

Regular Council October 6, 2026

Meeting came to order with Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by Cou. K. Broker, Brace, Grieger, S. Broker, Drossman, and Fresch. Cou. K. Broker made motion to accept & dispense with reading minutes; 2nd by Cou. Grieger. Accepted by all. Cou. K. Broker made motion to accept all reports; 2nd by Cou. Grieger. Accepted by all. Cou. K. Broker made motion to pay bills; 2nd by Cou. Grieger. Accepted by all.

Solicitor swore in new patrolman, Kyle Hartley.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk opened sealed bids for Cody Pass. Parcel# 30-00905 - \$15,100 Rich Moore (RRJM Properties LLC). Parcels 30-00906 & 30-0907 - \$18,500. James Neel.

Cou. S. Broker said Huron Township has a plow truck for sale for \$50,000 (they said it could be paid \$25,000 first year, and \$25,000 second year.) It is a 2012 Navistar 7400 with about 30,000 miles. This would replace our service truck which has a rusted bed and the red truck which has a bent frame that cannot hold a plow. Cou. S. Broker suggested we use some of the money from sale of Cody Pass if we decide to purchase it. We need about \$12,000 to finish the new garage (electrical and garage door openers). The plow on our old truck should be worth about \$8000. We would try to sell both of the old trucks on gov.deals. We need to make sure we can do the plowing this winter. Mayor said we could try to find a smaller truck.

Comments from floor on this topic:

Resident thinks we don't need a truck this big. Someone asked if we sell old police car, would money go to police department. Cou. Brace said no, once the village insures and maintains the vehicle, it becomes village property. Resident said we should think about it more. Believes we have other equipment we do not need. Cou. S. Broker said that we do need the equipment (bucket truck used for trees and the backhoe is used when trees fall in the roads to clear them). Another resident said we do need the equipment we have. Cou. Drossman questioned if we need to make decision tonight. Cou. S. Broker said the offer is temporary so we do need to decide.

Cou. Fresch said we need to reallocate the money from the property sale and sale of old equipment, since we previously made motion to put it all towards the new building. Cou. Drossman made motion to use proceeds from Cody Pass and sale of equipment at our discretion, reallocating funds on finishing building and allocating for additional assets; 2nd by Cou. K. Broker. Accepted by all.

Cou. K. Broker made motion to attempt to purchase the 2012 diesel truck from Huron Township for \$50,000, and pay half in 2027 and other half in 2028 if they will accept that; 2nd by Cou. Broker. Accepted by all.

Cou. Drossman tried to report speeding last night and no one answered when he called. He suggests calls be routed to the on-duty officer or routed to chief even if she is off duty. Mayor said he suggested years ago that we purchase cell phone for the officer on duty to have on them. We will revisit this idea.

Mayor is willing to do the zoning inspector job through the winter to save the village money. We will try to find someone in the spring. Council said fine.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Resident is in favor of the dump truck purchase and thinks sometimes it seems like people are speeding when in fact they are not.

Police Chief said we can contact ODOT for speed measuring device. Cou. Brace said he will pick it up.

Resident suggests that when the arborist tags the trees that need to come down in the village, we come together as a community and share resources to take care of the trees that need removed. Cou. Brace said the arborist will have a presentation at the fire station when ready. There is potential for grant money next year. Mayor has suggested that we hire community members that want to help out so as to not have liability.

Resident asked if there is an ordinance for cats running around village. Mayor said if they are not feral, we cannot harm them. Solicitor said the Erie County Humane Society can provide resources for this situation and point people in the right direction. Resident asked about groundhogs. Mayor said if they are a nuisance,

you can trap and relocate them. Resident said people drop off cats. We have tried to deal with this for a long time. Some people are irresponsible.

Mayor said the three cats at the village hall are spayed or neutered.

Cou. Brace made motion to adjourn; 2nd by Cou. K. Broker.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted,

Larry D. Gwinner, Mayor

Marsha K. Schenk, Clerk