

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on January 8, 2018 at the City Office.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Dobis and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present: Mayor Dobis, Treasurer Keerl, Clerk Pierce. Council Members: Peterson, Kaiser, Luenberger, Baird, Thomas, Sanderson, Attorney Cook and guests.

Motion by Baird, support by Luenberger to approve the minutes of December 11, 2017. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Thomas, support by Baird to pay the bills in the amount of \$21,614.45. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Sanderson, support by Peterson to permit Harrisville Lions to use city property, in conjunction with request and within city zoning ordinances to prepare Mill Creek for the annual Duck Race on July 6-7, 2017. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Sanderson, support by Luenberger to confirm David Cook as City Attorney. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Kaiser, support by Sanderson to set City Council meeting times, at City Hall, as the 2nd Monday of the Month at 7:00 P.M. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Sanderson, support by Baird to appoint Barbara Luenberger as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Sanderson, support by Baird to appoint Marjory French as Deputy Clerk for the City of Harrisville. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Sanderson, support by Kaiser to appoint Sharon O'Callaghan as Deputy Treasurer for the City of Harrisville. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Peterson, support by Luenberger to appoint Jim Kaiser as Street and Sidewalk Administrator for 2018. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson to reconfirm Clerk as City Census Administrator for 2018. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Baird, support by Thomas to confirm Karen Sanderson as Chamber of Commerce Representative for 2018. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Thomas, support by Peterson to confirm Jim Kaiser as FEMA Representative for 2018. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Baird, support by Kaiser to confirm Tom Keerl as Web Site Coordinator for 2018. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Baird, support by Peterson to appoint Barbara Luenberger and Jim Kaiser to the Finance Committee for the term ending December 31, 2018. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Baird, support by Luenberger to confirm appointments of Phil Stheiner, Jim Ferguson and Jeff Gehring, alternate, to the Tax Board of Review for the term ending December 31, 2018. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Peterson, support by Baird to appoint Jackie Trimmer to the Tree Board term ending December 31, 2020.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Kaiser to appoint Monte Jahnke to the Zoning Board of Appeals term ending December 31, 2020. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Sanderson, support by Baird to give Clerk approval to advertise for the following vacancies to be filled: Planning Commission-2 vacancies, (city resident), Zoning Board of Appeals, 1 alternate vacancy, (city resident), Tax Board of Review, 1 alternate vacancy, (city resident). Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Kaiser to reconfirm and accept the investment policy of 2017 as presented by the Treasurer for 2018 using the following banks: Huron Community Bank, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, Northland Area Federal Credit Union, First Federal of Northern Michigan, and Chemical Bank. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Peterson, support by Baird for the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce to use the upper parking for its tent use from July 11, 2018 through July 24, 2018 for the annual Antiques Show and the Wine and Food Festival and other activities. Volunteers are needed to continue these annual events. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Thomas, support by Luenberger for the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce to use the Harbor Area/City property for 4th of July, 2018 fireworks being held on Saturday, July 7, 2018. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Sanderson, support by Kaiser for approval for Clerk to submit the MDOT Application for use of M-72 and US-23 for annual activities use permit for 2018. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

Mayor Dobis informed council of his decision to not run for re-election for the office of mayor for the City of Harrisville in the 2018 election as declared in this statement: I'd like to make an official, mayoral announcement, "I have no intention of running again for the position of Mayor. At the end of serving thru this term, I will have served 5 full terms and an additional 15 months. Someone else will need to step forward to serve as your Mayor. It is my hope that I am giving the city residents enough time prior to the November 2018 General Election to solicit those candidates that can and will want to serve this community as its elected Mayor. Thru good times and not so good times, I have always put the resident's interests and needs first in my leadership as your Mayor. It has been and continues to be a sincere honor to serve you. After 53 plus years serving in many governmental roles, at age 70, it will be my time to fade away into retirement. Thank you all for your continued support". J.J. Dobis, Mayor

Clerk Pierce reported the Summer Concert dates have been set for July 11, 18, 25, and August 1, and 8, 2018. Voting, as determined by city council members, for the most festive Holiday Lighting in the city this season, with a Consumers Energy \$50.00 credit certificate to the winner, goes to: Noel and Lorna Lemere of 3rd. St. Congratulations!

There will be a state and city primary and general election this year. Elected City Officials whose terms will end this December 31, 2018 and are up for re-election are: Mayor, Treasurer, Clerk, Ward I, Ward II, and Ward III Alderman. Petitions and Affidavits of Identity to run for any of these elected offices are available at the City Office. Any registered voter in the City of Harrisville is eligible to run for one of these offices. Petition deadline is April 24, 2018 for names to appear on the August, 2018 primary. Call the City Office at 989-724-6666 9:00 AM-12 Noon Monday -Friday with any questions. Clerk Pierce announces that she will not be seeking re-election for City Clerk in 2018.

Harbor Commissioner Baird shared that the Harbor Commission is looking forward to the 2018 boating season. Edgewater Engineering has agreed to help with the contract for Phase 5 of the harbor work.

Planning Commissioner /RRC representative Baird reports that the Planning Commission has reviewed the Noxious Vegetation ordinance and discussed snow removal. Officers were reappointed. Cecile Pizer discussed the Planning Commission Annual Report and informs that there will be an Economic Development meeting, January 9, 2018.

Fire Department-Chief Goodman distributed totals of fire runs and MFR calls for the year of 2017. Chief Goodman was also pleased to announce the award of Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) “save” pins. Harrisville First Responders who received this award are Dan Klukowski, Roger Klukowski, Ryan Mendyka and Brad Daggett. Congratulations.

Comment Cards: Guest Patti Thomas indicated the need for organizers to help in the planning of the Wine and Food Festival. Mayor Dobis also addressed questions about the playground grant which was turned down in favor of a state wide trail system. NEMCOG representatives have informed the city that grant requests can be resubmitted in April, 2018. Dixon Engineering has visited and assessed the city water tower for its ability to handle the Verizon cell repeaters to be installed upon Verizon’s determination.

Council Last Comments: Addressed snow removal at intersections.

Next City Council meeting February 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Dobis moved meeting to be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8: 15 PM.

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Mayor_____

Clerk_____