

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 11, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday May 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

Members Present: Mayor Kangas, Council Members Stagliano, Ilmonen, Smith, LaLonde, and Howard

Members Absent: Council Member Karki

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Ilmonen, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve Lahti addressed the Council on the water project on Iron Street and stated that it had already been done in the late 1990's.

Richard Contois addressed the Council regarding the bad shape his road is in on Truscott.

**CHIEF OF POLICE HEALTH CAR REQUEST**

A discussion was held. No action was taken.

**MDARD GRANT AGREEMENT – DOWTOWN WATER PROJECT**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and supported by Council Member LaLonde to approve the MDARD Grant Agreement and provide the 30% match.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Stagliano, Ilmonen, Smith, LaLonde, Howard and Mayor Kangas

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

### **MDARD GRANT MATCH – HOUSING TASKFORCE**

A motion was made by Council Member Ilmonen, supported by Council Member Stagliano and unanimously carried to contribute \$5,000 toward the MDARD Housing Taskforce grant match.

### **USDA DRAW #6 – PHASE I WATER PROJECT**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Howard and unanimously carried to approve draw request #6 in the amount of \$14,103.85.

### **CEMETERY TREE BIDS**

A motion was made by Council Member Lalonde, supported by Council Member Howard and unanimously carried to award the low bid to Coleur Contractin in the amount of \$24,600 with monies coming from the Perpetual Care Fund.

### **WATER TOWER BIDS**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member LaLonde and unanimously carried to award the low bid to Fedewa Inc in the amount of \$244,000 with monies being paid out of the Water Fund.

### **SUBSTATION RECLOSER BID**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Howard and unanimously carried to award the low bid to RESCO in the amount of \$121,836 with monies being paid from the substation bonds.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Ilmonen, supported by Council Member Stagliano and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: April 13<sup>th</sup> regular minutes, April 26<sup>th</sup> joint minutes, April 26<sup>th</sup> special minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$525,625.69 (checks #85264-85400), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports, Protecting Michigan Pension Grant Application, Coleman Engineering Agreement – Buffalo Road Project.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the public wished to comment.

### **COUNCIL COMMENT**

Council Member Stagliano commented on the downtown project.

Council Member Smith commented on the project, substation grant funding, water tower and cemetery cleanup.

Council Member LaLonde commented on the friends of the cemetery.

Council Member Howard commented on the roads needing paving.

Mayor Kangas thanked everyone for their comments.

### **CITY MANAGER**

Manager Heffron commented that they are working as fast as they can at the cemetery, the VISTA, a special meeting the following week, the USDA Phase I water project and that Truscott Street is being added to the project.

### **ADJOURMENT**

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Ilmonen, supported by Council Member Stagliano and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.



Ann Ducoli  
Deputy Clerk