge was done. The sludge assessment was done. Per Kelli, they were impressed with the low amount of sludge. They gave her some names of people to help with getting grants. Dennis is still working on the bell. A possible suggestion was to place it in the pavilion

Zoning Report: Eric Milbourne would like his building changed from commercial to residential for ADA reasons. Bob made a motion to change the property to residential. Susie seconds. 6 yays 0 nays motion carries.

Ordinance Violation Report: Still working on the property next to the Debler property. The county building dept. is not responding the complaints on the Huver property.

Will reports the county Sherriff Dept. responded to 5 calls for the month.

Limited Public Comment: Ed Vedder complains that renters at the bar in the village are parking on the streets and should be parking in designated spots supplied by the owners of the building. Jim Alborough would like a shuffle board court painted in the pavilion. Bruce Sharp complained that the owner of Swedes was throwing garbage out behind the restaurant to feed the feral cats. The cats are now destroying some of his property. He also said 2 council members were discussing him in a negative matter with Mr. Senter, who owns Senter Family Auto Repair. Corey Stiles wanted to let the council know he was fixing up the old beauty salon to use as his office.

Motion to adjourn made by Susie and second by Sherry.

Minutes compiled and submitted by clerk Cheryl Goodrich