FERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022
7:00 P.M

FERRYSBURG CITY HALL
17520 RIDGE AVENUE, FERRYSBURG, MI 49409

1. Call to Order: Mayor Blease

2. Roll Call: Blease, O’Donnell, Carlson, Montgomery, Sias, Murdoch, Cate

3. Invocation by Council Member Cate

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Public Comments:

This time on the agenda is for any citizen to direct brief comments or questions to the City Council. Time for public comments will be given when an agenda item is discussed. If you have a comment or question, please raise your hand to be recognized by the Mayor, and after being recognized by the Mayor, please give your name, and address for the record, and proceed with your comment or question. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes.
6. Consideration for Approval of Consent Agenda:
   
   a. Approve the June 20, 2022, City Council meeting minutes as printed.
   
   a. Discussion, and to take action if appropriate, to approve the Mayor’s Proclamation designating October 12, 2022, as Business Recognition Day.
   
7. New Business:
   
   
   b. Presentation: Planning Commission Applicant Joe Lyons.
   
   
   d. Presentation: Planning Commission Applicant Mike DeWitt.
   
   e. Approve the Mayor’s appointment of ___________ to the Planning Commission for a term ending July 1, 2024.
   
   f. Discussion, and to take action if appropriate, to adopt Ordinance No. 324, an ordinance to amend City Code, Chapter 92: Burning.
   
   g. Discussion, and to take action if appropriate, to participate in the Coastal Community Resilience Matching Grant Program.
   
   h. Discussion, and to take action if appropriate, to approve a quote from Display Sales for $4,987.00 for twelve (12) Holiday Decorations Snowflakes.
   
   i. Discussion, and to take action if appropriate, to schedule a work session as a regular agenda item on August 1, 2022.
   
8. Public Comments:

9. Reports: City Manager

City Council Members

Mayor

10. Adjournment
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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blease at 7:00 PM. Council Member Cate gave the invocation. Mayor Blease led those present in the pledge of allegiance.


Also present: City Manager Bessinger and 8 citizens.

22-086 Moved by Council Member O’Donnell, seconded by Council Member Montgomery, to approve the June 6, 2022, City Council meeting minutes as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

22-087 Moved by Council Member O’Donnell, seconded by Council Member Montgomery, to adopt Ordinance No. 323, an ordinance to permit Class I and Class II electric bikes, electric scooters, electric hoverboards, maintenance vehicles, and emergency vehicles on City bike paths and sidewalks. 6 yeas, 1 nay (Murdoch), motion passed.

22-088 Ordinance No. 324, and ordinance to amend City Code, Chapter 92: Burning, was introduced on first reading.

22-089 Moved by Council Member O’Donnell, seconded by Council Member Sias, to adopt a resolution of Commitment and Support for the Statewide Local Agency Bridge Bundle Program and to include Smith’s Bridge in this program, and to authorize the City Manager to act as the "designated champions" for this project. The motion passed unanimously.

22-090 Nominations for the 2022 Chamber Business Recognition Award given: Greek Tony’s Pizza, Leppins Food Center, Pine Street Café, and Spot Light Dancing. Roll call vote to select Greek Tony’s Pizza as the 2022 recipient of the Chamber Business Recognition Award: 2 yeas (Blease, Sias), 5 nays (O’Donnell), selection did not pass.

22-091 Roll call vote to select Leppins Food Center as the 2022 recipient of the Chamber business Recognition Award: 7 yeas, 0 nays, selection approved.

22-092 Moved by Council Member O’Donnell, seconded by Council Member Montgomery to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Heather Hawley to the Planning Commission for a term ending July 1, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

22-093 Moved by Council Member Sias, seconded by Council Member O’Donnell, to table the Mayor’s appointment of Joe Lyons to the Planning Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

22-094 Moved by Council Montgomery, seconded by Council Member Murdoch, to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Emily Stearley to the Recreation Commission for a term ending July 1, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.
22-095 Moved by Council Member Cate, seconded by Council Member Carlson, to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Hannah Barnard to the Recreation Commission for a term ending July 1, 2025. Roll call vote: 7 yea:s, 0 nay:s, motion passed.

22-096 Moved by Council Member O’Donnell, seconded by Council Member Sias, to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Chris Marshall as a regular member to the Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve Board for a term ending July 1, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

22-097 Moved by Council Member O’Donnell, seconded by Council Member Sias, to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Nancy Jensen as a regular member to the Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve Board for a term ending July 1, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

22-099 Moved by Council Member Sias, seconded by Council Member O’Donnell, to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Bryan Pereira as an alternate member to the Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve Board for a term ending July 1, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

22-100 Moved by Council Member Sias, seconded by Council Member Murdoch, to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Candace Hespens as a regular member to the Beautification Commission for a term ending July 1, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

22-101 Moved by Council Member O’Donnell, seconded by Council Member Sias, to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Therese Buck as a regular member to the Beautification Commission for a term ending July 1, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

