



Minutes
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
LAMB MEMORIAL BUILDING
5602 Main Street, Dryden MI 48428
March 4, 2025
Draft

Pledge of Allegiance
MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Graham, Called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Franz, Weaver, Abromaitis & Graham
Absent: Roszczewski

I. Public Comments for Items Listed on the Agenda

Pat Betcher asked if they can still comment on items throughout the agenda as they go on.

Richard Nash spoke about 4071 Mill Street and said he feels the council should approve the project. And spoke about the past work that Justin Evans has done.

II. Consent Agenda Approval

MOTION by Franz, supported by Weaver, to approve the consent agenda, minutes from the regular council meeting held on February 4, 2025, and bills to pay & disbursement as presented.

Council voiced all ayes, Carried 4-0

III. Unfinished Business

None

IV. New Business

a. 3852 N. Mill

Complaint was taken by previous tenant who asked for this to be put on the agenda. Stated inspection were never done when renovation was completed. Only one electrical panel for all the units.

Owner, Blake Porter stated he gets his rental inspections done annually are required by Construction Code Authority.

b. 4071 Mill Street

Discussion was held regarding 4071 Mill Street and the violation of the Mobile Home Ordinance. The owner, Justin Evans approached council members prior to putting them in the mobile home. Which they all told him he would need a variance.

Evans argued that the ordinance he received was not signed so it wasn't valid. He stated he does work around the village and it always looks good.

Nash spoke in favor of Justin Evans.

Council Member Weaver went over the violation and told Mr. Evans he knew what he was doing prior to doing it and it was in violation.

And asked why a zoning permit was never obtained through the office. He stated he didn't have to do one when he went to CCA.

Clerk Shroyer stated zoning permits have always been required prior to any construction. Will follow up with CCA as well. But a zoning permit would be required unless advised otherwise.

Council Advised him to seek a variance if he wants to continue.

c. Flock Cameras for Downtown

Chief Peters spoke about the desire to partner with the Village and DDA to get one or two cameras in the downtown area. Main and Mill intersection would be a prime location.

He discussed the benefits and the technology of Cameras.

There is annual subscription per camera around \$3,000 per year. The initial startup would be \$4,250.00 per camera.

V. Department Reports

1. Council Reports

a. Water Committee Apartment User Fees

Discussion was held about the User Fees that are not being billed correctly to multifamily units. Letters will go out in April notify tenants that they will now be billed according to how many apartments they have.

MOTION by Weaver, supported by Franz, to approve the notice customers of billing change and that they will be assessed user fees for water and sewer based on number of apartments in the dwelling.

Council voiced all ayes, Carried 4-0

2. Dryden Drain

President Graham and Councilman Franz, meet with new drain commission Andy Wagner to discuss the project. They are in agreeance waiting until we know if we have secured the \$750,000 grant from the state before bidding on the project.

3. DPW-Kermit Woidan

Kermit Gave his Report

4. Clerk Treasurer-Holly Shroyer

Village was awarded a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from MSHDA for Zoning and Master Plan updates.

5. Police Report-Submitted in writing

6. Ordinance Report-Submitted in Writing

7. Building Report-Submitted in Writing

VII. Communication from the Public

MOTION by Franz, supported by Weaver, to approve the Disbursements in the amount of \$33,144.02 and Bills to Pay in the Amount of \$27,412.29 as presented.

Roll call: Yes- Weaver, Yes- Franz, and Yes- Graham.

Motion Carried 3-0

VIII. DPW REPORT/ COMMITTEE REPORT

A. DPW REPORT

Supervisor Woidan gave his report.

1. Corrpro Contract 2025

2024 contract was never completed and was approved due to Corrpro running behind in their schedule. Therefore, approval will be need for 2025 contract and they will honor the price from 2024.

MOTION by Franz, supported by Weaver, to approve the contract in the amount of \$1,190.00 which includes service of tank and interior and exterior light bulb change.

Roll call: Yes- Weaver, Yes- Franz, and Yes- Graham.

Motion Carried 3-0

2. Ixom Watercare Contract

Contracts have increased significantly from previous years. Will investigate other companies that can possibly do service.

3. No Parking Signs

Discussion was held regarding putting up no parking signs between certain hours as well as in the municipal parking lot. Possibly say no parking over 24 hours.

B. COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Employee Reviews were completed in January.

The committee submitted wage suggestions for council.

C. Ordinance/Building Department

- 1. Ordinance Office Report submitted in writing**
- 2. CCA Reports-submitted in writing**
- 3. Dryden Police Report -Submitted in writing**

IX. PUBLIC HEARING

A. 2025-2026 Budget 2025-2026

Open Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Betcher asked about the fund balance in accounts. Discussion was held about the park fund and costs.

Closed Public Hearing at 7:23 p.m.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Dryden Drain Project Update

Graham and Franz spoke to Wagner, Drain Commissioner, they have another Engineer to possibly look at the project. However, they want to do their own testing so weighing out the options since so much has already been spent on the engineering.

Should have news about funding by Mid- March from the House of Appropriations.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of 2025-2026 Wages

MOTION by Weaver, supported by Franz, to approve the 2025-2026 Employee wages as follows per hour; Shroyer-\$30.00, Woidan \$28.00, Heacock \$26.00, Sandzik \$23.00, Stanley at 32 hours per week \$21.00, part time employee \$17.00 per hour and council rate 75.00 per meeting president 85.00.

Roll call: Yes- Weaver, Yes- Franz, and Yes- Graham.

Motion Carried 3-0

B. Approval of 2025-2026 Budget

MOTION by Franz, supported by Weaver, to approve the 2025-2026 budget as attached.

Roll call: Yes- Weaver, Yes- Franz, and Yes- Graham.

Motion Carried 3-0

C. New Office Hours

Discussion has Held about having a late night during the week to make it more convenient for residents. Therefore, on Tuesday's evenings the Village will now be open until 6:30 p.m.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Justin Evans spoke about 4071 Mill Street again.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Holly A. Shroyer, Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Dryden