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VILLAGE OF MACKINAW CITY

COUNCIL AGENDA

March 20, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.

VILLAGE HALL

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/TAKING OF ROLL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- II. **PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**
 - A. Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch Presentation
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- IV. **COUNCIL MINUTES**
 - A. Approval of the regular minutes for March 6, 2014
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Citizens wanting to address the Council can do so at this time. Persons addressing the Council are requested to give their name and address for the record when called on by the President.
- VI. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL ACTION**
- VII. **BUSINESS REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**
 - A. Retiree Health Care [Action Item]
- VIII. **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**
 - A. Accounts Payable for March 20, 2014 for \$30,194.66 [Action Item]
- IX. **COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Council Committee(s)
- X. **CLOSED SESSION AND SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL ACTION**
- XI. **ADJOURNMENT**





MACKINAC STRAITS RAPTOR WATCH



At the heart of successful conservation work lays basic scientific knowledge about the population size and distribution of species. Such information, while difficult to obtain, enables more informed decisions to conserve natural resources. The Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch aims to provide data about the migration timing and numbers of raptors (hawks and owls) as they pass through northern lower Michigan.

To track population trends of hawks, biologists rely on counts from concentration points along migration pathways. Michigan's Straits of Mackinac at the northern tip of the lower peninsula has proven among the most important of the 80-plus hawk watch sites in the U.S. In 2013, the third year of counting, volunteers tallied 22,488 raptors of 17 species. This figure included 7,578 Red-tailed Hawks, the largest number for that species among all spring counts across North America. Likewise, spring and fall banding of over 2,000 owls of 8 species over 20 years demonstrates that the area can also provide information about nocturnal raptors.

Hawk counts are recorded daily at www.hmana.org, a website hosted by the North American Hawk Migration Association. The counters track weather conditions, hours of observation, and the numbers of each species seen. All data collected is available to the public for free. Data collected on the owls is reported to the United States Geologic Survey, Bird Banding Laboratory, which maintains a public database of banded birds. These records help scientists, researchers, birders, and conservationists the world over to develop and test theories, management techniques, and population models.

To best document changes in a species range, abundance, or timing of migration, counts must occur over a period of years. For example, no Black Vultures were recorded at the Straits in 2004, but this species was present in both 2012 and 2013, indicating a northward range expansion for this typically southern species. Likewise, the precipitous decline of American Kestrels across North America has been proven through these migration surveys.

Because hawks and owls appeal to a broad range of people for their beauty and wildness, they also afford an ideal opportunity for nature education and appreciation. Through free hikes and other events over many years, more than 400 participants have been inspired by the sight of soaring hawks or a soft-feathered owl. Still, many residents of northern Michigan remain unaware of the annual natural history spectacle at their doorstep. The Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch will encourage more public participation in 2014.



Board of Directors:
Steve Baker, Kathy
Bricker, John Kafer,
Darrell Lawson,
Aubrey Maccoux
LeDuc,, Ed Pike, Gerry
VanderHart

For several years, the Straits Area Audubon Society of Cheboygan and the Petoskey Regional Audubon Society have teamed up to conduct both the spring surveys of migrating hawks and owl research in both spring and fall. Small grants from both organizations defrayed mileage and other costs of volunteers. In 2014, to improve and expand both the raptor research and public education, the Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch will pay a hawk counter to work a more regular and longer schedule than volunteers can handle. In 2013, volunteers could only count until May 10, missing many hawks due to their other commitments. In 2014, counting will continue through May 30. Volunteer owl surveys have only been conducted intermittently during the migration period. By hiring a person to conduct owl surveys the entire migration period from March 25 to May 15 and Sept 20 to Nov. 10 will be covered. Volunteers will assist the paid counter as needed and will greatly expand public outreach by introducing more visitors to raptor identification, migration, and ecology.

Funds raised will first be applied to the budget for the hawk count. Funds will then be used for owl surveys starting in the fall of 2014.

Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch is a project of U.S. Inc. Foundation, based in Petoskey, Michigan. As a 501(c)(3) organization, donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. For more information about Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch, contact Ed Pike, President at aes05@localnet.com or 231-758-3319.

Hawk Count (March 20-May 31, 2014)

Hawk Counter (2.5 mo. @ \$1280/mo)	\$3200
Mileage for substitute counter	\$250
Lodging (10 weeks @ \$125/week)	\$1,250
Equipment (weather station, printed forms, etc.)	\$600
Observation platform with shelter	\$1,500
Total for Hawk Count	\$6,800

Owl Survey (March 25 – May 15 & Sept. 20 – Nov. 10)

Owl Bander (4 mo @ \$1300/mo)	\$5,200
Assistant Owl Bander (4 mo @ \$1,000/mo)	\$4,000
Lodging (16 weeks @ \$250/week)	\$4,000
Supplies (weather station, banding equipment, forms)	\$2,220
Total for Owl Surveys	\$15,420



UNAPPROVED
MINUTES ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MACKINAW CITY

7:300 P.M.

