



City of the Village of Clarkston
375 Depot Rd
Clarkston, Michigan 48346
City Council Regular Meeting
01 10 2022

1. Call To Order
2. Pledge Of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
Mayor Haven, Avery, Casey, Fuller, Luginski, Rodgers, Wylie
4. Approval Of Agenda - Motion
5. Public Comments:
Individuals have the opportunity to address the City Council on any agenda item, limiting their comments to three minutes. If you would like a response, please fill out a form with your name, address and summary of your subject for the record. Please come up to the Podium to speak after the Mayor has called you.
6. FYI
7. Sheriff Report For November 2021
Documents:
[SHERIFF REPORT NOVEMBER 2021.PDF](#)
8. City Manager Report
Documents:
[CITY MANAGERS REPORT 01 10 2022.PDF](#)
9. Motion: Acceptance Of The Consent Agenda As Presented
Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Minutes

Final 11 22 2021

Draft 12 13 2021

Treasurer's Report 01 10 2022

Documents:
[01 10 2022 CONSENT AGENDA.PDF](#)
10. Old Business

10.a. Resolution: Second Read Of Short Term Rental Ordinance

Documents:

[RESOLUTION AMEND SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE 01 10 2022.PDF](#)

11. New Business

11.a. Discussion: Senator Bayer Comments On SB 446
Senate Bill 446 is in regards to Short Term Rentals

Documents:

[DISCUSSION SEN BAYER ON SENATE BILL 446 STRS 01 10 2022.PDF](#)

11.b. Resolution: Express Opposition To Michigan HB 4722 & SB 446
House Bill 4722 & Senate Bill 446 pertain to Short Term Rentals.

Documents:

[RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION OF HB 4722 SB 446 01 10 2022.PDF](#)

11.c. Discussion: Optimist Depot Park Event

11.d. Motion: Planning Commission Appointment
Resignation Letter from Elizabeth Rogers

Letter of interest from Andrew North.

Documents:

[MOTION PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT 01 10 2022.PDF](#)

11.e. Discussion: Election Update
Governor Whitmer has called special elections to fill vacancies in the offices of State Representative, 36th District, State Representative 43rd District, and State Representative, 74th District.

03 01 2022 - Special Primary Election

05 03 2022 - Special Election

12. Adjourn

Only those matters that are on the agenda are to be considered for action.

**OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
INDEPENDENCE SUBSTATION**

TO: John Smith, City Manager

FROM: Lieutenant Todd Hill, Substation Commander

SUBJECT: City of the Village of Clarkston Monthly Report

	2021												2021	2020
ARRESTS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD	YTD
Felony (CLR-059)	2	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	1		12	13
Misdemeanors (CLR-059)	3	2	7	5	1	5	1	13	11	10	11		69	46
MICR:														
Violent Crimes (CLR-004)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2		6	12
Property Crimes (CLR-004)	1	0	0	2	1	3	1	0	2	2	1		13	20
TRAFFIC:														
Monthly Warnings - Citation Report	1	2	4	7	1	14	19	3	2	1	2		56	57
Monthly Citations - Citation Report	3	1	1	7	7	17	25	6	6	4	3		80	64
Crashes - Crash Report	1	0	1	3	2	4	2	3	4	1	5		26	22
LIQUOR INSPECTION ACTIVITY:														
Alcohol Compliance Checks (AE)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0		2	0
Violations (CLR-065)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
COMMUNITY LIAISON:														
Community Meetings L3535	1	2	2	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	0		8	0
Community Other L3539	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
STATION STATISTICS:														
Calls for Service (CLR-065)	74	56	144	133	178	177	135	132	106	147	105		1387	975

City of the Village of Clarkston
City Manager Report
January 10, 2022

Winter Street Parking Ordinance

With winter now in full swing, residents are reminded that City Ordinances prohibit parking on a city Street or in a city-owned parking lot from 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM from December 1st to April 1st. This ordinance is in place to facilitate overnight snowplowing. The Oakland County Sheriff does patrol our streets and will issue citations (\$75) if warranted. If the vehicle remains, the sheriff may tow and impound the vehicle.

Depot Park Ice Rink Ready!

With the cold overnight temperatures this week, the Depot Park Ice Rink is now fully frozen and ready for use. Special thanks to Steve Wyckoff and students from the Clarkston Community Schools, Tom Lowrie and Tom Middleton from the Clarkston Area Optimists, the Friends of Depot Park and our DPW team for installing and maintaining the rink.

