

Hopkins Village Council
Regular Meeting Agenda: 9/11/2023 @ 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order

President VanderWall called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present: President VanderWall, Treasurer Kennedy, Trustees Osborn, Buist, Williams, Sebright, Mullett

Absent: Clerk Alberda, Trustee Adams, Jon Stafford

4. Agenda Presentation

Buist made a motion to accept the Agenda as presented. Mullett supported. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Review of 8/14/2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Williams made a motion to approve the minutes from the 8/14/2023 regular meeting as presented. Mullett supported. All in favor.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Review of 8/14/2023 Special Meeting Minutes

Change the spelling of "special" in the header

Under point 7, Sebright supported, not Osborn

Williams made a motion to approve the minutes from the 8/14/2023 special meeting as amended. Mullett supported. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Financial Report

Williams made a motion to table the financial report until the next meeting. Sebright supported. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

a. Senior Sewer Rate Application – Cheryl Selby

Buist made a motion to approve the Senior Sewer Rate Application of Cheryl Selby effective on the next sewer bill cycle. Mullett supported. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Bills

Williams made a motion to table the bills report until the next meeting. Buist supported. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Beltman gave his report which included – Courthouse remodel starting by the end of the year, retirement of Judge King (Matt Antkowiak appointed as replacement), budget work has begun. Next Commissioner meeting coming up on September 14.

10. Agency Reports

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- a. Fireboard (Reps: *Dawn Buist, Craig Osborn*)
Nothing to report.
- b. Library Board (Reps: *Craig Osborn, Sam Adams*)
Nothing to report.
- c. DDA (Reps: *Dawn Buist, Tabitha Kennedy*)
Nothing to report.
- d. Township Planning Commission (Reps: *Jon VanderWall, Ben Williams*)
*The Open House happened on Saturday, September 9, 2023.
The next meeting of the Township Planning Commission will be on September 26, 2023.*

11. Public Comment

Carol Prather came with questions about the Flood Plain insurance.

12. Old Business

- a. Road Work & ARPA Funds Update
Brad contacted Lance, Black Gold will finish the work on Wise Street when they do work on the at the bus garage.
- b. North Park Work Update
Weick Brothers put in drains at the park. They have not been as effective as hoped. Further work may be necessary. The DDA will need to be consulted with this continuing project.
- c. Animal Control Ordinance Update
We are waiting to hear from the Lawyer.
- d. Roof Damage/Insurance Update
We're in line on the fall schedule.
- e. Hopkins Police Gun Update
President VanderWall was unable to get to Centershot this past month. He will take care of it before the next meeting.
- f. Blight Letters Update
President VanderWall sent a letter with the sewer bills asking people to consider their properties. He has done a review of the whole Village and will be sending out Blight Letters by 9/14/2023.
- g. Hall Work/Improvements Update
President VanderWall sent out a schedule of the current progress of the construction. He will continue to update the council on this. It is projected that all work will be finished by mid-November and we will have our first meeting in the Village Hall in December, 2023.

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13. Maintenance Report

Eric Delivered a maintenance report that included park bathroom issues, park draining work & issues, new builds w/ potential sewer hookups, and the truck sale.

The Council decided by unanimous consent to approach Jon Stafford's contact who is interested in the truck and ask him for a bid. If it is \$4000 or more, they are authorized to take it. If not, we will post it publicly for sealed Bids to be reviewed on September 22, 2023.

14. Public Comment

None

15. New Business

a. Franklin One-Way Discussion

President VanderWall presented the findings that Franklin Street, with the parking present at the Fire Station and the Village/Township Hall creates a small drivable space that, by regularly, should be turned into a one-way street, headed south. The Council decided to review this in October.

b. Crossing Guards

President VanderWall presented the current reality of the crossing guards. We have 2 full time and no subs apart from the Alberdas. He will talk to Stacy from the Township, send something out in the Elementary School's flier, and talk to Scott VanBonn about it.

16. Public Comment

None

17. Around the Table

September 19, 2023 from 5:30 to 7:00PM will be Village Hall cleaning and purging night. Anyone who can come is encouraged to be there.

18. Public Comment

None

19. Adjournment

Buist made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mullett supported. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.