

VILLAGE OF HOLLY

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

November 22, 2022

The meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Holly was called to order by President McKenney at 7:00 P.M. in the Board of Education Room located at 300 East Street, Holly, Michigan.

Council Members Present

Thomas P. McKenney
Debra Musgrave
Buster Winebrenner
James Perkins
Ryan Delaney
Richard Kinnamon
Rick Powers

Staff Present

Jerry L. Walker
Deborah J. Bigger
Brian Klaassen
Jerry Narsh
Steve McGee
Nick Klempp
Mike Gildner

Others Present

See attached list

Excused/Absent

President McKenney called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Clerk/Treasurer Bigger called the roll.

THANK YOU TO OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Manager Walker said serving on Council is not an easy thing. There are lots of hours of study and meetings with the public. It requires decision making that is not always popular. The new council coming in will have many similar experiences for dedication and study. We would like to recognize and appreciate those members that are leaving Council. We have a plaque for each one that is leaving. The plaques are sponsored by Attorney Gildner, we do not use tax dollars on these.

Councilor Winebrenner said it has been an honor working with each and every one of you.

CM 2022-075 Motion by Musgrave, second by Powers to add Councilor Kinnamon to the

Oath of Office.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting for: Perkins, Musgrave, Winebrenner, Delaney, Kinnamon, Powers, McKenney

Voting against: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Powers said it has been a privilege to serve on this council.

President McKenney said it has been a privilege to serve.

OATH OF OFFICE

Village President Ryan Delaney
Council Member April Brandon
Council Member Amber Kier
Council Member Richard Kinnamon

Clerk/Treasurer Bigger called the roll.

Councilor Brandon asked to move item number 3 to New Business item number 10

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

CM 2022-076 Motion by Musgrave, second by Perkins to approve the consent agenda as amended.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting for: Musgrave, Brandon, Kinnamon, Kier, Perkins, Delaney

Voting against: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Clark, 314 Hadley Street, said the past several months, I have spent a little time with Amber and April. Both are intelligent and capable. In my mind, this is the start of a new day in Holly.

Patrick Feeney, 210 Franklin Street, said congratulations to the new members of the board. It has been going on for 5 years. Council needs to deal with the Falk Road Dump. The Village Manager has dealt with it by default. It is the Village dump. It is polluted. It is an unsecured piece of property. More people in contact with that property. It is up to Council to take care of it.

Secure it and come up with a long-term plan. Council needs to lead on this. Mr. Walker has been criticized. They must deal with it. Mr. Walker has dealt with it. What needs to be done is the Council needs to lead on this. It is your property. Time to take responsibility. Time to take a lead on it. It is not interfering with the day to day. You are giving him the guidance. You need to find the money. An investment is saving you money in the long run. Looking forward to seeing this Council take the lead on this. Like to thank everyone for thoughts and prayers for his daughter. She is home and things are looking great.

John Lauve, 200 N. Saginaw, said we had an election for police and fire, and we are not going to have any money for the police or fire, and he wants to know what is going to take place. The problem with the trailer park is the water runs off onto other property. The Township and the County has a responsibility. Trailer Park owners pay \$3 a month in taxes. That is nothing.

Mary Blanchard, 3444 Old Creek Drive, said thank you to Mr. Feeney. Congratulations to the new members. Falk Road Dump goes back to 1993. PFAS has been found in the last 3 years. After 25 years of no testing, we are grateful the contamination is not worse. This is the beginning of the process to determine the level of contamination. Recently she spoke to Rep Mueller's office. Congresswoman Slotkin said there are billions of dollars allocated to the State of Michigan. For clean-up. The Village will need to put a proposal together for Rep Mueller. Holly in general is not experiencing as severe contamination as other areas of the state. Falk Road dump there is a fish advisory coming. Both lakes have a fish testing that qualifies as a fish advisory. The final advisory is not known. Limit your intake of fish.

George Kullis, 601 E. Maple Street, said Mr. Gildner, thank you for the plaques. Kier's name plaque is spelled wrong. We live in a wonderful country that gives us the freedom for this evening.

The election is over. From this day forward the best job in front of you is working together. The ability to work together. And the compromises. Wish you all the luck on that. Remember Larry Lilly. He passed away. He came to every Village meeting. Sometimes he scolded the Council. Sometimes he praised the Council. Tomorrow at noon there will be a memorial as Larry joins Gayle we like to see people in the audience. Larry was.

Ryan Shiel said he wants to congratulate Ms. Brandon, Ms. Kier, Mr. Delaney and Mr.

CM 2022-077 Motion by Kinnamon, second by Perkins to approve enter into a Public Hearing

Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting for: Brandon, Kinnamon, Kier, Perkins, Musgrave, Delaney

Voting against: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Public Hearing open at 7:46 pm.