Downtown Street Lighting

The backordered LED bulbs needed for the three burned-out downtown streetlights were received and installed this week by the DPW team. All streetlights are now functioning properly. If you are aware of other non-functioning lights in the city, please let me know.

Road Potholes

Please also let me know of any potholes you encounter in the city. While the DPW team makes every effort to address these as soon as possible, our up and down winter temperatures can sometimes result in potholes opening in a matter of hours. Potholes in walkways and crosswalks are especially critical to address in a timely manner.

Website 2022 Calendar Updated

This week the City Calendar on our website (villageofclarkston.org) was updated to reflect the known 2022 events, including regular Council, Planning Commission and Historic District Commission meetings as well as the 2022 Elections and City Holidays.

Respectfully submitted, **Jonathan Smith, City Manager, January 6, 2022**



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City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
11 22 2021 Final Minutes

11/22/2021 - Minutes

1. Call To Order

By Mayor Haven @ 7:00 pm

2. Pledge Of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Mayor Haven, Avery, Casey, Fuller, Rodgers, Wylie - Present Luginski - Absent

4. Approval Of Agenda - Motion

Motion by Avery Second by Rodgers to approve the Agenda as presented. All Aye Motion Carried.

5. Public Comments:

By Chet Pardee - Financial Matters

David Delasko - Street lights at W Church and S Holcomb are out.

6. FYI

Clarkston Independence District Library Holiday Boutique and Book Sale Saturday December 4th 10am-3pm.

John, Justin and Isabelle from Team Rush is requesting the banner fee be waived for the Holiday Lights Parade.

Motioned by Avery second by Casey to waive the banner fee for the Holiday Lights Parade. Haven, Avery, Casey, Fuller, Wylie, Rodgers - Yes Motion Carried.

7. Sheriff Report For October 2021

8. City Manager Report

9. Motion Acceptance Of The Consent Agenda As Presented

Motion by Wylie Second by Fuller to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All Aye Motion Carried.

10. Old Business

10.a. Discussion: Parking Revenue Update

11. New Business

11.a. Motion Mayor Pro Tem Appointment

Motion by Haven Second by Avery to appoint Sue Wylie to the position of Mayor Pro Tem through November 1st, 2022. Avery, Haven, Casey, Fuller, Rodgers - Yes Wylie - Abstain. Motion Carries.

11.b. Discussion: Agenda Item Request

Resident Christopher Moore requesting a standing report on current minutes, applications, CoA's, notice to proceeds, denials including updates on current finances and legal reports. Council agreed to quarterly status reports from HDC.

11.c. Discussion: Residential Project Approval Flowchart

11.d. Motion: Policies And Procedures Manual Revisions

Motion by Wylie Second by Casey to approve the revisions to the City's Policy and Procedure Manual. Updating the cover page to reflect the new Council Members names, Updating the office hours and adding June 19teenth as a new Federal Municipal holiday. Avery, Casey, Fuller, Haven, Wylie, Rodgers - Yes Motion Carries.

11.e. Motion: 2022 City Council Meeting Schedule

Motion by Rodgers Second by Fuller to approve the 2022 City Council Meeting dates. All Aye Motion Carries.

12. Adjourn

Motion by Avery Second by Wylie to adjourn at 7:56pm All Aye Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Speagle, City Clerk.



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City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
12 13 2021 **Draft Minutes**

12/13/2021 - Minutes

1. Call To Order

@ 7pm by Mayor Haven

2. Pledge Of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Haven, Wylie, Avery, Casey, Fuller, Luginski, Rodgers - Present.

4. Approval Of Agenda - Motion

Motioned by Wylie Seconded by Avery to approve the Agenda as presented. All Aye Motion Carried

5. Public Comments:

By Chet Pardee regarding City Finances and Cory Johnston regarding the mural for Madisyn Baldwin. Both public comments were read by Mayor Haven.

6. Recognitions & Recommendations

Recognitions were read and given to Margaret DaCosta and Bill Basinger for their years of service on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Recognitions were read and given to Rich Little and Frank Schoebel for the years of service on the Planning Commission.

Motioned by Fuller Seconded by Luginski to appoint Kevin Knapp to replace Rich Little's seat on the Planning Commission ending June 30th, 2023 and Bob Sowles to replace Frank Schoebel's term ending June 30th, 2022.

All Aye Motion Carried.

7. City Manager Report

8. Motion: Acceptance Of The Consent Agenda As Presented

Motioned by Casey Seconded by Wylie to accept the Consent Agenda as subsequently amended. All Aye Motion Carried.

