

Village of Clarksville
Council Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2024

A regular monthly meeting was held October 7, 2024 at the Clarksville Village Hall. President Pro tempore/ Trustee Bonnie Main called the meeting to order at 7pm. Other council members present – Trustees Debra Winkler, Patricia Reser, Allen Sheldon, Brad Clark, Scott Briggs, Treasurer Rose Barratt, and Clerk Shari Clark. Absent – President Amy Byers.

The Clerk read formal letter of resignation from Village President Amy Byers (*council approved the letter to be published with the minutes on the Village Website*) effective 10/3/24 and a letter of resignation from Village Zoning Administrator Derek Byers effective 9/20/24.

Public comments were heard from Alexia Hoffman seeking re-appointment to the Village Planning Commission and Olivia Kent who had submitted a letter of interest with resumé to serve on the Village Planning Commission.

The minutes of the September 10, 2024 meeting were read and approved.

A presentation was shared from Jami Manszewski representing the Clarksville Business Owners who had created specific points, seeking village support, for solutions to help Main Street businesses thrive.

Moved by B.Clark and supported by Reser to pay monthly bills totaling \$15,888.36. All in favor, motion passed.

Reports were read by Treasurer Rose Barratt, Street Commissioner Sheldon, Sewer by B.Clark, *ex officio* Planning Commissioner Main, Clerk Shari Clark, and Playground Committee Sheldon.

The bi-annual financial audit of the village has been received and is available for public inspection at the Clarksville Village Office at a mutually convenient time.

SEEKING VILLAGE RESIDENTS TO SERVE ON VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION

Interested applicants contact Village Clerk at clarksvillemi@clarksvillemi.org

Applicants and nominations will be considered by the Village President Pro Tempore who shall appoint members to the Commission based upon majority vote of Council at the next council meeting set for November 4th.

Sheldon listed streets and sidewalks in need of repair and was given the go ahead to fill hole on N. Main Street near the entry at Dollar General. Implementation of an annual sidewalk inspection program was discussed as recommended by MML Insurance Loss Control Consultant.

Moved by Sheldon and supported by Winkler to accept annual contract renewals as written with Tony Stahl/ Snow Shoveling, Shari Clark/Hall Rental, Robbie Mutschler/Hall Cleaning, Kevin Count/ Maintenance, Jordan Burnie/ Website Support & Maintenance, CL Trucking & Excavating/ Snow Removal, and Manszewski Landscaping/ Seasonal Banner Installation. All in favor, motion passed.

Leaf Removal within Clarksville Village Limits will begin mid-October and continue through November.

Residents are responsible to rake leaves to street curb for removal.

Please remember LEAVES ONLY no grass clippings or other debris allowed.

At no other time should any debris be put in the road and never be placed upon storm drains.

Moved by Sheldon and supported by B.Clark to **set Trick-or-Treating 5-7 pm in Clarksville on Thursday, October 31st**. All in favor, motion passed. Party will follow at Campbell Township Fire Department.

A request was received to paint a crosswalk to provide a safe crossing for the seniors of Bear Creek Villa and village residents from end of E. Ferney Ave. to the west side of N. Main St. Sheldon will research costs for crosswalks and other street painting needed within the village.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

The next regular council meeting will be held November 4, 2024.

A special council meeting will be held Thursday November 7, 2024 at 7pm to swear in newly elected officials.

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Council members and residents of the Village of Clarksville,

I formally submit my resignation as Clarksville Village President. This resignation shall be effective October 3, 2024.

Twelve years ago, driven by a lifelong connection to the Village as part of the Boger family, I ran for the position of Village President for the first time. My primary goal was to make our village a better place, and I'm honored to have had the opportunity to serve the community. During my tenure, we successfully facilitated street and sidewalk repairs, constructed new sidewalks, built a pedestrian bridge for walking and biking safety, and welcomed a Dollar General store to our village. Additionally, we increased police presence to address speeding concerns. I also wrote a "Beautify Your Business" curb appeal grant to enhance the village's aesthetic. Beyond my official duties, I actively volunteered in various capacities, from weeding flowers around the gazebo and helping with events at the fire department and Ox Roast to being a cub scout and boy scout leader and running a youth athletic club. Throughout my entire time in office, my unwavering passion for the best interests of the community has guided my decisions and actions.

Upon taking office, I swore an oath to uphold the ordinances of the Village and the laws of Michigan. Recently, my commitment to this oath has been challenged, but I have remained steadfast in my resolve to honor it. Regrettably, I have observed others willing to disregard their oath by allowing rules and ordinances to be ignored. I cannot and will not compromise my oath or collude with those who would. My firm stance has resulted in vicious and untrue personal attacks. It is disheartening that these recent events have overshadowed the many positive accomplishments achieved over the past 12 years. While I know the consequences of these actions will become apparent in the future, I depart with the assurance that I have fulfilled my oath.

With heartfelt gratitude, I extend my appreciation to the village officials and the honorable community members who have consistently upheld standards of kindness, integrity, and fairness. It has been an immense pleasure to work with you, and I sincerely wish you the best.

Please make this part of the minutes in its entirety.

Sincerely,
Amy L. Byers