

**Hopkins Village Council Regular Council Meeting
Monday March 13th 2023**

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

Roll Call Williams, Kennedy, , Vander Wall, Alberda, Osborn, Mullett, Buist, Adams

ABSENT - Sebright **Guests**- Scott Beltman, Jon Stafford, Eric Alberda,

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Buist moved, Mullett supported, CARRIED, to approve the agenda of March 13th, 2023, with the additions of Wage increase, DDA Members, and ARPS Audit Expenditures.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Buist moved, Osborn supported, CARRIED to approve the minutes of Feb 13th, 2023, regular meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Osborn moved, Adams supported, CARRIED to approve the bills from Feb 14th2023 to March 13th, 2023.

4. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Adams moved, Buist supported CARRIED to approve the Feb 2023 financial report.

5. REPORTS

Library- Osborn reported the library is waving late book fees.

DDA- Buist reported the DDA is looking at helping with north park improvements.

Planning Commission – VanderWall reported that the survey results are back,

Fireboard- Osborn reported that a special meeting was held, and they approve the purchase of a new truck.

6. Public Comment-

None

Old Business

A. Road Work & ARPA Funds Update

Trustee Williams will be getting a date for repair work on the south loop road.

B. Charter Commission Update

Working on revising the charter, Work will be posted soon.

C. Lion's Club Request Follow Up

Quotes have been received for lighting work at the North Park. The DDA and Lions Club are meeting with President VanderWall later in the week to discuss how much money is available for this project.

7. Maintenance Report

Jon Stafford gave his maintenance report. A new plow truck purchase was discussed.

Jon will be looking at one that is available. Clerk Alberda is checking into a loan.

Playground mulch is needed. It will be purchased and split with the DDA.

8. Public Comment

Joel Shoemaker gave information on a blood drive the boys scouts will be having.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Senior Citizen Rate Application

Mullett moved, Adams supported CARRIED to approve Kathleen Swartz the senior citizen sewer rate.

B. Downtown Park Reservation

President VanderWall is putting on the web site an reservation page for the downtown green space use.

C. FEMA Flood Plan

The township is having lawyers write up a FEMA flood plan ordinance and the village will use the draft as an outline for their use when they write their ordinance.

D. Animal Ordinance Control

The council looked at an outline for the animal control ordinance and told the committee to move forward with constructing an ordinance for approval.

E. Grant Approval

Buist moved, Williams supported, CARRIED to approve Eric Alberda and Jon Stafford to apply for any grants they feel will benefit the village.

F. Wage Increase

Buist moved, Mullett supported, CARRIED to approve an 1.50 hourly raise for both Jon Stafford and Eric Alberda with backpay for hours worked to Jan 1st.

G. ARPS Audit Expenditures

Council told treasure Kennedy she could look into having our auditors do the quarterly ARPA report.

Around the table

Time was given for council to make comments

ADJOURNMENT. Buist moved, Adams supported, CARRIED to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm.