

CITY OF HANCOCK  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022  
HANCOCK CITY HALL, 399 QUINCY STREET  
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**Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM**

Call to order and pledge of allegiance by Mayor, Paul LaBine.

Roll Call and verification of quorum

Present: Councilors Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler

Absent: None

**Also Present:** John Zurcher, John Erickson, Margo Pizzi, Glenn Anderson, Sadiq Edo-Abdi, Garrett Neese, Taylor Auguston, Megan Lang, Zack Osborn.

**Via Zoom:** Thomas Fournier, Mary's I-Pad, Michele Blau

**Review and Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Freeman to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business item #7 to consider accepting the listing contract with Brian Rimpela for the sale of 1034 Second Street house.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment-** None

**Review and acceptance of meeting minutes**

Draft- Houghton County Rec Authority      November 7, 2022

Portage Lake Water and Sewer Authority      October 11, 2022

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to accept and place on file the minutes as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Review and approval of City Council meeting minutes**

Regular Meeting      November 2, 2022

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve and accept the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 2, 2022.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

## **Administrative Report**

City Manager Babcock gave an update on the following items:

- There are currently 4 positions open in different departments, an ad will be published in the newspaper as well as posted to the website and the City's listserv:
  - Seasonal truck drivers – they need to have a Class B license
  - Part Time Transit Driver
  - Full Time Patrol Officer
  - DDA Coordinator
- Christmas walk will be Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Quincy Street will be closed, members of the Hancock fire department will man the fire barrels, there will be snowman crafts sponsored by the Community Alliance for Progressive Education, the HBPA volunteers will have cookie decorating, other events include Santa Meet & Greet, hot chocolate stations, business specials, snowman bowling, dog sleds, horse drawn wagon rides, tree lighting and snowman contest where kids will gather a stamp from downtown businesses for each part of the snowman and then entered into a drawing for a prize.
- The Redevelopment Ready Community Certification Ceremony will be Friday, November 18, 2022 at 10 a.m. at City Hall, light refreshments will be served.
- Houghton County Arena purchase was approved for \$1.00 by the Houghton County Board.
- Heikinpaiva will be happening this year. The main event is scheduled for January 28, 2023. Jim Kurti will be at the December 7<sup>th</sup> council meeting to talk about the event.
- Maasto Hiihto FEMA project has a preconstruction meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup>, hope to start next week unless the snow keeps up.
- Preconstruction meeting for the Business & Technology Park was held on November 7<sup>th</sup>, work has started. The clearing of the area has started with the Archaeological contractor observing the work.
- Committee list has been updated with the exception of Houghton County Recreation Authority Representative.
- Union Contract approval will be on the agenda for the December 7<sup>th</sup> council meeting.
- Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce will be celebrating Small Business Saturday Welcome Station on November 26, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 am. They will have the local shopping specials, with free donuts and refreshments.
- KEDA and the Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Keweenaw Holiday Hoopla on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- New Police Chief, Tami Sleeman, will be in on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Walk, and November 28<sup>th</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>, she will leave for training starting December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- MDOT Winter Maintenance Memorandum will be sent out to businesses and homeowners to make them aware of snow on public property.
- Finlandia will be hosting a Nordic Film Series.

## **Old Business**

1. A Policy and Procedure for Naming of Public Property was discussed, a sample document of a compilation from different cities was provided to the council members. Various items in the sample were discussed. No action was taken at this time.

**New Business**

1. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Rickard to approve the current accounts payable in the amount of \$328,321.75.

Roll Call

Yes: Warstler, Rickard, LaBine, Freeman, McKenzie, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Warstler to adopt Resolution #22-16 to authorize the collection of the .80 mills for the Hancock Police Millage.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor McKenzie to approve the purchase a 2005 Ford F550 4WD bucket truck in the amount for \$28,000 from Industrial Graphics.

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler

No: None

Motion Carried

4. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor McKenzie to approve posting the City Councilmember At-Large posting with applications due on December 2, 2022.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

5. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor LaBine to appoint Council member Warstler to the Houghton County Recreation Authority.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

6. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor LaBine to approve the purchase agreement for Spruce Haven Estates lot 20 to Taylor and Lily Auguston in the amount of \$19,500 with conditions.

Roll Call

Yes: Rickard

No: Warstler, LaBine, Freeman, McKenzie, Blau

Motion Failed

7. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Blau to approve the listing agent contract with Brian Rimpela for the sale of the house at 1034 Second Street.

Motion by Councilor LaBine and supported by Councilor McKenzie to require sale of the home to be single family, homeowner occupied for 7 years.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler

No: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment**

Zack Osborn – Emery Street submitted his application and credentials for the City Council vacancy.

**Council Member Comments**

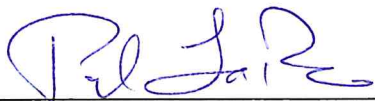
Time was provided for council members to promote, discuss and/or comment on items not on the agenda.

Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Freeman to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.


Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried



Paul LaBine, Mayor

  
Linda Kalinec, City Clerk

**BUDGET ADOPTION RESOLUTION #22-16**

City of Hancock Police Millage

2022-2023

Adopted 11/16/2022

Pursuant to the November 8, 2022 election,

**WHEREAS**, the Hancock Police Department Millage was approved by the voters with 1079 "YES" votes to 695 "NO" votes, effective with the 2022 tax year through the 2037 tax year,

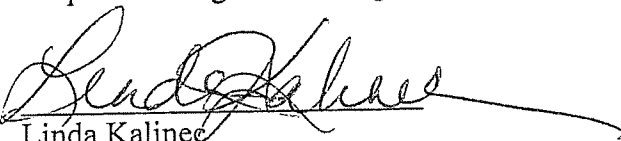
It is further ordered that the City Council approve the Hancock Police Millage for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

It is further ordered that upon approving the millage, the City Treasurer shall proceed to collect the sums ordered in accordance with the City Charter and the Laws of the State of Michigan.

The above Resolution was offered by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Warstler to adopt the Budget Resolution presented above for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Roll Call  
Yes: Warstler, Rickard, Labine, Freeman, McKenzie, Blau  
No: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried.

I, Linda Kalinec, City Clerk do hereby certify that the above Budget Resolution was duly presented and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held November 16, 2022.

  
Linda Kalinec  
City Clerk