

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Village Hall Meeting Room
October 12, 2021 – 4:30 PM**

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor McCue called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM
2. **Members Present:** Mayor Pro Tem Frusco, Councilman Ed Howze, and Councilwoman Gregorich
3. **Members Absent:** Councilman Don Boito
4. **Others Present:** Lisa Kivett-Village Clerk, Police Chief Chad Shue, Residents Andy Moody, Mary Gilroy, Karl Bernet, Janet Nauman, and MaryAnne Lauer
5. **Moment of Silence:** Mayor McCue requested those present to pause for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
6. **Approval of the October 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda:**

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco made a motion to adopt the October 12, 2021 agenda as written. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Consent Agenda

All items listed below are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and without discussion

- A. Approval of Minutes
 1. August 24, 2021 Work Session
 2. September 14, 2021 Regular Meeting
 3. September 30, 2021 Work Session

- B. Budget Amendment #2021-09

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco asked to remove Budget Amendment #2021-09 from Consent Agenda and add it to the Finance Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Public Comment Period

Robert Roller – 16 Ridge Road has concerns about drainage from Village roads damaging his yard. He has spoken with Councilman Boito in the past and has installed a drainage system under his driveway which has helped however, he continues to have issues with water collecting at the curb. New construction on Bridle Trail and Saddle Lane have caused added wash-out. He suggested either installing storm drains or increasing the size of the curbing. He provided pictures and requested the Village do an assessment.

9. Zoning Administrator's Report – Lisa Kivett

Zoning Administrator Lisa Kivett reported the following activity for September 14th thru October 12th

Fifty-four (54) homes in the Village and (4) four homes in the ETJ are under construction or in the beginning stage of lot clearing. Fifty-eight (58) TOTAL

Permit applications were received and reviewed for the following:

*Three (3) Single Family Residence (which are included in the total above)
Eagle Drive
Ridge Road
Green Valley*

Three (3) Fence Permits

10. Council Member Reports:

- A. Finance – Leslie Frusco
 - Financial Report

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco reported as of September 30, 2021, the general fund balance was \$1,692,800 of which \$1,138,927 is unrestricted. The restricted amount of \$553,874 includes the first installment of American Rescue Funds of \$166,000. These funds many only be spent on specific items, must be earmarked by 2023 and spent by 2025.

The water fund balance was \$1,071,827 of which \$775,751 is unrestricted. Restricted funds of \$296,076 are for future well(s) and tank maintenance.

Property tax collections through September are 23%. October and November are the largest months for property tax collections. Sales tax revenues coming from the state continues to be robust. We are at 110% of budgeted revenue for the entire year for construction permitting. The first half payment of Powell Bill funds was received in September. The second installment will actually be a couple thousand dollars more than the budgeted amount. The amounts we receive are allocated by state legislature and based on our population and street mileage. Powell Bill money may only be spent on municipal street maintenance including mowing, easement area, patching and crack filling. The amount usually runs \$39-40,000.

- Budget Amendment #2021-09

Frusco suggested that most if not all of the pool facility furniture is in need if replacement. She would like to add a line item under non-capital outlay for the pool into this year's budget. The amount requested of \$10,000 is based on preliminary research conducted on replacing picnic tables and stackable lounge chairs. Adding the line item will reduce the contingency from \$21,000 to \$31,000. Mayor McCue added the current pool furniture has become brittle and dangerous due to years of use and sun damage. It's best to spend a little more for good furniture that will last much longer.

Councilmember Gregorich commented that she spoke with Sharon Sanchez regarding the need to bring someone on board temporarily to assist with water meter installation, replacement, or repairs. David McKew has recommended a qualified person to work 20 hours per week at \$20 per hour. Gregorich suggested adding funds to the amendment for this purpose.

Frusco said this request would fall under the maintenance and repair line item and suggested waiting until spring to see what funds might remain after any unforeseen repairs were needed.

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco made a motion to adopt Budget Ordinance Amendment #2021-09 which includes additional capital outlay for the pickle ball courts, expansion and paving of the pool parking lot, police body cameras, changes to police salaries and pool furniture.

The motion carried unanimously.

Frusco said a budget amendment is not needed when moving unassigned funds into reserves however, it does require an authorization from council to do so. Based on the recent audit report, council should consider moving \$400,000. She would like to begin the process of saving for potential future recreational needs and proposed moving \$150,000 into a capital reserve with hopes that council will add \$10-25,000 every budget year for future needs. This is how the Village was able to build both the Village Hall/Admin. Office and Pool House debt-free. Since we have a healthy unassigned fund balance, Frusco suggests moving \$150,000 into it.

