

CITY OF HANCOCK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 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, Margo Pizzi, Sadiq Edo-Abdi, Garrett Neese, Thomas Fournier, Colin Jackson, Zack Osborn, Michele Blau, Jim Kurtti, Amanda Lounibos, Michael Markham.

Via Zoom: Mary's I-Pad, Todd, by phone number 906.482.3270.

Review and Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor McKenzie to approve the agenda with the following changes and additions:

- Move New Business item #1 to the last New Business item.
- Add time for public comment after each Spark Grant motion and councilor discussion.
- Add New Business item #9 to consider the purchase agreement for the house at 1034 Second St. in the amount of \$60,000.
- Add New Business item #10 to consider the purchase of a 2013 Ford Explorer Interceptor Police vehicle in the amount of \$14,000.
- Add New Business item #11 to consider hiring Matthew Jackson, son the Council Member McKenzie, as a winter seasonal dump truck driver as it is in the best interest of the City.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment- None

Presentation

Jim Kurtti of the Finnish Theme Committee gave a brief presentation on the history of the committee and the Heikinpaiva event and gave an update on this year's event.

Correspondence

MML – Newly Elected Officials training opportunities.

EDA – Grant Amendment for the Business & Technology Park.

Copper Country Arts Center Quarterly Newsletter.

Houghton County Land Bank Accepting Applications

Review and acceptance of meeting minutes

Planning Commission August 22, 2022
US-41/M-26 Corridor Advisory Team September 8, 2022
Recreation Commission November 9, 2022

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

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Review and approval of City Council meeting minutes

Organizational Meeting November 9, 2022
Regular Meeting November 16, 2022

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve and accept the minutes of the City Council Organizational Meeting of November 9, 2022 and the Regular City Council Meeting of November 16, 2022.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Administrative Report

City Manager Babcock gave an update on the following items:

- The appraisal for the Quincy Green has been completed, we are working with Finlandia University on the purchase agreement. A public hearing will be scheduled when we have more detailed information.
- The Christmas walk was very successful, we had 40 volunteers helping and we served 800 cups of hot chocolate.
- The Cold Season Farmer’s Market will be at The Orpheum, there was a soft opening on December 1st, the grand opening will be December 15th with live music.
- The FEMA final grant amount was \$3.14 million and all funds have now been turned over to the Michigan State Police for disbursement. The final project, PW162 has been approved for funding as well.

New Business

1. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the General Teamsters Local Union NO. 406 contract effective January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.

Roll Call
Yes: Warstler, Rickard, LaBine, Freeman, McKenzie, Blau
No: None
Motion Carried

2. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Rickard to adopt Resolution 22-17 to deny the request for a waiver of the fees of Teresa Kariniemi's FOIA request of December 1, 2022 relating to November 8, 2022 election ballots and documentation.

Roll Call

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

No: None

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Freeman to accept the EGLE Drinking Water Asset Management (DWAM) Grant in the amount of \$489,623.

Roll Call

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

No: None

Motion Carried

4. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor McKenzie to approve the OHM proposal to provide services for the DWAM grant in the amount of \$227,855.

Roll Call

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

No: None

Motion Carried

5. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Freeman to approve the Payne and Dolan payment application #1 for work completed on the Hancock Business and Technology Park in the amount of \$37,145.00

Roll Call

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

No: None

Motion Carried

6. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor McKenzie to adopt Resolution 22-18 in support of the Spark Grant for the Hancock Beach and Campground in the amount of \$1,000,000 with a local financial commitment of \$65,000 for a total project cost of \$1,064,000.

Public Comment:

Margo Pizzi of Lake Ave. supported the grant application, the upgrades are very much needed.

Roll Call

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

No: None

Motion Carried

7. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Freeman to adopt Resolution 22-19 in support of the Spark Grant application for the Lurn-Grove Roof and warming house upgrades in the amount of \$657,300 with a local financial commitment of \$30,000 for a total project cost of \$687,300.

Public Comment:

Zack Osborn, of Birch St. is in support of the grant application, the upgrades and improvements will be appreciated by the many kids that use the ice rink.

Roll Call

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

No: None

Motion Carried

8. Motion by Councilor LaBine and supported by Councilor Rickard to adopt Resolution 22-20 in support of the Spark Grant application for Porvoo Park Boardwalk improvements in the amount of \$431,250 with a local financial commitment of \$40,000 for a total project cost of \$471,250.

Public Comment:

None.

Roll Call

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

No: None

Motion Carried

9. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the purchase agreement for 1034 Second St. with Averie Kalinec, Kevin Kalinec and Linda Kalinec in the amount of \$60,000.

Roll Call

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

No: None

Motion Carried

10. Motion by Councilor LaBine and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the purchase of a 2013 Ford Explorer Interceptor Police vehicle from Keweenaw Automotive in the amount of \$14,000.

Roll Call

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

No: None

Motion Carried

11. Motion by Councilor Freeman and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the hiring of Matthew Jackson, son the Council Member McKenzie, as a winter seasonal dump truck driver as it is in the best interest of the City.

Roll Call

Yes: Warstler, Rickard, LaBine, Freeman, Blau

No: None

Abstain: McKenzie

Motion Carried

12. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Rickard to nominate and appoint Amanda Lounibos as the new City Councilmember with a term ending in November 2024.

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, Rickard

No: LaBine, Warstler

Motion Carried

Amanda Lounibas was sworn in by Clerk Kalinec as Councilmember.

Public Comment None

Council Member Comments

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

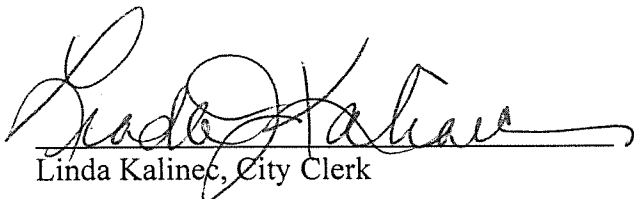
Councilor Rickard will be out of town and therefore, will not be able to attend the December 21, 2022 meeting.

Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Rickard to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried



Linda Kalinec, City Clerk

CITY OF HANCOCK

RESOLUTION # 22-17

Upon motion made by Councilor Warstler and seconded by Councilor Rickard, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, On December 1, 2022, City Clerk Linda Kalinec received a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request from Teresa Karaniemi; and

WHEREAS, The Freedom of Information Act Request asked for the following: **A review and everything on the ballots in the entire county of Houghton. I would also like to take images of all ballots. I would like a copy of the tabular tapes and poll books. The purpose of the review is for the transparency for the people and to make sure the ballots are matching the tabular tape. I would also like a copy of the qvf file for Houghton County.**; and

WHEREAS, Voted ballots may only be handled by the clerk, deputy clerk, or trained election workers so images of the ballots can only be accomplished with the assistance of clerk, at least one trained democrat, and one trained republican election workers present; and

WHEREAS, The clerk estimates that it will take two (2) minutes per ballot to allow for the taking of an image of the front and back of the ballot. The City of Hancock has 1,902 voted ballots from the November 8, 2022 election and estimates the cost to the City of Hancock to respond to this FOIA request to be \$8,667.30; and

WHEREAS, Prior to every election, the clerk is required to hold a Public Accuracy Test to demonstrate that the ballots are matching the tabulator tape. The Public Accuracy Test for the November 8, 2022 election was held on October 26, 2022 in the City Hall garage. Prior to holding the Public Accuracy Test, the clerk placed a notice of the date and time in the Daily Mining Gazette, posted it on the City's website, and sent an e-mail to the approximately 340 persons on the City's e-mail list serve of the date and time of the test. Two members of the public was present at the test; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Karaniemi had ample opportunity to attend a Public Accuracy Test performed by every clerk in Houghton County on different dates prior to the election, and all tests were noticed prior to the test in the Daily Mining Gazette; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Karaniemi requested the taxpayers of Houghton County and/or the taxpayers of the individual cities and townships pay for the cost of responding to the FOIA request and not charge her the fee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The City of Hancock FOIA fee for this request is not waived as requested and that in accordance with Section 15.234(2), the City is requiring a good faith deposit of one-half of the estimated fee.