March 06, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER/TAKING OF ROLL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hingston called the meeting to order and with the following Trustees present –Matt Yoder, Belinda Mollen, Sandy Planisek, Richard Perlick and Paul Michalak. Absent -Trustee Robert Glenn and Village Manager Adam Smith. Also present Treasurer Patricia Pepler and Clerk Lana Jaggi

Department Heads Present:

Chief Pat Wyman-Police

Perry Terrian-DPW Foreman (Superintendent K. Newsome excused)

Pat Rivera-Water/Sewer

Dave Paquet-Rec/Marina

Fred Thompson, Jr.-Ambulance/Fire/Zoning Administrator

Visitors – List Attached.

II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS Agenda or Non Agenda

Josephine Rienhart, W. Etherington St. resident, in favor of VanHuis Parcel changing districts.

Sue Krueger, 207 W. Etherington St. resident, in favor of VanHuis Parcel changing Districts.

Ron Wallin, Village resident, stated zoning regulations are attached to property, not owner.

Rosada Mann, P.C. Chair, clarified just changing the zoning for VanHuis Parcel will still not allow owners to develop further as they would still have to go back to P. C. for special use permit.

Jackie VanHuis, requesting property owner, read aloud a letter they sent to council and was placed on file.

Lorinda Ostman, on behalf of her father, requesting property owner, asked council to rezone Welcome Inn Parcel from R4 to B4.

IV. New Business

A. Motion Planisek seconded Michalak to approve the rezoning request from the Welcome Inn parcel # 012-V07-068-011-00 to rezone from R4 to B4.

Voice vote. Ayes-6 Absent-1 Motion carried.

B. Motion Mollen seconded Yoder to approve the rezoning request from R3 to B1 from Todd and Jackie VanHuis, 219 W. Etherington St., parcel # 42-03-12-476-151 based on future Village Master Plan Land Use Map.

Voice vote. Ayes-4 Nays-2 Absent-1 Motion carried.

V. Adjournment 7:34 PM

UNAPPROVED
MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MACKINAW CITY

7:35 P.M.

March 06, 2014

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Pledge of Allegiance

II PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Planisek seconded Mollen to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote – motion carried unanimously.

IV. COUNCIL MINUTES

A. Motion Perlick seconded Planisek to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 20, 2014 as presented. Voice vote-motion carried unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS Agenda or Non Agenda

Ron Wallin, Village Resident, objects to commercial development on waterfront property and recommends future zoning should adopt this policy. Commented on public comment time.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING AND SUBSEQUENT ACTION

VII. BUSINESS REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Motion Hingston seconded Mollen to approve special event application 2014-SE-032 from the Owosso Tractor Parade with following conditions:

1. Transient Merchant License must be purchased if vendors are onsite selling merchandise.

2. Map or drawing must be submitted showing camper, security and band locations

3. Written approval of event be submitted from Mackinac Bridge Authority

4. Written approval of event be submitted from City of St. Ignace

5. Monetary reimbursement to Village for any damages caused to Heritage Village Drive. Voice vote. Ayes-6, Absent -1, motion carried.

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2. Motion Planisek seconded Mollen to approve special event application 2014-SE-034 from the Springbreaker Out Roller Derby Tournament as presented with prior proof of liability insurance. Voice vote. Ayes-6, Absent -1, motion carried.

3. Motion Perlick seconded Yoder to approve special event application 2014-SE-035 for the Mackinaw City Magical Color 5K Fun Run, May 03, 2014 as presented. Voice vote. Ayes-6, Absent -1, motion carried.

4. Motion Yoder seconded Perlick to approve special event application 2014-SE-036 from the Mackinaw Mustang Stampede Golden Anniversary Parade, July 19, 2014 as presented. Voice vote. Ayes-6, Absent -1, motion carried.

5. Motion Hingston seconded Mollen to instruct Chief P. Wyman and staff to assist the Northern Michigan Hearse Cruise, May 24, 2014 3:00 PM, for parking use in the 100 Block of Central Ave. but due to Memorial Day Parade council encourages event coordinator to seek out private owned property for event. Voice vote. Ayes-6, Absent -1, motion carried.

6. Motion Yoder seconded Mollen to approve special event application 2014-SE-038 from the Michigan Trail Riders Association, May 30, 2014 as presented requesting riders keep horses off the Disc Golf Course. Voice vote. Ayes-6, Absent -1, motion carried.