22-102 Moved by Council Member O’Donnell, seconded by Council Member Sias, to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Janet Joiner as an alternate member to the Beautification Commission for a term ending July 1, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

22-103 Moved by Council Member Sias, seconded by Council Member Carlson, to approve the appointment of Joe Lyons to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a regular member for a term ending July 1, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

22-104 Moved by Council Member O’Donnell, seconded by Council Member Murdoch, to approve the appointment of Mason Milligan as a regular member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term ending July 1, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

22-105 Moved by Council Member O’Donnell, seconded by Council Member Carlson, to approve the appointment of Rebecca Hopp to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board for a term ending January 1, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.
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22-106 Moved by Council Member O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member Carlson, to approve the appointment of Tom Godfrey to the North Ottawa Community Hospital Authority Board for a term ending July 1, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

22-107 Moved by Council Member Carlson, seconded by Council Member Sias, to approve the appointment of Lisa Menerick to the Loutit District Library Board for a term ending July 1, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

22-108 Moved by Council Member Sias, seconded by Council Member Carlson, to approve the appointment of Michael DeWitt to the Construction Board of Appeals for a term ending July 1, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

22-110 Moved by Council Member O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member Sias, to approve the appointment of Kathy Kenyon to the Board of Review for a term ending January 1, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

22-111 Moved by Council Member Montgomery, seconded by Council Member Cate, to approve 2021-2022 Budget Amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

22-112 The consensus of City Council was to obtain a quote for a parking area at the Ferrysburg Nature Preserve from the contractor working on Dogwood Drive.

The City Manager, the City Council Members, and the Mayor reported on several current items.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Blease  
Mayor

Craig Bessinger  
Acting City Clerk
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PROCLAMATION

BUSINESS RECOGNITION DAY

WHEREAS, the history of America is one of a country at work – a country of manufacturers, merchants, commercial, service sector, financial and agri business joining together to create a greater society; and

WHEREAS, a growing and thriving Northwest Ottawa County is built on individual initiative, a competitive character and intense pride in our achievements;

WHEREAS, this year, the City of Ferrysburg has nominated Leppinks Food Centers as the recipient of the 2022 Business Recognition Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Scott Blease, Mayor of the City of Ferrysburg do hereby proclaim Leppinks Food Centers as the 2022 Ferrysburg Business of the Year and congratulate the owners of Leppinks Food Center, Rich and John Cole, and designate October 12, 2022, as Business Recognition Day.

Dated: July 18, 2022

Scott Blease, Mayor
July 12, 2022

RE: A Community Energy Plan for BLP Service Area Residents

Dear City of Ferrysburg Board:

A group of area residents are working on fundraising for an area-wide Community Energy Plan. The key reason for a Community Energy Plan is to figure out the existing carbon footprint for the area and then make a recommended carbon target.

To do so, takes an energy/fossil fuel expert with good communication skills. To bring this person to the Tri-Cities, takes a budget. This proposed Community Energy Plan will be modeled on the successful outcomes accomplished in Holland. Reducing carbon emissions reduces climate change.

The cost to City of Ferrysburg would be the percentage of BLP customers that do not live in Grand Haven yet are served by the BLP in City of Ferrysburg times $25,000 (the amount that Grand Haven put aside).

The return on the investment (ROI) to our climate is incalculable, yet the return on investment to City of Ferrysburg BLP customers is the energy savings of home energy retrofits which equate to approximately 50% of the participating homeowner’s utility bills (an average of $50/month or $600/year per homeowner).

Using the Holland Community Energy Plan as an already existing blueprint makes it easy to move ahead.

We are prepared to start fundraising now for the Community Energy Plan (CEP) portion of the BLP service area. Our trigger will be a pledge from City of Ferrysburg and other related communities.

We will work to offset your pledged expenditure item by raising offsetting grant revenue over the next 12 months. The target amount is $50,000 from the four communities combined (Ferrysburg, Spring Lake Township, Grand Haven, and Grand Haven Township), plus $25,000 from each of two major institutional partners (the Board of Light and Power and the area-wide Foundations) plus any matching new revenue we expect to raise as necessary.

Many thanks for making a difference! See all of our documents that support this request below.

1. Holland Community Energy Plan - YouTube
2. Celebrating First Year of City of Holland’s Energy Efficiency Program | Article | EESI
1. Schneider Electric Helps City of Holland Adopt 40-year... (3blmedia.com)
3. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7b2dMo9V_I3RyGWO8JpmO3tAwJZ5f

Citizens Climate Education Task Force
While we work on a Carbon Dividend nationally... work locally too?

Energy Use Breakdown
(Based on average use per household)

- 29% Heating
- 17% Cooling
- 14% Water Heating
- 13% Appliances
- 12% Lighting
- 11% Other
- 4% Electronics

Source: EnergyTracker
Fuels burned in 70 million homes and businesses account for 10% of US carbon emissions

Sources of US greenhouse gas emissions by share of total, 2017

Breakdown of fuel emissions in buildings

- Space Heating: 68%
- Water Heating: 19%
- Cooking/Other: 13%

Sources: EIA Greenhouse Gas Inventory. 2017 includes land use, land use change, and forestry.
EIA Residential Energy Consumption Survey (RECS), 2015

PlusLED Streetlight Conversions, District Heat, City Bldg. Retrofits (ESCO), Doubling of Snowmelt, etc

CEP update to council 2018.pdf
Celebrating First Year of City of Holland’s Energy Efficiency Program

Four-Minute Video Shows How 'Win-Win' Program Works

By John-Michael Cross (mailto: jmcross@eesi.org)

December 4, 2017

Sandra Keirnan is delighted. An innovative energy financing program (http://www.eesi.org/obf) has helped her upgrade her 125-year-old home in the small city of Holland, Michigan, making it twice as efficient and much more comfortable. It used to be drafty on cold days, sweltering on hot ones, and expensive to run!
EESI was pleased to work with the City of Holland and local partners to help get their “On Bill Loan Program (http://hollandenergyfund.com/on-bill-loan-program/)” off the ground! Please watch our short four-minute video (https://youtu.be/FpdrV7phPPs) to see more of Sandra’s story, as well as stories from other Holland residents, contractors, and city officials:

Holland, which got its name from the Dutch immigrants who founded the community in 1847, is best known for its beautiful tulip fields and picturesque downtown. But now it has one more feather in its cap: an innovative, successful energy efficiency program for its residents, including those who wouldn’t normally be able to afford expensive energy upgrades. Holland just celebrated one year of having the program operational.

More than $1 million overall was invested in the homes of the first 56 participants (an average of $18,000 each). The participants did not have to pay any upfront costs; instead, they will gradually repay the energy upgrade costs in monthly installments on their energy bills—a method known as “on-bill financing (http://www.eesi.org).”

Holland officials are pushing to expand the program, as they are hopeful the energy savings will free up to $10 million for the local economy. The program should improve the city’s older housing stock, attracting new residents and keeping existing ones in the small city, as well as create local contractor jobs, help reduce the need to build new power plants, and raise the city’s tax base. In its first phase, the Holland program aims to retrofit at least 300 homes with a $3 million line of credit, with the ultimate goal of improving the energy efficiency of 7,400 homes by 50 percent.

Beyond Holland, EESI is working with numerous rural electric cooperatives (http://www.eesi.org/obf/coops) and small municipal utilities (http://www.eesi.org/obf/munis) across the country to help them secure such benefits! For example, we’re helping these small utilities access low-interest and no-interest loan funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, funds which can in turn be
loaned to homeowners for their energy upgrades. As an independent nonprofit organization, EESI relies on its funding partners (https://www.eesi.org/about/funders)—including The JPB Foundation, The McKnight Foundation, the Merck Family Fund, the New York Community Trust, and individual donors (https://www.eesi.org/donate)—to make this work possible.

One of EESI’s goals is to assist families—especially low- and moderate-income families in rural areas that are struggling economically—reduce the amount of energy they use, cut their energy bills, and improve the comfort of their homes. Our overarching goal is ensuring that we as a nation are progressing toward resilient and sustainable infrastructure in our towns and cities.

For more information:

EESI’s On-Bill Financing Project (http://www.essi.org/obf)

Video: On-Bill Financing in Holland, MI (https://youtu.be/FpdrV7phPps)

Contact

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EESt Impact (/newsletters/eesi-impact)

Environmental and Energy Study Institute

We've moved!
Our suite number is now 400.
CITY OF FERRYSBURG
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FERRYSBURG, MI 49409-0038

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

Board/Commission Appointment you are seeking: ZBA and Planning Commission

Name: Joe Lyons

Street Address: 16857 Virginia Ave

City/State/Zip: Spring Lake, MI 49456

E-mail address: ourlyonsen.m1@gmail.com

Telephone (Day): 847.334.8594

Telephone (Evening):

Best Time to Call: Day or Evening

Are you a Registered Voter in the City: Yes

How Many Years Have You Been A City Resident: 35 yrs

Occupation: Retired

Background/Experience/Interests:

Retired Industrial Sales - 43 yrs Metal Processing
Avid Antique & Art Collector - Dealer

State why you are applying to be appointed, indicate any special qualifications and experience you have which would be beneficial to the appointment you are seeking. Also indicate any special concerns or issues which you perceive to be important regarding the appointment you are seeking (attach additional sheets if necessary):

PRESERVATION

o Community Standards based on our city ordinances is important. Experienced and interested people are an important asset to the community

Your Signature: [Signature]

Date: 4/8/2022

(Return to: Ferrysburg City Clerk, 17520 Ridge Avenue, P.O. Box 38, Ferrysburg, MI 49409)
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FERRYSBURG, MI 49409-0038

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

Board/Commission Appointment you are seeking: Planning Commission

Name: Jacob Stearley

Street Address: 16269 Suffolk Drive

City/State/Zip: Spring Lake / MI / 49459

E-mail address: jake.stearley@gmail.com

Telephone (Day): (616) 405-8500

Telephone (Evening): (616) 405-8500

Best Time to Call: anytime

Are you a Registered Voter in the City: YES

How Many Years Have You Been A City Resident: 15

Occupation: CEO of BOS Media LLC

Background/Experience/Interests: BS in Public Affairs, Indiana University (Bloomington); MBA, Marketing, Indiana State University / Self-employed entrepreneur for 15+ years / Interests: sports, golf, poker, coaching my kids in youth sports

State why you are applying to be appointed, indicate any special qualifications and experience you have which would be beneficial to the appointment you are seeking. Also indicate any special concerns or issues which you perceive to be important regarding the appointment you are seeking (attach additional sheets if necessary):

I’d like impact our city and community by helping to develop plans and implement policies that affect how our city changes and develops. I was part of the grassroots group “Citizens to Save Smith's Bridge”, which was formed when Smith's Bridge was closed in 2019, and that experience has driven me to be more involved in local government in hopes that I can help provide solutions and be responsive to citizens when future issues within the city arise.

Your Signature: ___________________________ Date: 4/30/2022

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

Board/Commission Appointment you are seeking: Planning Commission

Name: Michael De Witt

Street Address: 16920 Van Wykena

City/State/Zip: Spring Lake, MI 49456

E-mail address: MikeTricity1602mail

Telephone (Day): 616 846 8962

Telephone (Evening):

Best Time to Call:

Are you a Registered Voter in the City: Yes

How Many Years Have You Been A City Resident: 70 YRS

Occupation: Hair Owner

Background/Experience/Interests: 30 YRS Construction Board
12 YRS Zoning Board
10 YRS City Council
3 Time Ottawa Co Training
50 YRS Business Owner

State why you are applying to be appointed, indicate any special qualifications and experience you have which would be beneficial to the appointment you are seeking. Also indicate any special concerns or issues which you perceive to be important regarding the appointment you are seeking (attach additional sheets if necessary):

Help Ferrysburg into the Future

Your Signature: ____________________________ Date: 6-29-22

(Return to: Ferrysburg City Clerk, 17520 Ridge Avenue, P.O. Box 38, Ferrysburg, MI 49409)
June 13, 2022

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Craig Bessinger, City Manager

RE: Draft Ordinance No. 324 – Burning Ordinance

At the March 21, 2022, City Council meeting, City Council reviewed the current burning ordinance and referred it to the Planning Commission for review.

At the April 7, 2022, Planning Commission meeting, Commissioners reviewed the City’s current ordinance and adjacent communities burning ordinance. Commissioners requested David Jirousek, Horizon Community Planning to draft an ordinance for their review.

At the May 5, Planning Commission meeting, Commissioners reviewed the draft ordinance and request revisions to the draft.

At the June 2, Planning Commission meeting, Commissioners held a public hearing on the draft and made a recommendation to City Council to adopt the attached draft.

Fire Chief Mike Olthof has reviewed the draft ordinance and has no concerns.

The first attachment shows changes from the current ordinance in red.

c: Mike Olthof, fire Chief
     Jessie Wagenmaker, City Clerk
CHAPTER 92: BURNING

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92.05 Requirements for bonfires

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92.07 Administrative liability

92.08 Violations; civil fines Cross-reference: Parks and recreation; fires; cooking, see § 94.11

§ 92.01 PURPOSE

The purpose of this article is to control open burning in the City of Ferrysburg and to restrict burning to small recreational fires and city-permitted bonfires. The city has found that unregulated open burning increases the risk of property damage caused by fires and threatens the safety and well-being of the city’s residents and other persons. The city further finds that greater regulation of open burning is necessary because of its residential density and because smoke from open burning, particularly burning yard waste, exacerbates breathing difficulties for many individuals. Further, other local units of government bordering the city and in the general area have enacted similar regulations.

§ 92.02 DEFINITIONS.

Bonfire means an outdoor ground fire associated with a permitted special event that exceeds a total fuel area of three feet in diameter and two feet in height.

Clean wood means natural wood which has not been painted, varnished, or coated with a similar material; has not been pressure treated with preservatives; and does not contain resins or glues as in plywood or other composite wood products.

Recreational fire means an outdoor fire containing the fuel being burned in an enclosed pit, fire-retaining ring, or portable outdoor fireplace, that is no more than three feet in diameter with a total fuel area of three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height.

Yard waste means grass clippings, leaves, brush, stumps, and uncut tree branches.
$ 92.03 BURNING PROHIBITED.

No person shall ignite or otherwise cause to burn garbage, plastic, styrofoam, skids, chemically treated lumber, pallets, synthetic material, hazardous materials, rubber-based material, yard waste, construction and demolition waste, or any other material aside from clean wood, in any open fire or in a receptacle upon any lands within the municipal boundaries of the City of Ferrysburg.

