

**Hopkins Village Council Regular Council Meeting  
Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> 2024**

President VanderWall called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call** Kennedy, Vander Wall, Alberda, Mullett, Adams, Sebright, Buist  
**ABSENT** Williams, Osborn **Guests-** Jon Stafford, Eric Alberda,

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Buist moved, Adams supported, CARRIED, to approve the agenda of March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Adams moved, Sebright supported, CARRIED to approve the minutes of Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, regular meeting.

**3. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Sebright moved, Mullett supported, CARRIED to approve the bills from Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**4. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

Buist moved, Mullett supported CARRIED to approve the Feb 2024 financial report.

**Sebright moved, Adams supported CARRIED to approve Paul Kroon for the senior citizen sewer rate.**

**5. REPORTS**

Library- Library is being remodeled.

Planning Commission – No Meeting

Fire Board- Chief Bob Kerber resigned from his position, Eric Alberda will be interim chief until they hire in Oct 2024

DDA- Ordered benches for the north park.

**6. Public Comment-None**

**Old Business**

**A. Animal Control Ordinance Update**

The lawyers are working on the ordinance.

**B. Village / Township Hall Agreement**

Will be working on this and have completed before the May meeting.

**C. Franklin One Way Discussion**

Waiting for signs to be installed.

**D. Blight Letters Update**

PCI is following up.

**E. Sewer Pond Update**

In progress of getting, it fixed.

**F. Safe Routes to Schools Grant Update**

Eric and Jon will be meeting with superintendent Van Bon to get them registered.

**7. Maintenance Report**

Jon Stafford gave his maintenance report. Report has been filed.

**8. Public Comment- None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Charter Amendment**

**Adams moved, Buist supported, Carried to table this resolution until April.**

**B. Bills Village Auto- Zoning Amendment**

**Adams moved, Buist supported, CARRIED to approve Bill Dever to submit his plan to build an addition to his auto repair shop which is currently not zoned for commercial district and to have a hearing for a possible amendment.**

**C. Library Agreement**

The council discussed the proposed agreement. President VanderWall will adjust the proposed agreement to what the council would like to see in the agreement.

**D. Village Park Lighting**

The council suggested to the DDA to have Miller Electric move forward with the lighting in the north park.

**E. Resolution 17-004 Crossing Guard Policy 2017**

**Buist moved, Adams supported, CARRIED to dissolve resolution 17-004 and reaffirm the Cross Guard Policy 2024 is in effect in place of resolution 17-004.**

Around the table

Time was given for the council to make comments.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

Adams moved, Buist supported, CARRIED to adjourn the meeting at 9.01 pm.