7. Motion Yoder seconded Mollen to approve special event application 2014-SE-039 from the 45th Annual Antique Show, Aug. 05, 2014 as presented. Voice vote. Ayes-6, Absent -1, motion carried. The Women's Club will utilize the Mackinaw City Public Schools Serve Safe Health Food License that day.

B. Motion Hingston seconded Mollen to amend the 2014-2015 council priorities and allocate adequate financial resources for the addition of "Ferry Ordinance" to Tier 2 and remove "Appointed Officials" ordinance from Tier 2 and move to Tier 3 priorities under subcommittee ordinance and policy. Voice vote. Ayes-5, Nay- 1 Absent -1, motion carried.

C. Motion Planisek seconded Mollen to adopt the April 2014, Social Host Awareness Month Proclamation as presented. Voice vote. Ayes-6, Absent -1, motion carried.

VIII. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion Planisek seconded Michalak to approve the accounts payable for 03 06 2014 in the amount of \$49,748.72. Voice vote. Ayes-6, Absent -1, motion carried.

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IX. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Department Head Reports were received and placed of file

Parks and Recreation Sub Committee Report from Trustee Planisek (Chair) was received and placed on file.

Finance and Human Resource Sub Committee Report from Trustee Planisek (Chair) was received and placed on file but will be reissued in the 03 20 14 Packet

X. CLOSED SESSION AND SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL ACTION

XI. ADJOURNMENT: 8:18 PM

Respectfully submitted;

Jeff Hingston; President

Lana Jaggi; Clerk



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To: Mackinaw City Council
From: Adam R. Smith, Village Manager
Date: March 7, 2014
Re: Manager Report & Recommendations for March 20, 2014 Council Meeting

II. A. Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch Presentation

[Informational]

VII. A. Retiree Health Care Benefits

[Action Item]

Council's Finance and Human Resource Committee has met to discuss and review Superintendent Newsome's request of two-years of health care benefits at a cost of 80% to the village and 20% to the retiree as stated in Council minutes dated February 4, 2010 for employees with 30 years of service. No reference to the consideration of retiree health care benefits are included in the Department of Public Works Employment Agreement beyond the Village funded Post Employment Health Plan (PEHP). Thus the issue is a policy item versus an administrative function.

The PEHP is employer funded. The employer makes a monthly contribution (currently \$20) on behalf of each eligible employee and allows for annual lump sum contributions of compensated absence (sick time). Per the existing employment agreement, Superintendent Newsome is eligible to receive payment of a total of 1,360 compensated absence hours. The total estimated Village monetary contributions to Superintendent Newsome's PEHP is \$31,400 (\$28,966-sick time, \$2,500 –monthly contributions).

The estimated cost of retiree health care benefits to the Village is \$26,440 at an 80% contribution level over two years. The estimate is based on actual premium costs for the 2014 benefit year (7 months), estimated 2015 benefit year (12 months) and estimated 2016 benefit year (5 months) premiums using a 15% anticipated annual increase in cost for a two-person plan. It is important to note that any applicable amount over the Public Act 152 allowance will be 100% employee responsibility.

Following the Council action on February 4, 2010, retiree health care has been reviewed and acted upon case by case. Council action on May 5, 2011 and on July 5, 2012 addressed respective retiree health care items.



The Finance and Human Resource Committee has brought forward the following options for Council action:

- Pay 80% for 2 years of retiree health care for two-person plan (subject to PA152 Hard Cap compliance)
- Discontinue retiree health care contributions outside of PEHP funding
- Offer a combination thereof (i.e. 50% cost share, 80% single plan, 1 year vs. 2 years of benefit)

A motion is necessary outlining Council's intent to provide or not to provide any or all retiree healthcare benefits for Superintendent Newsome. Recommend consideration of a long term approach to reducing the Village's unfunded OPEB legacy costs as identified in the Village's annual audits.

Please refer to attached request for benefits, DPW Superintendent Employment Agreement, Council Minutes dated July 5, 2012, May 5, 2011, February 4, 2010, financial summary for current healthcare benefit year, Post Employment Health Plan, PA 152 Hard Cap Memorandum, State Treasury Memo dated September 18, 2012 and Council Committee Report dated 2-26-14.

Correspondence

Please refer to attached correspondence from the Mackinaw Area Visitors Bureau (MAVB) requesting the Village place the MAVB on the official list of local non-profit organizations. MAVB has provided Internal Revenue Service documentation of 501(c) (6) status. MAVB has also provided a 2013 MAVB Event Income/Expense report and 2013 MAVB Special Event Sponsorship Report (non MAVB events).

Village President Hingston may direct this item to the full Council for action or direct to Committee prior to full Council action.

It is important to note that I did make Executive Director Spence aware of the potential of all local non-profit organizations being required to pay municipal fees in the future in an effort to sustain facility and park venues.