The provisions of this section shall not prohibit the burning of clean wood in a fireplace or stove for the purpose of cooking or providing heat and shall not prohibit a recreational fire in accordance with $ 92.04.

(Ord. 110, passed 10-25-89; Am. Ord. 118, passed 11-28-90; Am. Ord. 170, passed 5-18-98) Penalty, see § 10.99

$ 92.04 REQUIREMENTS FOR RECREATIONAL FIRES.

An owner of property, or a person authorized by the owner of property, may burn firewood on his or her property, provided that such shall meet the following requirements:

1. A person 18 years of age or older shall remain in constant attendance during the time the recreational fire is burning or smoldering and until completely extinguished. At least one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, two portable fire extinguishers with a minimum 2-A rating each, or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as a garden hose, water barrel, dirt, or sand, shall be available for immediate utilization.

2. A recreational fire shall only involve the burning of clean wood that is seasoned and dry. Brush, sticks, and paper shall only be used as kindling to start a recreational fire.

3. No accelerants shall be used to start a recreational fire. Such prohibited accelerants include but are not limited to gasoline, lighter fluid, or any other type of flammable fluid.

4. Recreational fires shall not occur when wind speeds are greater than seven miles per hour.

5. The person or persons tending the recreational fire shall remain in complete control over the fire at all times and shall ensure that the fire does not threaten surrounding properties or create a nuisance.

6. The amount of clean wood to be burned shall not exceed an amount which can reasonably be anticipated to be controlled.

7. Before abandoning the site of the recreational fire or disposing of its remains, the person or persons tending the fire shall take all steps necessary to extinguish any materials still burning, smoking or smoldering.

8. At no time shall any recreational fire occur on or within ten feet of the surface of any public street, public sidewalk, or public bike path in the city.

9. At no time shall any recreational fire occur within 20 feet of a building or structure.
§ 92.05 REQUIREMENTS FOR BONFIRES.

Bonfires in the City of Ferrysburg are only permitted with prior approval by the Ferrysburg City Council and the Fire Department for special events. Bonfires are subject to compliance with any special restrictions determined by the Fire Chief and payment of costs associated with special fire protection as determined by the City of Ferrysburg.

§ 92.06 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.

It shall be the duty of the Fire Chief of the city or his designee to investigate fires which are in violation of the terms of this subchapter, and to cause them to be extinguished, and to actively endeavor with the cooperation of the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department to secure the conviction of all persons violating this subchapter.
(Ord. 110, passed 10-25-89; Am. Ord. 118, passed 11-28-90; Am. Ord. 170, passed 5-18-98)

§ 92.07 ADMINISTRATIVE LIABILITY.

No officer, agent, or employee of the city shall render himself or herself liable for any damage that may accrue to any person as the result of any act, decision or other consequence or occurrence arising out of the discharge of his or her duties and responsibilities pursuant to this subchapter.
(Ord. 110, passed 10-25-89; Am. Ord. 118, passed 11-28-90; Am. Ord. 170, passed 5-18-98)

§ 92.08 VIOLATIONS; CIVIL FINES.

A violation of this chapter is a civil infraction subject to a fine. Increased civil fines will be imposed for repeated violations that occur within a six month period. The civil fine for a first offense is $50. The civil fine for the first repeat offense is $250. The civil fine for a second repeat offense is $500.
(Ord. 170, passed 5-18-98)
ORDINANCE NO.   ____________
CITY OF FERRYSBURG

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 92 of the City Code, Burning, to amend provisions regarding prohibited burning, recreational fires, and bonfires.

THE CITY OF FERRYSBURG ORDAINS:

Section 1. Chapter 92 of the Ferrysburg City Code is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

CHAPTER 92: BURNING

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§ 92.01 PURPOSE.

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§ 92.02 DEFINITIONS.

Bonfire means an outdoor ground fire associated with a permitted special event that exceeds a total fuel area of three feet in diameter and two feet in height.
Clean wood means natural wood which has not been painted, varnished, or coated with a similar material; has not been pressure treated with preservatives; and does not contain resins or glues as in plywood or other composite wood products.

Recreational fire means an outdoor fire containing the fuel being burned in an enclosed pit, fire-retaining ring, or portable outdoor fireplace, that is no more than three feet in diameter with a total fuel area of three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height.

Yard waste means grass clippings, leaves, brush, stumps, and uncut tree branches.

§ 92.03 BURNING PROHIBITED.

No person shall ignite or otherwise cause to burn garbage, plastic, styrofoam, skids, chemically treated lumber, pallets, synthetic material, hazardous materials, rubber-based material, yard waste, construction and demolition waste, or any other material aside from clean wood, in any open fire or in a receptacle upon any lands within the municipal boundaries of the City of Ferrysburg.

The provisions of this section shall not prohibit the burning of clean wood in a fireplace or stove for the purpose of cooking or providing heat and shall not prohibit a recreational fire in accordance with § 92.04.