9. Old Business

9.a. Resolution: Reenactment To Go Into Closed Session To Discuss Specific Pending Litigation

Motioned by Wylie Seconded by Rodgers to agree to Reenact its vote on a Resolution to meet in Closed Session as permitted by the Open Meeting Act MCL 15.268(e) on Monday, November 8, 2021.

Haven, Avery, Casey, Fuller, Luginski, Rodgers and Wylie - Yes. Motion Carried.

10. New Business

10.a. Motion: Depot Park Raingarden Footbridge

Motioned by Rodgers and Seconded by Fuller to approve the Installation of a footbridge over the Depot Park Raingarden Extension with the help of the Clarkston Schools Construction Tech program, provided approval of the design is obtained from the Historic District Commission. All Aye motion carried.

10.b. Motion: Rental Housing Certification Program

Motioned by Avery and Seconded by Luginski to request the Planning Commission to research the matter further and return to a future Council meeting with a recommendation. All Aye Motion Carries.

10.c. Motion: Waterford Bank 1/2 Marathon November 13 2022

Motioned by Wylie and Seconded by Avery to approve the plans for the November 12, 2022 Waterford Bank Half Marathon race through the Village of Clarkston. All Aye Motion Carried.

10.d. Motion: Angels Place Race

Motioned by Avery and Seconded by Casey to approve the plans for the May 14, 2022 Angel's Place Race through the Village of Clarkston. All Aye Motion Carried.

10.e. Resolution: Large Truck Plow Repair

Motioned by Rodgers Seconded by Luginski to authorize the City Manager to contract with Truck & Trailer Specialties to replace the unserviceable components of the underbody scraper on the City's large dump truck as soon as possible for the amount of \$5,069.13, with \$2,000.00 funded from the DPW Truck Budget (401-01-970.011), \$800 from the Dump Truck Outside Labor Budget (101-446-862.007) and \$2,269.03 from the DPW Equipment Budget (101-446-970.001).

Haven, Avery, Casey, Fuller, Luginski, Rodgers, Wylie - Yes Motion Carried.

10.f. Motion: Cancellation Of 12 27 2021 City Council Meeting

Motioned by Luginski Seconded by Avery to approve the cancellation of the December 27, 2021 City Council Meeting. All Aye Motion Carried.

11. Adjourn

Motioned by Wylie Seconded by Rodgers to Adjourn @ 8:23pm All Aye Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Speagle, City Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1/10/2022

Treasurer's Report:

I. Disbursements from 12/01/2021 - 12/31/2021

101 General Fund	\$	110,837.66
202 Major Streets	\$	270.19
203 Local Street	\$	310.81
231 Parking Meter Fund	\$	631.35
236 Friends of Depot Park	\$	2,342.22
295 Mill Pond Lake	\$	-
301 GO Bond Debt	\$	-
305 GO Bond Debt	\$	-
401 Capital Projects Fund	\$	6,981.97
590 Sewer Fund	\$	519.06
703 Tax Fund	\$	67,514.35
Total	\$	189,407.61

II. Invoices for review and payment approval

Carlisle Wortman - 2021 Planning Consultation	\$	712.50
Carlisle Wortman - Master Plan, Bldg Adm, Planner & Other	\$	-
HRC (August 31, 2021)	\$	-
HRC (September 2021)	\$	-
Tom Ryan - Professional Services (December Invoice)	\$	1,282.50
Tom Ryan - Clarkston Court Prosecution (Dec. Invoice)	\$	285.00
Total	\$	2,280.00

III. Other Checks for Review

Al's Asphalt Paving Company	\$	6,775.00
	\$	-
	\$	-
Total	\$	6,775.00

GRAND TOTAL	\$	198,462.61
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01/05/2022

CHECK DISBURSEMENT REPORT FOR CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
CHECK DATE FROM 12/01/2021 - 12/31/2021