Additionally, there was previous discussion about moving \$50,000 into the streets reserve specifically earmarked for replacement or redesign of the split-rail fencing as well as moving \$15,000 into the separation allowance. Frusco suggested adding another \$100,000 into the streets for paving as well as creating another reserve account titled "pool reserve" for pool maintenance. She would like to add \$50,000 earmarked for major pool maintenance and or repair. Mayor McCue asked that council have additional time to consider her request and it would be added to the upcoming work session agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco asked for authorization to move \$50,000 from the existing capital reserve for the pickle ball courts. This request is separate from the items that will be considered at the work session. All council members agreed to authorize the transfer.

Mayor McCue reported on behalf of Councilman Boito who was absent. He explained for those who didn't know that pickle ball courts would be installed next to the pool facility. Once the asphalt is poured and cured around the first of the year, the courts will be open for play.

C. Public Safety – Ed Howze

Councilman Howze presented a third quarter police activity log and speed sign data and provided details on several items. Speed sign data is consistent with past quarters data. Signs will be relocated throughout the Village.

K-9 Officer Garner prepared and submitted a quarterly report on K9 Maverick's training. During the quarter, Maverick trained 53% of the time on tracking, 33% on narcotic/evidence search, and 13% in obedience training. Maverick's services have been utilized by neighboring municipalities for drug searches and suspect tracking.

Howze did not receive the fire departments quarterly report.

Mayor McCue commented on the speed sign data which shows in the worst areas of the Village, less than 7% of the vehicles are exceeding the limit. The speed signs are very effective and the police department is doing their job.

D. Water Department – Janice Gregorich

Councilwoman Gregorich reported that several water meters are not automatically reading. She plans to speak with Badger Technical Support to determine what the problem might be. In addition, a Badger representative will be meeting with her and David McKew in the field to review problem areas. She will provide a report after her meeting on October 21st.

David McKew is waiting for a quote from Suez for the water tank maintenance however, Gregorich has reviewed the Southern Corrosion quote. They are quoting \$13,000 per year for over a ten-year period for maintenance of the water tank, inspections and minor repairs during the inspection period. Frusco asked if the quote would cover both internal and external painting. Gregorich replied yes and cleaning as well. There was brief discussion.

David McKew is waiting for the information on a potential well-site in the Stonehill Pines property. Frusco mentioned a possible well site near Pine Top Ct. that previous councilman Jon Sedlak was looking at. There was brief discussion.

Gregorich asked to re-examine the current water forgiveness policy and for council to discuss at the upcoming worksession. She suggests changing the way forgiveness amounts are calculated.

E. Mayor's Report – E.M. McCue III

Mayor McCue reminded everyone of the Meet the Candidate Forums scheduled for October 14th at 4:30 PM and for the 21st at 6:30 PM. Most candidates have submitted bios and will participate. A number of questions from Village residents were submitted. The forums are not a debate and a moderator will ask the questions.

The current council will continue through the November regular meeting. Once the election results are certified, the new council will organize. Organizational meetings are typically conducted at the December regular meeting. The new mayor will be appointed as well as others to various departments. Both forums will be available livestream on YouTube. A link will be available on the Village website. Bios will be posted to the Village website if approved by the candidate.

11. Old Business:

- Golf Maintenance Facility

The council conducted a Special Meeting with John Brown from Brown Golf Management to discuss the proposed maintenance facility and potential exchange of property. Planning & Zoning had concerns about the proposed location and made suggestions on a different location. Mr. Brown decided on a location that would not need a transfer of property. Frusco said it should be anywhere from 6 to 12 months before they construct a building. Planning & Zoning will review the Recreational District zoning regulation for possible amendments.

12. New Business

- Criminal Justice Reform

Mayor McCue met with Councilman Howze and Chief Shue to discuss a new state law concerning criminal justice reform. There are many requirements on record keeping, training, psychological testing of officers etc. Most of the new requirements are easy for the department because they are ahead of the curve.

Once area of concern for the new council is the decriminalization of certain local ordinances. The state has decided a number of areas of local ordinances may not be criminalized or considered a misdemeanor. McCue has begun review of the General Code to identify ordinances we currently penalize as a misdemeanor. Previously, a blanket statement stating whether or not the offence was criminally enforceable was sufficient but now each ordinance must have it specifically states. McCue further explained the changes and touched on other areas affected including zoning ordinances. Additionally, any changes to the ordinances regarding criminalizing or making them misdemeanors may not be passed on the first reading.

He hopes to have more complete information by the upcoming worksession.

- Broadcasting Meetings

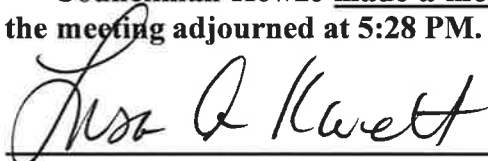
Mayor McCue suggested that since we now have proper equipment, council might want to consider broadcasting all Village meetings on YouTube. He asked that all pros and cons be considered.

13. Public Comment:

Mary Gilroy suggested that council consider increasing funds for legal expenses.

14. Adjournment

Councilman Howze made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM.



Lisa A. Kivett, CMC, NCCMC, CZO
Village Clerk



E.M. McCue III
Mayor