§ 92.04 REQUIREMENTS FOR RECREATIONAL FIRES.

An owner of property, or a person authorized by the owner of property, may burn firewood on his or her property, provided that such shall meet the following requirements:

1. A person 18 years of age or older shall remain in constant attendance during the time the recreational fire is burning or smoldering and until completely extinguished. At least one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, two portable fire extinguishers with a minimum 2-A rating each, or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as a garden hose, water barrel, dirt, or sand, shall be available for immediate utilization.

2. A recreational fire shall only involve the burning firewood, which qualifies as clean wood, as defined in 92.02, that is seasoned and dry. Brush, sticks, and paper shall only be used as kindling to start a recreational fire.

3. No accelerants shall be used to start a recreational fire. Such prohibited accelerants include but are not limited to gasoline, lighter fluid, or any other type of flammable fluid.

4. Recreational fires shall not occur when wind speeds are greater than seven miles per hour.
5. The person or persons tending the recreational fire shall remain in complete control over the fire at all times and shall ensure that the fire does not threaten surrounding properties or create a nuisance.

6. The amount of clean wood to be burned shall not exceed an amount which can reasonably be anticipated to be controlled.

7. Before abandoning the site of the recreational fire or disposing of its remains, the person or persons tending the fire shall take all steps necessary to extinguish any materials still burning, smoking or smoldering.

8. At no time shall any recreational fire occur on or within ten feet of the surface of any public street, public sidewalk, or public bike path in the city.

9. At no time shall any Recreational fire occur within 20 feet of a building or structure.

§ 92.05 REQUIREMENTS FOR BONFIRES.

Bonfires in the City of Ferrysburg are only permitted with prior approval by the Ferrysburg City Council and the Fire Department for special events. Bonfires are subject to compliance with any special restrictions determined by the Fire Chief and payment of costs associated with special fire protection as determined by the City of Ferrysburg.

§ 92.06 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.

It shall be the duty of the Fire Chief of the city or his designee to investigate fires which are in violation of the terms of this subchapter, and to cause them to be extinguished, and to actively endeavor with the cooperation of the Ottawa County Sheriff’s Department to secure the conviction of all persons violating this subchapter.

§ 92.07 ADMINISTRATIVE LIABILITY.

No officer, agent, or employee of the city shall render himself or herself liable for any damage that may accrue to any person as the result of any act, decision or other consequence or occurrence arising out of the discharge of his or her duties and responsibilities pursuant to this subchapter.

§ 92.08 VIOLATIONS; CIVIL FINES.

A violation of this chapter is a civil infraction subject to a fine. Increased civil fines will be imposed for repeated violations that occur within a six month period. The civil fine for a first offense is $50. The civil fine for the first repeat offense is $250. The civil fine for a second repeat offense is $500.
Section 2. Effective Date.

This Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Ferrysburg City Council on the ___ of __________, 2022 and shall take effect upon publication in the Grand Haven Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Ferrysburg.

__________________________
Scott Blease, Mayor

__________________________
Jessie Wagenmaker, City Clerk
Craig Bessinger

From: Lukas Hill <LHill@springlaketwp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 8:55 AM
To: Craig Bessinger
Subject: RE: Coastal Resilience Grant scope and acceptance

It sounds like the Village is out, but the Township is interested in trying for a two for one with Ferrysburg. The fee would then be $3,750 for a total of $30,000 worth of planning effort from LIAA. Shall I pursue? The Township is in regardless, but would prefer to partner.

Thanks Craig!
Lukas

From: Craig Bessinger <cbessinger@ferrysburg.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 8:40 AM
To: Lukas Hill <LHill@springlaketwp.org>
Subject: RE: Coastal Resilience Grant scope and acceptance

Hi Lucas,

Have you had an opportunity to review with the Village?

Craig Bessinger
City of Ferrysburg
17520 Ridge Avenue, P.O. Box 38
Ferrysburg, MI 49409-0038
P: 616-842-5803
C: 616-843-6028

From: Lukas Hill <LHill@springlaketwp.org>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2022 12:04 PM
To: Craig Bessinger <cbessinger@ferrysburg.org>
Subject: RE: Coastal Resilience Grant scope and acceptance

Yes, the Township is on board. I will follow up with you on the Village momentarily.
Lukas

From: Craig Bessinger <cbessinger@ferrysburg.org>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2022 11:40 AM
To: Lukas Hill <LHill@springlaketwp.org>
Subject: RE: Coastal Resilience Grant scope and acceptance

Lukas,

This will be on the July 18 agenda for City Council consideration. I think the total project cost is $30,000, with the grant paying $15,000 and the 3 communities paying $15,000.

