**VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING VIA ZOOM Due to Covid-2019 Restrictions**

**May 3rd, 2021**

The Vanderbilt Village Council held its *Regular mtg VIA Zoom Mtg*. on Monday, May 3th, 2021 at the Village Hall 606 Garfield Street the public was provided access Via Zoom Mtg and teleconf. access. The Council was called to order by President Sayles at 7 p.m. and was opened with the Lord’s Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Council Present:** R. Bush (Absent), T. Heintz, R. McMaster, R. Musall, C. Sayles

L. Simek & R. Cherwinski.

**Others Present**: Clerk/A. Deeter, Treasurer/T. Cherwinski, J. Yurack/Zoning Admin. & Comm. P. Liss (via zoom)

**Public Comments:** W. Gravelle the Chief from Bay Mills Indian Comm. along with the tribe’s attorney; was here to discuss potential use of the Bay Mills property located in Vanderbilt. She stated they are no longer interested in opening a brick-and-mortar casino at this location. The tribe has now started utilizing online gaming venues for their casino/gaming activities and found this to be more cost effective. Currently, they have opened a recreational marihuana dispensary in Brimley, and they are considering doing the same here in Vanderbilt, if they had the blessing of our Village Community. The Village board of Trustees listened to the Chief and shared some of their thoughts and concerns.

**MOTION** by L. Simcek supported by R. Musall to approve the Consent Agenda Roll Call Vote: Ayes 6; Nays: 0/Motion Carried. (Reports included).

**Commissioners Report:** New hanger is on schedule. Vet coffee was a great success. Animal Control is in need for a new garage to house their vehicles and equipment. Free bus rides are available for individuals receiving COVID-19 Shots. County is in the process of completing their audit. Our new hotel is open and taking reservations. The Pines is open and taking new lease applications. Planning and Zoning has a new lead Tom M. replacing Chris Church.

**Presidents Report –** Discussion about Marquee sign for Memorial Park reviewed prices and options with the board; noted our auditor was contacted regarding funding for the project (funds can be utilized out of the Equipment fund for this purchase), request to purchase flowers for our downtown street corners and planter. Request to hold annual 4th of July parade was approved. Steppingstones (made by the children from Vanderbilt schools) will be available for placement at the story walk. She is working with Kathy C. from the library to ensure they are in place. Discussed pay raises for the clerk and treasurer in the amount of .50 per hour \*(a cost of living increase). Tree planting will be taking place at the Vanderbilt schools this Friday, volunteers are welcome. Contact the school for more information.

**MOTION** by R. Musall; supported by R. Cherwinski to transfer up to $25,000.00 from the Equipment fund for the purchase and installation of the new marquee. ROLL Call Vote: Ayes 6; Nays: 0/Motion Carried.

**MOTION** by R. McMaster; supported by L. Simcek to approve the purchase of flowers for the downtown area; up to $700.00. ROLL Call Vote: Ayes 6; Nays: 0/Motion Carried.

**MOTION** by C. Sayles; supported by R. Musall to approve the purchase a light for the Trailhead park. ROLL Call Vote: Ayes 6; Nays: 0/Motion Carried.

**Street Administrators** – n/a

**Clerks Report –** Reviewed the cost of the Marquee for Memorial Park and how it would be funded. Requested additional filing cabinet for office. Audit is scheduled for next month. Office improvements are coming along, insulation and new ceiling tiles have been installed, new floor in walkway, trim work has been partially completed. The rest will be completed after new flooring has been install. Currently the focus has now shifted to outdoor and park improvements. We will need to get a new a/c for the office. Looking into a fund raiser for Village events; would like to order mugs for the Villages 120th anniversary this summer. An order of 108 mugs will cost $124.20. We need to purchase a LED parking lot streetlight for the trailhead park. We may need several; the cost is $99.00 per light.

**MOTION** by R. McMaster; supported by L. Simcek to purchase additional filing cabinet in the amount of $550.00. ROLL Call Vote: Ayes 6; Nays: 0/Motion Carried.

**MOTION** by R. Musall; supported by L. Simcek to approve a .50 per hour raise (cost of living increase) for both the clerk and the treasurer. ROLL Call Vote: Ayes 5; Nays: 0/Motion R. Cherwinski abstained. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at the Call of the Chair at 8:45pm

A. Deeter Clerk/Office Manager - *Approved Minutes*