Candy Hovarter, 3128 Brighten Road, represents Meals on Wheels. We charge \$3.50 per meal. Some don't have the ability to pay for their meals.

We try to fundraise. This would help. We give them food in the interim. We give frozen foods on the weekend. We feed them all the time. Also provides social contact during the day.

Councilor Brandon asked what area it serves.

Ms. Hovarter said Livingston County and some of Oakland County.

Councilor Brandon asked if they have any other grants.

Ms. Hovarter said AAA fund. Southeast Michigan. We ask for \$3.50 a meal. Over 60 and homebound. They have to get dressed.

Kristin Watt said it is wonderful that someone came to the meeting. She said it was a couple years ago for the non-profits to meet the needs. How do you split the baby. If she recalls, HAVEN got it the last couple of years. HAYA services Holly kids. I would love to see more organizations added to the list, but she advocates for HAYA.

George Kullis said in the past we have given the Village CDBG funds for the Smart bus. We are not doing that this year. They are starting those

committee meetings. They will not reach out to us. Now we have to fund the Smart buses. Between Rose Twp and Groveland Twp and Holly Twp, they will get over \$942,000 a year. They clearly state it will be service county wide. We need to bring some of that money home.

Joanna Barnes said in regard to the 3 applicants we have tonight, 2 of them are larger. HAYA is a smaller organization. And a direct give back. Thinking about the citizens here. Take care of home first.

Angela Wallace, 709 Baird Street, said HAYA is organized and developed by volunteers. They offer school supplies. My daughter had a hard time fitting in, so she picked up vapes. This is real people in our community that they are touching. Our children are our future. They have not had many resources put into them. There was a girl in the high school that OD'd yesterday.

Ryan Shiel, 320 Legrand, said it is very important that we do this. In recent times he has noticed that it can help these teenagers from going around and spray painting everything. If we refer them to HAYA it can give them the mentoring they need. Prevent them from doing silly things.

Candy Hovarter, said she wants to be clear that the funds would be designated for Holly.

Mr. Kullis said these meetings are a live video tape, resident thanked him for talking about the CDGB funds.

CM 2022-07 Motion by Musgrave, second by Kinnamon to Close the Public Hearing and Return to Open Council Meeting.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting for: Brandon, Kinnamon, Kier, Perkins, Musgrave, Delaney

Voting against: None

members of the community. Motivated to meet those needs. She can think of no one who can serve this Village.

Patrick Feeney said it is not a question of the person he has chosen. People at home would imagine there is no one else to be considered for this job. He is interested, but he wasn't seeing public notice that there was a seat available. Glad to see people supporting Sherlynn, why was there not a notice about an available seat. One member didn't even know the process. He thought you would have stated there is a position open, here is what we are looking for. List the candidates. You can't say you are here for a change and then do the same thing. Asked Mr. Delaney if anyone else was interested. No reflection on anyone in here, but how do we get people involved if you do things like this. I'm going to assume that you tripped coming out of the gate. The fact is the process was not and it should have been.

Anna Matson, 1105 Western Valley, said she thinks going forward that you should have at least 3 candidates to consider. It has nothing to do with who is being represented. But there should be at least 3 to pick from.

CM 2022-079 Motion by Brandon, second by Kier to Approve Resolution 2022-029 Confirming the Village President's Appointment of Sherlynn Everly to the Village of Holly Council

Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting for: Kier, Brandon, Delaney
Voting against: Kinnamon, Perkins, Musgrave
Absent: None
Motion failed.

President Delaney called a 10-minute recess

President Delaney called the meeting to order.

President Pro-Tem Musgrave said she would like

to appoint Mr. Buster Winebrenner. He received the next highest number of votes. He did a great job when he was on Council.

Kristin Watt said one of the suggestions that she gave to Ryan was instead of having it in consent, have them come up to the microphone and introduce themselves. Nice addition to the transparency. Agree that depending on the bylaws. How that process works to have several applicants. Let those people introduce themselves. Appreciate that. Love Buster. A lot of folks said with the ballot the community wanted to see fresh blood. Consider who wants to be on the Council.

Joanna Barnes said she doesn't know Mr. Winebrenner. Done an exemplar job. The people spoke. He might have lost by 14 votes. It was significant between Kinnamon and the next one. We would like to see some new blood. Interesting to me that we allow the president to bring forth the people. Running an election is a lot of time and money but being on council is not as much time. That is why we allow them to appoint. Not about a popularity contest. Who is the community asking for. Fresh blood.

Keith Barnes, 3393 Herrington Drive, said congratulate the new members. As far as Mr. Winebrenner, he would like to see a person of color up here.

Marlo Davidson said, she would like to see Buster Winebrenner. He has experience. This is his hometown.

Angela Wallace said they spoke who they wanted. She doesn't know Mr. Winebrenner. Her vote was swayed away from Winebrenner to Kinnamon. The people spoke loud and clear. Please look for other people who have not served, people who will work together instead of against.