Has the Spring Lake Township Board approved participating and has the Spring Lake Village Council approve participating?
June 15, 2022

Lukas Hill, AICP
Community Development Director, Spring Lake Township
101 S Buchanan St
Spring Lake, MI 49456

Dear Mr. Hill,

We are pleased to confirm that the Village of Spring Lake, Spring Lake Township and the City of Ferrysburg are all qualified to participate in the Coastal Community Resilience Matching Grant Program. We believe that your goals demonstrate a commitment to long-range planning for improved community sustainability on Michigan's Great Lakes shorelines, which is the primary objective of the program. We also applaud your collaborative multijurisdictional approach to the program. You have been identified as the primary contact for this project. We ask that you review this letter carefully. If these terms are acceptable, please provide a signed copy.

Great Lakes coastal communities face a unique subset of vulnerabilities and challenges that shift and change under unpredictable conditions over long periods of time. Planning for coastal areas at the local level requires knowledge of both local conditions and state and federal regulations. It also requires that key stakeholders and the public at large understand the need to implement best practices that support coastal sustainability. Therefore, the goal of this project is to help communities plan for and respond to the challenges of our ever-changing shoreline.

Overall Project Description

Per the attached Scope of Services, LIAA will organize and provide planning and technical assistance in 2022 as needed to achieve success in this project, including:

- Project planning and management;
- Educational training;
- Research and analyses (e.g., coastal sustainability assessment, flood hazard mapping, vulnerable populations mapping, etc.);
- Geographic analyses and map production; and
- Development and drafting of a final coastal resilience Master Plan chapter.

LIAA will provide services valued at $30,000 over the term of this project. The Michigan Coastal Management Program will reimburse LIAA $15,000 of these costs. The Village of Spring Lake, Spring Lake Township and the City of Ferrysburg must collectively provide the remaining $15,000 as a cash match to LIAA within 30 days of project startup. Grant funding is allocated on
a first come, first served basis and all project work needs to be completed before the end of 2022.

Participation Agreement

Through their voluntary application and the execution of this agreement, the Village of Spring Lake, Spring Lake Township and the City of Ferrysburg will support the goals and objectives of the Coastal Community Resilience Program and the scope of work contained in this letter.

The Village of Spring Lake, Spring Lake Township and the City of Ferrysburg agree to:

1. Make a cash payment of $15,000 to LIAA as matching funds for the Coastal Community Resilience Program within 30 days of project startup.
2. Contribute the time and commitment of community leaders and appropriate governmental staff members toward the success of this project.
3. With the cooperation and involvement of all local project partners, take steps to assure the implementation of the policies developed through this project.

Please indicate your acceptance of this agreement by providing a signed copy of this agreement to LIAA (see the following page).

Sincerely,

Matt Cowall, Executive Director
Land Information Access Association (LIAA)
324 Munson Ave
Traverse City, MI 49686
231-929-3696
mcowall@liaa.org

Financial assistance for this project is provided, in part, by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, Water Resources Division, Michigan Coastal Management Program through funding provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.
Acceptance

We have read and understand this letter for the *Coastal Community Resilience* project. We agree that the terms and conditions are acceptable to us and that we will comply with these terms and conditions.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________

For the Village of Spring Lake

Print Name: ___________________________

Title: _______________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________

For Spring Lake Township

Print Name: ___________________________

Title: _______________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________

For the City of Ferrysburg

Print Name: ___________________________

Title: _______________________________
Scope of Services
Planning for Coastal Resilience in the Village of Spring Lake, Spring Lake Township and the City of Ferrysburg
Under the Coastal Community Resilience Matching Grant Program

INTRODUCTION
Great Lakes coastal communities face a unique subset of vulnerabilities and challenges that shift and change under unpredictable conditions over long periods of time. It is no secret the Great Lakes are one of the most unique and dynamic environmental features in the world. The Great Lakes Basin contains more than 20% of the world’s surface freshwater, 84% of North America’s surface freshwater and supports a population of more than 33 million people. Michigan — the Great Lakes State — is surrounded by four of the five Great Lakes and is home to 3,300 miles of Great Lakes shoreline.

Yet in general, riparian land (land adjacent to water bodies) in coastal communities throughout the state is not adequately protected from development pressures. Coastal communities especially have an important role to play in protecting the Great Lakes. Way back in 2001, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality acknowledged “fragmentation of coastal habitats, loss of agricultural and forest lands, increased impervious surfaces and resulting stormwater runoff, and the increased development of coastal hazard areas, wetlands and Great Lakes Islands, could be improved through better coastal land use planning.” The high Great Lakes water levels of 2020 brought a new sense of urgency to coastal communities.

Planning for coastal areas at the local level requires knowledge of both local conditions and state and federal regulations. It also calls for a robust community engagement effort, ensuring that key stakeholders and the public at large understand the need to implement best practices that support coastal sustainability. Therefore, the goal of this project is to help your communities plan for and respond to changes at the challenges of our ever-changing shoreline.

