



**CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MAY 9, 2017, 7:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Ron LaPorte, Councilors: Fred Rybarz, Jason La Fever, Jack Wittman, Joe Frontiera and Karen Thomson.

ABSENT: Rob Splane

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager – Stan Rickard, City Attorney - Julie Springstead-Waltz, Chief of Police – Juan Salazar, BioPure Superintendent – Paul Cutter and Deputy Clerk - Cheri Eisenlohr. See attached attendance list for others present.

Mayor LaPorte called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., following roll call, Judge Lambrix swore in Jason La Fever and Steve Hegedus for the openings on the Council. Mr. Fred Rybarz was thanked for his time spent on the Council. The Mayor then opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Mr. Wittman to approve the second amended agenda and supported by Mr. La Fever. The minutes from the April 25, 2017, regular meeting were approved as printed, motioned by Ms. Thomson, supported by Mr. La Fever. All ayes, motions carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Rickard spoke on the following:

- April 26, 2017 Annual Audit Letter from A&G CPA – stating their intent for the upcoming audit season.
- 25th Annual Oceana Economic Development Community Leaders Breakfast – invitation to all council members.
- May 4, 2017 letter from Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) – Water Quality – asking for the City to work toward achieving the goal.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- BioPure Superintendent – Paul Cutter updated the Council on the purchasing of the Longcore property and the highlights of his written report.
- Police Chief – Juan Salazar reported on the drug awareness program at the high school. Many questions had been asked. He reminded the Council of the upcoming TEAM graduation on May 18th and that all members are welcome to attend.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:

None

BILLS, CLAIMS, PAYROLL:

Mr. Rickard brought the following bills to the attention of the Council:

Networkfleet: \$884.00 – GPS units

White Lake Excavating, Inc.: \$410.00 – Black dirt

Resco: \$38,092.00 – Circuit Switcher

Advanced Land Title: \$240,250.00 – Longcore property purchase (clear title)

Bills totaled: **\$459,402.69**

A motion was made by Ms. Thomson and supported by Mr. La Fever to approve the payables and payroll in the amount stated.

Ayes: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

Discussion: None

ACTION ITEMS:

City Manager, Stan Rickard presented the following:

**RESOLUTION 17-36
City Council
City of Hart, Michigan
Oceana County**

WHEREAS, the City of Hart secured a MDEQ Brownfield Grant on January 9, 2007 and additional grant funds on May 14, 2008 totaling \$279,150 for brownfield reclamation at the Lake Pointe Apartments project site; and

WHEREAS, the City’s grant funds were for administration, testing, and reporting of work done by the State of Michigan Land Bank who undertook the actual corrective activities; and

WHEREAS, grant-eligible activities concluded in 2013 with uncommitted grant funds still remaining; and the Lake Pointe construction project included additional grant-eligible activities which were subsequently approved for reimbursement by MDEQ; and

WHEREAS, as of late 2016 the City has received all grant reimbursement funds and retainage funds held by MDEQ; and final contractor payments have been authorized by MDEQ; and

WHEREAS, the City must adopt a FY2017 Brownfield Budget to formally appropriate the available grant funds and authorize the expenditure of funds for services rendered; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to secure the benefits of efficient self-government and to promote and protect our common interests and welfare;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE HART CITY COUNCIL:

Authorizes and approves a FY2017 Brownfield Budget Fund 570 as follows:

<i>Revenues – Grant proceeds</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>
<i>Expenditures – Contractual services</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>

Moved by Mr. La Fever, supported by Mr. Wittman, and thereafter adopted by the City of Hart, Michigan City Council at a regularly scheduled meeting held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of the document on file with the office of the City of Hart Clerk.

Cheryl Abson, City Clerk

Discussion: None

RESOLUTION 17-37
City Council
City of Hart, Michigan
Oceana County

ADOPTING HART CEMETERY 2017 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City of Hart (City) and Hart Township (Township) jointly own the Hart Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the City and Township appoint a Cemetery Commission to oversee the operation and maintenance of the Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2017 the Cemetery Commission approved the annual budget for 2017; and

WHEREAS, in order to secure the benefits of efficient self-government and to promote and protect our common interests and welfare, the City Council hereby declares:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Approves the Hart Cemetery budget for 2017 in the following amounts:

<i>Beginning Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$ 179,757</i>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i><u>\$ 120,805</u></i>
<i>Amount Available for Appropriation</i>	<i>\$ 300,562</i>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i><u>\$ 186,405</u></i>
<i>Ending Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$ 114,157</i>
<i>Use of Cash Reserves</i>	<i><u>\$ 65,600</u></i>

Moved by Ms. Thomson, supported by Mr. La Fever, and thereafter adopted by the Hart City Council at a regular council meeting held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

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Cheri Eisenlohr, Dep. City Clerk

Discussion: None

RESOLUTION 17-38
City Council
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GRID WIDE UTILITY SOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Hart owns, operates and maintains electric and water systems including metering equipment to quantify commodities sold to customers; and

WHEREAS, the City manually reads all electric and water meters; and

WHEREAS, wireless automatic meter reading technology is available which the City is evaluating; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to install 3 electric meters on a trial basis to evaluate the Verizon Wireless meter reading solution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to secure the benefits of efficient self-government and to promote and protect our common interests and welfare;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE HART CITY COUNCIL:

Authorizes and approves Verizon Grid Wide Utility Solutions Trial Agreement with Verizon Wireless.

Authorizes and directs the City Manager to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City of Hart.

Moved by Ms. Thomson, supported by Mr. Wittman, and thereafter adopted by the City of Hart, Michigan City Council at a regularly scheduled meeting held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

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Cheryl Abson, City Clerk

Discussion: None

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT:

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mr. Rickard reported on:

- 1st Draft FY2018 Annual Budget & Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan - this item will be on-going until the budget is finalized and approved.
- Dryden Street Vacation – Mr. Rickard is not proposing any action on this at tonight’s meeting. Mark and Beth Smith were in attendance as well as Mr. Steve Ervay. All voiced their opinions and concerns about the request. Council members would prefer not to vacate the property to Suburban propane and leave it as is. Further research will be needed.
- Foreclosed Properties Tax Sale Public Auction – The Creeks property is on the list and should not be as it has incorrect information. City Attorney, Julie Springstead, will look into this matter to correct the information and to make sure that the City shows having a lien on the property. She will advise more in future meetings.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

- 10-Month Budget Report – sales are still up.
- Disc Golf Course – Matt Levandowski of Prein&Newhof is the landscape designer for the project.
- Pocket Park - Matt Levandowski of Prein&Newhof is the landscape designer for the project.
- Expressfleet GPS – the units have all been installed and activated with the exception of the units requiring power harnesses.
- Façade Grant Program – this program is now defunct as one of the participants had to drop out and it cannot be awarded to only one interested party.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

- The Longcore property purchase and the Creeks property foreclosure have already been discussed. No other items to discuss at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

- Mayor Pro-Tem: Mayor LaPorte made his recommendation to have Steve Hegedus be the Mayor Pro-Tem. Joe Frontiera made a motion to nominate Jason La Fever, this was seconded by Jack Wittman – roll call – all ayes.
- Jack Wittman asked if the Water Works building on State Street could be physically moved to the Historic District so that repairs could be made to the pipes that are below the building. Mr. Rickard stated that the repairs could be done where the building stands now.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Hegedus and supported by Mr. La Fever. The next meeting will be held on May 23rd, 2017, 7:30 p.m.