

**Hopkins Village Council Regular Council Meeting
Monday July 8th, 2024**

**President VanderWall called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call Vander Wall, Alberda, Mullett, Adams, Sebright, Buist, Kennedy, Williams
ABSENT, Osborn Guests- Jon Stafford, Eric Alberda**

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Williams moved, Sebright supported, CARRIED, to approve the agenda of July 8th, 2024.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Buist moved, Sebright supported, CARRIED to approve the minutes of June 10th, 2024,
regular meeting.**

3. APPROVAL OF BILLS

**Buist moved, Williams supported, CARRIED to approve the bills from June 11th, 2024, to
July 8th, 2024.**

4. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Adams moved, Buist supported CARRIED to approve the June 2024 financial report.

5. REPORTS

Commissioner- Scott Beltman gave his report.

Library- Adams said the library was in support of the Library Agreement.

**Buist moved, Adams supported, carried to amend the Library Agreement to say the Village
of Hopkins gets first chance for right of purchase should the library ever go for sale.**

**Adams moved, Buist supported, carried to have President VanderWall sign the library
agreement if the Library and Township are ok with the change in the agreement that the
Village gets first right of purchase should the library go up for sale.**

Planning Commission – Master Plan is completed.

Sebright moved, Buist supported, carried to approve the master plan.

Fire Board -Still working on policies for hiring a new Fire Chief.

DDA- Will be meeting this month.

**Williams moved; Adams supported having Miller Electric put lights in at the North Park
with the maintenance personal approval of location.**

6. Public Comment- None

Old Business

A. Safe Routes to School Grant Update

This grant will be worked on in the fall with new administration.

B. Blight Letters Update

President VanderWall will be contacting PCI in the upcoming week.

C. Charter Revision Update

President VanderWall checked other possibilities for getting the Charter to the state. The cost for representation would be too great for this to happen. The Charter work will be put aside until possible new administration gets elected at the State level.

D. November Election

For the upcoming election the council will be looking for trustee candidates.

7. Maintenance Report

Jon Stafford gave his maintenance report. The report has been filed. Cameras have been installed at the park and bathrooms will be open after the final cleaning is done.

Buist moved, Williams supported, carried to not allow rental of the village pavilion on holidays or holiday weekends.

8. Public Comment

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Village Security

The council discussed some security ideas.

B. Art at the Downtown Park

Trustee Phil Mullett was willing to give a barn sign to the village to hang at the stage in the downtown park.

Buist moved, Adams supported, carried to receive the barn sign donation from Phil Mullett and have it hung in the downtown park.

C. Auditors

The Village auditors will be partnering with Rehmann tax practice. The council will remain with the auditors.

D. UPS Box Placement

The council said it would be ok for a UPS Dropbox to be put in front of the Village Hall.

Around the table

Time was given for the council to make comments.

ADJOURNMENT.

Buist moved, Adams supported, CARRIED to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm.