

Lake Ann Village Council
Minutes from Regular Meeting on
April 11, 2023

I. Call to Order

President Hawkins calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm in the Almira Township Hall 19639 Maple Street, Lake Ann, MI 49650.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Present: C. Grant-Wagner, T. Clous, D. Hawkins, MG Rineer, V. Edwards, N. Beckwith and K. Belton.

IV. President's Remarks: Updated the Council on what he has done in the last month. Garry Pierce served for several years on the Village Planning Commission and The Bread Lady presented him with a bread of the month card as a thank you for his service. Community Coffee is tomorrow morning.

V. Additions/Changes to Agenda: Change New Business G. to Planning Commission Member Update; add New business H. Appoint ZBA Chair, I. Initiate Discussion of Planning Commission Vacancy.

VI. Approval of Agenda

D. Hawkins moves to approve the agendas amended. V. Edwards seconds. All ayes; motion passed.

VII. Approval of Consent Agenda

C. Grant-Wagner moves to approve the consent agenda. K. Belton seconds. Upon Roll call vote: V. Edwards-aye, N. Beckwith-aye, K. Belton-aye, C. Grant-Wagner-aye and D. Hawkins-aye; motion passed. Verbal reports were given of those not provided before the meeting.

VIII. Accept the Treasurers Report

C. Grant-Wagner moves to approve the Treasurers Report. V. Edwards seconds. Upon Roll call vote: K. Belton-aye, C. Grant-Wagner-aye, N. Beckwith-aye, V. Edwards-aye and D. Hawkins-aye; motion passed.

IX. Correspondence/Announcements: None

X. Guest Presentations

A. County Commissioner Bob Roelofs: Unable to Attend due to prior Commitment.

XI. Citizens Participation: None

XII. Unfinished Business:

A. ARPA Funds Project options

Options were discussed. D. Hawkins moves to purchase two (2) laptops for the Treasurer and the Clerk no to exceed \$1900.00 for ARPA Funds. C. Grant-Wagner seconds. Upon Roll call vote: C. Grant-Wagner-aye, N. Beckwith-aye, V. Edwards-aye, K. Belton-aye and D. Hawkins-aye; motion passed. D. Hawkins moves to research initiation for restrooms in the park and renovation/repair of the water shed as well as contacting the Health Department. V. Edwards seconds. All ayes; motion passed. D. Hawkins moves based on determination by Belton and Hawkins of special markings move ahead with the quote from Benzie County Road Commission not to exceed \$5000.00 from ARPA Funds. V. Edwards seconds. Upon Roll call vote: N. Beckwith-aye, K. Belton-aye, V. Edwards-aye, C. Grant-Wagner-aye and D. Hawkins-aye; motion passed.

XIII. New Business:

A. Almira Historical Society Homecoming Special Event Application

V. Edwards moves to approve the Almira Historical Special Event Application for Homecoming. K. Belton seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

B. ZBA Training

No Action

C. Form a Downtown Beautification Committee

Possibly create curb appeal of the Village but this would need several people to be willing to work on this.

D. Street Line Painting BCRC

This was approved under Old Business

E. Commercial Zoning Amendment and Public Hearing Date

This does not need to be done as the Zoning Ordinance covers what was discussed.

F. Compost Removal

This was looked into and no action needed on this item.

G. Planning Commission Member Update

D. Hawkins moves to appoint Jessica Bocian as the Planning Commission Chair. K. Belton seconds. All ayes; motion passed. D. Hawkins moves to reappoint Jeanine Montgomery to the Planning Commission for 3 years. C. Grant-Wagner seconds. All ayes; motion passed. D. Hawkins moves to accept Garry Pierce resignation with regret. V. Edwards seconds. All ayes; motion passed.

H. Appoint ZBA Chair

D. Hawkins moves to appoint Jeanine Montgomery as the Chair of the ZBA. C. Grant-Wagner seconds. All ayes; motion passed.

I. Initiate Discussion on Planning Commission Vacancy

D. Hawkins says we will seek interest in this position with a cutoff date of May 2, 2023.

XIV. Citizen Participation

Rachel Beckwith states that people have shown interest in serving on Village Committee and she feels that two weeks might not be long enough to seek interest.

XV. Council Comments: None

XVI. Adjournment:

C. Grant-Wagner moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm. N. Beckwith seconds. All ayes; motion passed.