

## MINUTES

Reese Village Council  
2073 Gates Street  
September 9, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** In the Municipal Building, President Keast called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call:** President: Paul Keast, Trustees: Doug Squanda, P. Bouvy, Darryl Tafoya, Brian Wehl and Matthew Bouvy

**Absent:** Jeff Skias

**Staff Present:** Clerk Courtney Owens  
Village Manager Thomas Raymond

**Guests in Attendance:** Joan and Bill Bittner, Jim and Debbie Gorsegner

**Approval/Adjustments to the Agenda:** Add G. Park and Rec. vacancy under new business. Move Ken Berthiaume from new business to public comment. **Motion** by Tafoya, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Bouvy to approve the agenda with changes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Adoption of Minutes from meeting held August 12, 2024:** **Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wehl, to adopt the minutes of August 12, 2024. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### PUBLIC COMMENTS –

- A. Audit Review – Ken Berthiaume from Berthiaume and Company was present to review the 2023-2024 audit. Overall, all accounts seemed in good shape and books seemed in order. He did caution that for the second year in a row the general fund expenditures were more than revenue resulting in a decrease in fund balance. Fund balance is currently at about 35% of the yearly budget. The minimum is 25% so the village needs to be mindful of its spending.

**Consent Agenda:** **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Squanda, to accept the reports from Village Manager, Police Dept., DPW and Fire. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Minutes Received from Boards & Commissions:** **Motion** by Squanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wehl, to accept the reports from Fire, Blumfield Reese Water Authority, Park

and Rec., Dangerous Building Board and Denmark Township July 29, 2024.  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Letters to the Trustees – None**

**Approval of Check Listing: Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Bouvy to accept check listing #'s 23172 to 23221 totaling \$222,919.34 for fund accounts. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Update Unfinished or Pending Matters:**

- B. Storm Drain issues M-81 and Gugino St. – Manager Raymond reported there was nothing new on this topic. Spicer is waiting to hear from the railroad company.
- C. Rohloff St. Reconstruction – Construction should begin this week.
- D. Community Park Issues – Brian Wehl addressed the council. The Park and Rec. committee has taken over the pop can return at Broken Crayon and will be using the money for their net sports fundraiser. Three estimates were presented to the council for the resurfacing of the tennis court. **Motion** by Wehl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Squanda to accept option 1 with optional sidewalk from Waddell Company and options 1 and 3 from Jacob fencing totaling \$31,700.

**New Business**

- A. Annexation request for 2032 S. Reese Rd. – **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tafoya to approve the annexation of 2032 S. Reese Rd. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- B. Resolution# 24-25-02 - **Motion** by Tafoya, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Bouvy to approve resolution 24-25-02 allowing village manager, Tom Raymond, to sign the MDOT State Trunkline contract. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- C. System for online fundraising, QR code - **Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Squanda to approve Courtney Owens to forward with setting up online fundraising through givebutter.com for pickleball donations. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- D. Discussion on adopting Village Owned Land Policy – Policy was given to council for review. Discussion will take place at the next meeting.
- E. Renewing Village Manager contract/hiring agreement – Paul Keast will form a committee with two other council members to review the contract/hiring agreement.

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**Public Comments:** None

**Items for next agenda:**

M-81 Flooding Project  
Community Park  
Rohloff Reconstruction  
Manger Contract

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Courtney Owens, Clerk

Approved By: Courtney Owens Date: 10-14-24