CM 2022-080 Motion by Musgrave, second by Perkins to Appoint Buster

Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting for: Kier, Perkins, Musgrave, Brandon, Kinnamon, Delaney

Voting against: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

#3. Consideration of the Approval of Council Action Request to Authorize the Village Manager to Execute the Contract for the Demolition of 400 Elm Street.

Manager Walker said he would like to postpone this item. This building is secured. It is a blight issue. We have gone through all the steps with the asbestos testing and the lead testing. Structural engineers and soil erosion work. Deming the building would be a good thing. Oakland County notified us that it is going for the tax foreclosure process. All of the money we have spent, no guarantee that we would get any money back. We were asking you to approve \$148,000. We would like to spend a little more time to work with Oakland County to see if there are any avenues to take. The building needs to be addressed. Before we commit to spending that amount, we want to be able to work with Oakland County a little more.

Councilor Perkins asked if it goes to tax sale, will it carry over.

Manager Walker said we need to see if the current property owner will redeem it. And work with the new owner. It goes into the late winter, early spring.

Mary Blanchard said she recommends that you have it checked for PFAS because it could come back on the Village.

Angela Wallace said when Vern went missing we walked that property Mr. Perkins said it was lucky you didn't get shot. There are several loading docks, filled with water. Is the building

secure or the property secure.

Manager Walker said the building is secure.

Angela asked if the water was still there.

Manager Walker said the Village doesn't own that property so the Village can't do anything on that property without a court order.

Councilor Perkins said Chief Narsh, and I have chased many children from that property.

Angela Wallace asked if you could secure the perimeter.

Manager Walker said, we have no rights except under the property maintenance code.

CM 2022-083 Motion by Perkins, second by Brandon to postpone the demolition of 400 Elm Street

Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting for: Perkins, Musgrave, Brandon, Kinnamon, Kier, Delaney

Voting against: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

#4 Consideration of the Approval of Council Action Request to Approve Ordinance 471

Manager Walker said ordinance 471 has to do with the property maintenance code. Currently it is only the Village Manager or the code enforcement officer. We think with the PD doing code enforcement and compliance will be better. These are specially trained part time or reserve officers. It will allow for Jeremy Watson to concentrate on areas in the historic downtown. Preservation of the downtown. Have uniform police in the neighborhoods. Allow for the Village Manager to designate someone.

CM 2022-086 Motion by Musgrave, second by Perkins to Approve the Hiring Dixon Engineering to Solicit Bids for Water Tower Repairs

Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting for: Kinnamon, Kier, Perkins
Musgrave, Brandon, Delaney
Voting against: None
Absent: None
Motion carried

#7 Consideration of the Approval of Resolution 2022-028 Confirming the Village President's Appointment of April Brandon to the Village of Holly Council President Pro Tem

Joanna Barnes said she has known April and her professionalism, and her integrity has been impressed with her. The new president gets to select his new pro tem. Support our council and will not be dissention as there has been in past.

CM 2022-087 Motion by Kier, second by Perkins to Approve Resolution 2022-028 Confirming the Village President's Appointment of April Brandon to the Village of Holly Council President Pro Tem

Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting for: Kier, Perkins Musgrave, Brandon, Kinnamon, Delaney
Voting against: None
Absent: None
Motion carried

#8 Consideration of the Approval of Resolution 2022-033 Confirming the Village President's Appointment of Ryan Delaney to the Following Village of Holly Council Committees: Ethics and Personnel

President Delaney said he made his selections for the committees he would serve on based on

president McKenney's and appointed himself. Councilor Perkins said this goes with the one he brought down. Switch ethics and parks.

Councilor Musgrave said she agrees. You were just censored and you being on ethics is a conflict of interest and makes us look ridiculous. Switch ethics to someone else.

Councilor Kier said she would like to stay on Parks and take ethics.

Councilor Kinnamon said we could give ethics committees to Councilor Kier and everything else remain the same.

Joanna Barnes said she is split on this. Agree with the overall look could be perceived in the wrong way. Mr. Perkins was accused of lying on Facebook. Mr. McKenney said he had a personal relationship. Make sure we are able to balance and hold people to this ethics standard. It seems like there is a picking and choosing.

Angela Wallace said never a police report, so she specifically asked you to censure Mr. Perkins. Lying is one of those things. Says we will periodically as a Council go through these ethics.

Keith Barnes said he doesn't like Ms. Bigger's attitude. Oh, I mean Ms. Musgrave said your motions and throwing your pen down you are not fit to make good decisions here.

CM 2022-088 Motion by Brandon second by Perkins to Appoint Council Kier to the Village of Holly Ethics Committee

Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting for: Perkins Musgrave, Brandon, Kinnamon, Kier, Delaney
Voting against: None
Absent: None
Motion carried