FURTHERMORE, The Hancock City Council requests the Houghton County Board of Commissioners does not spend taxpayer money to respond to this FOIA request and requires the requestor to pay the FOIA fees as the requestor had adequate chance to make sure the ballots are matching the tabulator tape at one or all of the Public Accuracy Tests performed prior to the November 8, 2022 General Election.

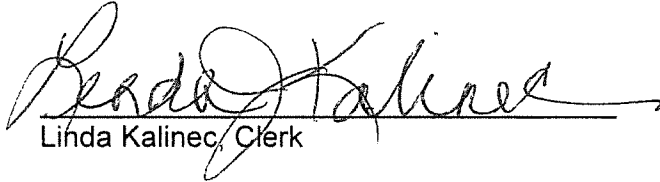
Adopted this 7th day of December, 2022 by the City of Hancock Council by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None


Linda Kalinec, Clerk

December 7, 2022
Date

**City of Hancock
Resolution 22-18**

WHEREAS, City of Hancock supports the submission of an application titled, "Hancock Beach and Campground Upgrades" to the Spark grant program for upgrades to the Hancock Beach and Campground from electrical, ADA Compliant, Boat Launch, trail improvements at 2000 Jasberg Street; and,

WHEREAS, City of Hancock is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$65,000 matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Hancock City Council hereby authorizes submission of a Spark Application for \$1,000,000, and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$65,000 (6.1 %) of a total \$1,065,000 project cost, during the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

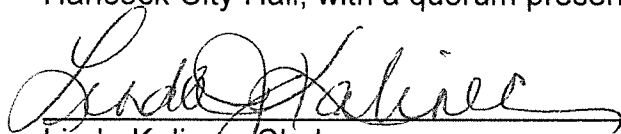
AYES: Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by The City of Hancock at their regular meeting held on December 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Hancock City Hall, with a quorum present.


Linda Kalinec, Clerk

Dated: December 7, 2022

**City of Hancock
Resolution 22-19**

WHEREAS, City of Hancock supports the submission of an application titled, Lourn-Grove Ice Rink Roof to the Spark grant program to construct a roof over the ice rink and upgrades to the existing warming house at 1209 Roberts Street; and,

WHEREAS, City of Hancock is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$30,000 matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Hancock City Council hereby authorizes submission of a Spark Application for \$657,300, and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$30,000 (4.4 %) of a total \$687,300 project cost, during the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

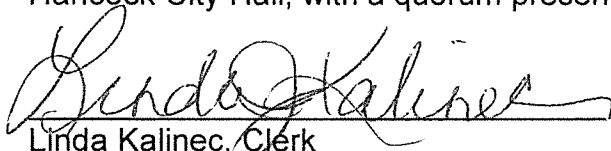
AYES: Warstler, Rickard, LaBine, Freeman, McKenzie, Blau

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

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Linda Kalinec, Clerk

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**City of Hancock
Resolution 22-20**

WHEREAS, City of Hancock supports the submission of an application titled, Porvoo Park Boardwalk to the Spark grant program to replacement of wood decking at the Porvoo Park and Navy Street Boardwalk at Navy Street; and,

WHEREAS, City of Hancock is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$40,000 matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Hancock City Council hereby authorizes submission of a Spark Application for \$431,250, and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$40,000 (8.5 %) of a total \$471,250 project cost, during the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

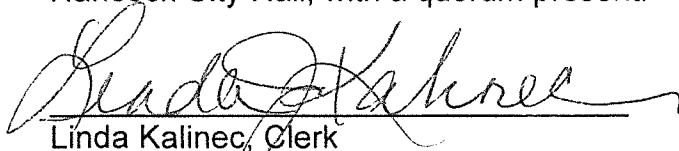
AYES: Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

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