

THE VILLAGE OF GRAND RIVER
Meeting of Council: March 9th, 2005
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:32pm with a moment of silence for Grand River Patrolman, and Marine, Andrew Nowacki who was KIA in Iraq.

Present were Janine Harvey, Debbie Dominish, Roberta Jeric, Mary McKinney, Ron Balog, Marie Eldridge and John O'Donnell.

A motion was made by Debbie Dominish and seconded by Mario Eldridge to accept the minutes from 02/23/05 as amended. Council approved with 6 ayes.

Audience to Address Council- Painesville Township School representatives, Mr. Thimons and Mr. Sinclair, reviewed information regarding the bond levy issue placed on the ballot in May. The continuing growth of the district required the school board to take steps to revise, restructure and consider purchasing land and building.

Mayor suggested two resolutions. A motion was made by Debbie Dominish and seconded by Janine Harvey to fly the US and Marine flags at half mast for the rest of the month in honor of Andrew Nowacki. Council approved with 6 ayes.

A motion was made by Ron Balog and seconded by Mario Eldridge to fly the Marine flag on every November 10th in honor of the birth of the USMC. Council approved with 6 ayes. Mayor would like to acknowledge the Grand River Safety Forces at this time and the ability of the police and fire departments to work together and complete what for the County of Lake has to be one of the most incredibly difficult events. Specifically, Police Chief Robert Antonelli and his caring, composure and level headedness is a tribute to the man that he is. He was the driving force behind one of the most difficult times anyone should ever be put through.

Council President Ron Balog mentioned the Federal Highway and Safety Bill has cleared committee and will now need the approval of the House and Senate. Then, possibly be signed by the President in June.

Debbie Dominish- Finance- Receipt and appropriation reports for year-end 2004 and month-end January & February 2005 were given to council.

Ron Balog- Police- A motion was made by Ron Balog and seconded by Mario Eldridge to hire Special Police Officer Mair Cohen as a part time patrolman at a rate of \$9.99 hourly with a 6 month probationary period effective 03/01/2005. Council approved with 6 ayes.

A motion was made by Ron Balog and seconded by Mario Eldridge to appoint Auxiliary Officers Chris DiDomenico and Steve Brady to Special Police Officers effective immediately. Council approved with 6 ayes. They will each earn \$1.00 annually and receive a \$200.00 uniform allowance after one year.

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Ron Balog thanked the Coast Guard and all the police departments that helped to allow the 3.5 mile funeral procession to travel safely throughout the communities. Also, for the support of the residents and those providing transportation. An excellent job done and it was nice to see the police & fire departments standing together.

Chief Antonelli thanked the mayor and council for all the support during this trying time. Also, for the help received from Mary and Anette McKinney every day.

Ron Balog- Ordinances- A third reading for an ordinance amending village ordinance 123.01, posting places and declaring an emergency. Council approved with 6 ayes.

Janine Harvey- Fire- Thanked all the fire departments that helped and assisted in the village through the funeral services.

A motion was made by Janine Harvey and seconded by Debbie Dominish to accept the resignation of Lisa Clapp from the fire dept. effective 02/28/05. Council approved with 6 ayes.

Mario Eldridge- Streets- 150 tons of salt have been used so far this year. Will be cold patching streets as soon as weather permits. Street dept. is not or does not plan to trap the wild cats in the village. Mario will get three bids for trapping cats/raccoons/skunks/misc.

Janine Harvey- Recreation- Blazettes will be having the Easter Egg Hunt Sat., March 19th at noon for ages seven & under. Donations accepted. Mayor Conley & Mario's family will help. Leave sign in front of village hall as is for the remainder of the month honoring Andrew Nowacki.

Mario Eldridge- ED/IS- Working on website. Mayor & council's pictures are on now. May have computer donated to use for cable channel (company that Roberta Jeric knew of).

Roberta Jeric- Beautification- Committee meeting next Wednesday at 5:00pm.

Mary McKinney- Docks- None.

Old Business- None.

New Business- Still working on getting information on repairs needed for public dock area at east end of Henry St. LPWC may have some emergency funding available.

A motion was made by Debbie Dominish and seconded by Ron Balog to pay the bills the finance committee approves. Council approved with 6 ayes.

A motion was made by Debbie Dominish and seconded by Mario Eldridge to adjourn at 8:24pm. Council unanimously approved.