VILLAGE OF WOODLAND

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WOODLAND VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING Monday December 9, 2024

* Meeting called to order by President Sandbrook at 6:30 p.m.

* Pledge of Allegiance

* Roll Call- R. Denker, A. Barry, J. Kennedy, D. Durkee, M. Beach, B. Carpenter, President L. Sandbrook Jr., Treasurer H. Collins, Clerk L. Duits. Absent-K. Forman.

1. Motion by B. Carpenter, seconded by J. Kennedy to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2024 meeting as presented. MCU

2. Motion by A. Barry, seconded by B. Carpenter to move into Public Hearing on the proposed Village of Woodland 2025 Budget and any other business as shall properly come before it. MCU

3. Motion by J. Kennedy, seconded by A. Barry to return from the Public Hearing into Regular Session. MCU

4. Motion by D. Durkee, seconded by J. Kennedy to approve the Personnel and Finance committee recommendations concerning wages and benefits for the year 2025. (See attached for details.) MCU

5. Motion by J. Kennedy, seconded by B. Carpenter to adopt the Village of Woodland 2025 Budget with the proposed and voted upon changes. Roll Call Vote- Yeas: R. Denker, A. Barry, J. Kennedy, D. Durkee, M. Beach, B. Carpenter. Neas: None. MCU

Current Millage Rates including Headlee Rollbacks: 7.4678 General 2.00. Park

- 2.00 Operating
- 2.00. Special Projects

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Check numbers 20555-20571 used. Major Streets: \$264.45, Local Streets: \$296.70 for a total of \$561.15.

6. Motion by A. Barry, seconded by D. Durkee to approve the General Bills as presented. MCU

Visitors: George and Mindy Enz, Mickey Carey, Jim Kinney, Kevin Duits to observe. Mike Callton, Barry County Board of Commissioners and Nichole Lyke, Barry County Chamber and Economic Development Alliance.

President's Comments, Updates and other Business:

- A. Mike Callton with monthly update. Mike informed the council that the county is supporting a proposed lawsuit to stop the State of Michigan Solar Power initiative.
- B. Nichole Lyke came before Council with the Rural Economic Development Strategy Report and give a presentation to the Council concerning the results and recommendations.
- C. Update on Santa's visit on December 7, 2024.
- D. Update on 384 N. Main Street, and 115 S. Main Street properties/ PCI is actively working on both situations.
- E. Update on Bay to Bay issue- This situation is still in the hands of the Attorney General.
- F. County Directory is being updated.

Business before the Council:

Budget as noted above.

DPW Report:

No report this month.

Trustee Concerns:

7. Motion by J. Kennedy, seconded by D. Durkee , to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. MCU

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Duits, Village Clerk NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025 AT 6:30 PM

Personnel Committee Recommendations:

DPW Salaries and Benefits: Continue to cover Health Insurance in full (\$2067.31) through August 2025 with no wage increase for 2025.

(Noted that Council will revisit Insurance cost coverage in August 2025 when renewal is due)

President Salaries and Mileage: Remove incremental yearly increase of \$100.00 completely and implement a \$50.00 per month increase to be reviewed annually. Mileage: Increase from \$250.00 to \$300.00 per year due to inflation. Any mileage beyond the allotted amount will be at the Federal Standard Mileage allowance.