



## MINUTES

- I. Call to Order – President Adams called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. Moment of Silence: Those willing and present took a moment of silence.
- IV. Roll Call: The following members were in attendance: President Bill Adams. Trustees: Colin Bailey, Tim Frisbie, Rick Holmes, Carl Keller, Julie Merrill, and Gail Reisterer. Also, in attendance were: Village Manager Jim Mallery, Clerk Tracy Locey, Treasurer Michelle Morgan, DPW Director Randy Schippers, Police Chief Scott Sanderson, Police Officer James Skidmore, AC Director Tom Ham.
- V. Approval of Agenda – Item 6.a. 2019 Angels Crossing Business Plan Presentation was moved to Item 11.b.; Item 10.a. Recommendation to Planning Commission; Item 10.b. Clarification of Committee Participation; Item 12.c. KATS update were added to the agenda. Keller moved, seconded by Reisterer to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.
- VI. Scheduled Appearances – None.
- VII. Public Appearances – None.
- VIII. Citizens Comments – None.
- IX. Approval of Consent Agenda – Frisbie moved, seconded by Holmes to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0 with a roll call vote.
  - a. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting: February 4, 2019
  - b. Warrant Reports: Mercantile \$107,416.33
  - c. Event Requests
    - i. Lucas Lassksonen Graduation Open House – June 9, 2019
    - ii. Michael’s Graduation Open House – June 15, 2019Correspondence – None
- X. Council Action Items
  - a. Recommendation to the Planning Commission – Adams stated there were two candidates were interviewed by the Human Resource Committee along with the Planning Commission Chair Matt Shankle. Adams recommends Kyle Mucha to fulfill the term of Carl Keller. Keller moved, seconded by Reisterer to approve the recommendation as presented. Motion carried 7-0 with a roll call vote.
  - b. Clarification of Committee Participation – Frisbie moved, seconded by Keller to request Mallery to provide a report on the various sub units of government. The report shall include the makeup of committee membership, compliance with

general village law, best practices of other communities, and the requirements for the Redevelopment Ready Program. The report shall be delivered to council at the April 15, 2019 regular meeting. There will be no appointments made until after this report is delivered to the council. Reisterer stated to find the most qualified candidates, all open positions should be posted and applications reviewed. Keller likes the concept of accepting applications and an established process establishes another level of transparency. Holmes noted the establishment of a process for representative appointments is the new cultural of accountability. Motion carried as presented 7-0 with a roll call vote.

#### XI. Village Manager Report

- a. Hazardous Weather Policy – A policy was presented that establishes guidance on how employee compensation is handled in the event of adverse weather office closing. Keller moved, seconded by Frisbie to support the policy as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. 2019 Angels Crossing Business Plan Presentation – Tom Ham of Renaissance Golf Management Group presented an overview of Angels Crossing. The presentation included information on budget forecasting, sources of revenue, determination of cost of goods, course and operation challenges, profit/loss, future capital asset needs and future objectives. Ham presented information on geo-fencing as a means of reaching future customers. The council had no objections to the marketing strategy.

Mallery believes Renaissance has the experience to grow the number one asset of the village. The plan is built on expectation and not goals. Relentless follow-up on the expectation will make the plan a success. Gratitude was expressed to Tom and his company. Tom lowered the monthly management fee through the slower months. When the prior payroll service terminated its service to Angels Crossing, Renaissance organized its self to provide the service. It was noted, prior management knew this service was to be terminated a year in advance, but had not brought the problem forward.

The course may not be sold until October 2023. Mallery articulated that tax revenues are not used to support the operations at the course. With depreciation not being accounted for which is a non-cash activity, the course is cash flowing on its own.

#### XII. Department Reports

- a. Michigan Township Services – Mallery reported there is no update.
- b. Planning Commission – Frisbie stated the commission revised additional language to the Site Plan Ordinance. A public hearing will be held next month on the proposed changes.

- c. KATS Update – Keller provided information on Bike Week which is May 11-18, 2019. Pamphlets are available to citizens on bike safety through the Bike Friendly Kalamazoo. Resources are available to promote bike week activities and places such as the trail head.

XIII. Citizen's Comments – None.

XIV. Council President/Members Time

- Holmes read the following:

“I would like to make the Council and our citizens aware of a fund raiser that will be held this Saturday, February 23 at the Vicksburg Community Center from 2-4pm. The purpose of the spaghetti dinner and silent auction is to raise funds for a group who has a singular mission and that is to bring the person or persons to justice that murdered a Vicksburg High School student 36 years ago. His name was Erik Cross.

This group holding the fundraiser has been dubbed by the media as “Erik’s Army” and they are made up of hundreds of individuals from our village and the surrounding community. I believe some are with us this evening. They are well organized; they are passionate and they are the reason why Erik’s case continues to receive the attention it does today You may have seen numerous news reports and a nationally syndicated crime-show go as far as to begin identify people of interest based on newly discovered evidence, and that chars would be forthcoming.

As we wait for the wheels of justice to eventually bring Erik’s care to trial, I would as that we all support Erik’s Army, because without them I am afraid Eric’s story would be lost. Erik’s story is not too different than for many of us in this room. He was a kid whole family moved to a small town and he was trying to make friends. As a Jr in high school, like many his age, he was unsure of what he wanted to do with life but through the love and support of his om and dad, and the admiration of his sister, he had hopes and dreams for the future. This all came to an end when he put his trust in others who purposely and without remorse murdered him. Those responsible placed Erik’s body in his yard where his Dad found him when he went to get his Sunday paper.

This is where the story would have ended if not for Erik’s Army. Through their efforts new evidence was identified and through their events new witnesses came forward to share their personal stories. I would ask all of those in attendance tonight, if, God forbid, some in your family was taken from you, wouldn’t you want; wouldn’t you expect, your community to support you? Thankfully those in Erik’s Army did and through their efforts justice may still finally be served to those who committed this horrendous crime.

Please join me at the Community Center on Saturday, February 23 from 2-4pm to celebrate Erik’s life; and support Erik’s army by participating in a spaghetti dinner and silent auction. We can show those outside our community, that Vicksburg is a proud and historic village, and we will be united in pursuing justice for a kid, whose short life will not be defined by the tragic event that took him from us.”

Merrill stated she remembers when this event occurred and can't believe no one has been charged. Keller stated he is sorry for the family's loss and hopes they find peace.

- Adams again thanked all the citizens for showing interest in the various committees of the village.

XV. Adjournment - With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy L. Locey  
Village Clerk