ABOUT LIAA
Founded in 1993, the Land Information Access Association (LIAA) is a federally approved, Section 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation that works to make Michigan communities even better places to live, work and play. From its headquarters in Traverse City, LIAA serves communities throughout the state with a staff of nine professionals. LIAA provides innovative community-building and support services for governments, organizations and individual citizens, including: community planning and development; geographic information systems (GIS) and cartography; asset inventories and asset mapping; website development, software and database development, and IT support; community media and video production; public resource management; and related facilitation, training and education. A six-member volunteer Board of Directors oversees all of LIAA’s operations, finances and programs. LIAA staff are all based in Traverse City.

LIAA is recognized as a leading organization in coastal resilience planning. LIAA has developed Resilience Master Plans in over a dozen communities across Michigan as well as plans for the three primary military installations in Michigan. In addition, LIAA and its partners have developed several statewide resilience planning resources, including the Planning for Resilient Communities Handbook. More
recently, LIAA worked with the Michigan Association of Planning to develop the content for its annual Spring Institute as well as a series of statewide training workshops.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES**
This project will provide all three communities with education and an informed analysis on coastal processes and hazards in the community. Deliverables include public education and engagement, flood scenario mapping, vulnerable population mapping and data, and a shoreline sustainability assessment, all compiled into a published chapter of information that can be added to each municipality’s Master Plan and/or other municipal plans.

**Complete the Coastal Sustainability Assessment**
LIAA will compile the data necessary for the community to make informed land-use decisions that are conducive to community resilience. This will involve data collection and mapping that illustrates different shoreline flood risk scenarios; shoreline movement, both historical, current and projected; tree canopy and impervious surfaces; and areas of the community with populations most associated with vulnerability to adverse impacts.

Additionally, LIAA will use its Coastal Sustainability Self-Assessment Tool to evaluate each jurisdiction’s planning documents and code of ordinances to outline what the jurisdictions are and are not already addressing in their municipal documents. LIAA will work with knowledgeable local staff and officials to access relevant documents and to vet the initial findings of the assessment.

**Develop a Coastal Resilience Master Plan Chapter**
LIAA will develop and finalize a coastal resilience Master Plan Chapter that the jurisdictions can include in their respective Master Plans. The chapter will include a comprehensive description of the problems facing Michigan’s coastal communities, along with the results of LIAA’s mapping and data analyses for the respective jurisdiction. The chapter will also include the draft goals and objectives for the respective jurisdiction.

**Public Engagement**
A project website developed by LIAA will serve as a repository for project documents and opportunities for the public to provide input. LIAA will provide the results of the community assessment and a draft version of the Master Plan chapter addendum at a public meeting (e.g., Planning Commission, open house, etc.) to gather community feedback on the data, findings and draft goals and objectives.

**PROJECT COSTS**
The total value of services provided under the project is $30,000. Local cost share for the Village of Spring Lake, Spring Lake Township and the City of Ferrysburg combined is not to exceed $15,000, which will be matched dollar for dollar by the Coastal Community Resilience Grant Program. Financial assistance for this project is being provided, in part, by the Michigan Coastal Management Program, Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, and is supported through a grant under the National Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, administered by the Office for Coastal Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
July 12, 2022

TO:       Mayor and City Council Members

FROM:  Craig Bessinger, City Manager

RE:          Holiday Decorations

Late November, 4 lighted snowflakes were installed at the Pine Street/Third Street intersection. An additional 12 lighted snowflakes were ordered, six to go north on Pine Street, and six for 174th Avenue.

At their meeting on June 13, the Beautification Commission approved the attached quote for 12 additional snowflakes. Also, the Commission recommended street light poles without a lighted snowflake be wrapped with red ribbon.

If approved, there would be 28 street light poles with lighted snowflakes. A street light pole would have either red ribbon or a lighted snowflake. No street light pole would have lighted garland.

Last year, the City paid $2,719 to either wrap a street light pole with red ribbon or install lighted garland on approximately 60 street light poles. There would be a cost to install the red ribbon and hang the light snowflakes. The DPW crew will be busy collecting leaves the week before Christmas.

c: Jessie Wagenmaker, City Clerk
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www.displaysales.com

CITY OF FERRYSBURG

SHIP: Craig Bessinger
To: City of Ferrysburg
545 Maple St.
Ferrysburg, MI 49456

BILL: Craig Bessinger
To: City of Ferrysburg
P.O. Box 38
Ferrysburg, MI 49409

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SUBTOTAL: 4,452.00
SHIPPING & HANDLING: 535.00
SALES TAX: 0.00
TOTAL: 4,987.00

Financing available.

To accept this quotation, sign here and return.

Thank you for your business.
July 13, 2022

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Craig Bessinger, City Manager

RE: Work Session

By policy, City Council is to consider at its first monthly meeting whether or not to schedule a work session for a special City Council meeting, or to include a work session as an agenda item at the next regular meeting.

At the June 6, 2022, meeting, the consensus of City Council was to schedule a work session on the first monthly meeting.

Suggested topics for the work session:

- Hezekiah Smith Historical Marker Site Improvements.

cc: Jessie Wagenmaker, City Clerk