Check Date	Check #	Payee	Description	Account	Dept	Amount
12/01/2021	10446	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	PARK MATERIALS	728.000	265	47.35
12/01/2021	10447#	CHARTER TWP OF INDEPENDEN	LAW ENFORCEMENT	802.000	301	32,756.54
12/01/2021	10447	CHARTER TWP OF INDEPENDEN	FIRE PROTECTION - IND TWP	802.001	336	39,176.30
			CHECK GEN 10447 TOTAL FOR FUND 101:			71,932.84
12/01/2021	10448	DOUG WEAVER	BLDG INSPECTORS' SALARIES	703.004	371	195.00
12/01/2021	10449	JEFF SHAFER	BLDG INSPECTORS' SALARIES	703.004	371	390.00
12/01/2021	10450	MERLE WEST	BLDG INSPECTORS' SALARIES	703.004	371	195.00
12/01/2021	10451	PSLZ LLP	AUDIT FEES	805.000	223	** VOIDED **
12/01/2021	10452#	GREAT LAKES ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-VH BUILDING	726.004	265	19.98
12/01/2021	10452	GREAT LAKES ACE HARDWARE	DPW SUPPLIES	750.000	441	73.84
			CHECK GEN 10452 TOTAL FOR FUND 101:			93.82
12/01/2021	10453	STAPLES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	727.000	264	111.18
12/08/2021	10454	CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC INC	ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SALARY	703.010	370	607.50
12/08/2021	10455	CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKS	MILL POND ASSESSMENT	934.000	265	117.23
12/08/2021	10455	CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKS	WATER LEVEL CONTROL	956.000	265	99.46
12/08/2021	10455	CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKS	WATER LEVEL CONTROL	956.000	265	9.94
			CHECK GEN 10455 TOTAL FOR FUND 101:			226.63
12/08/2021	10456	COMCAST	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	850.000	264	367.22
12/08/2021	10457	CONSUMERS ENERGY	CONSUMERS ENERGY-VH	921.000	265	196.46
12/08/2021	10458	DTE ENERGY	DTE STREET LIGHTING	926.000	448	1,289.82
12/08/2021	10459	HUBBELL ROTH & CLARK INC	ENGINEERING SERVICES	810.001	721	1,716.40
12/08/2021	10459	HUBBELL ROTH & CLARK INC	ENGINEERING SERVICES	810.001	721	2,088.26
			CHECK GEN 10459 TOTAL FOR FUND 101:			3,804.66
12/08/2021	10460	THOMAS J RYAN PC	LEGAL FEES	803.000	266	2,513.75
12/08/2021	10460	THOMAS J RYAN PC	LEGAL FEES	803.000	266	237.50
			CHECK GEN 10460 TOTAL FOR FUND 101:			2,751.25
12/08/2021	10461	SHERMAN PUBLICATIONS, INC	PUBLICATIONS	901.000	215	75.90
12/08/2021	10462	CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPE	FUEL & OIL FOR EQUIPMENT	862.000	446	206.20
12/08/2021	10463	M-15 HERITAGE ROUTE COMMITT	DUES & CONFERENCES	958.000	101	100.00
12/08/2021	10464	ERIC HAVEN	DUES & CONFERENCES	958.000	101	57.70

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12/08/2021	10465	PSLZ LLP	AUDIT FEES	805.000	223	10,800.00
12/08/2021	10466	OAKLAND COUNTY ANIMAL CON	DOG LICENSES FEES	955.000	264	772.50
12/08/2021	10467	CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOCIATE	BLDG DEPT PROFESSIONAL FEES	809.000	371	1,500.00
12/08/2021	10468	MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL TREASURI	DUES & CONFERENCES	958.000	101	75.00
12/08/2021	10469	DTE ENERGY	DETROIT EDISON-VH	920.000	265	214.43
12/08/2021	10469	DTE ENERGY	DETROIT EDISON-VH	920.000	265	7.78
12/08/2021	10469	DTE ENERGY	DETROIT EDISON-VH	920.000	265	22.78
12/08/2021	10469	DTE ENERGY	DTE UPPER PARKING LOT	923.000	265	200.72
12/08/2021	10469	DTE ENERGY	DTE UPPER PARKING LOT	923.000	265	25.32
12/08/2021	10469	DTE ENERGY	DTE UPPER PARKING LOT	923.000	265	15.41
12/08/2021	10469	DTE ENERGY	DTE UPPER PARKING LOT	923.000	265	14.91
			CHECK GEN 10469 TOTAL FOR FUND 101:			501.35
12/15/2021	10470	CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC INC	VH-PLANNER FEES	811.000	721	721.50
12/15/2021	10471	COMCAST	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	850.000	264	292.59
12/15/2021	10472	PETTY CASH - CITY OF CLARKSTO	PETTY CASH	004.000	000	85.40
12/15/2021	10473	RICOH USA, INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	727.000	264	265.25
12/15/2021	10474	PRINTING SYSTEMS, INC.	SUPPLIES	726.000	262	231.07
12/15/2021	10475	21ST CENTURY MEDIA - MICHIGAN	PUBLICATIONS	901.000	215	191.00
12/15/2021	10476	MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	DUES & CONFERENCES	958.000	101	881.00
12/15/2021	10477	BLUE CARE NETWORK	HEALTH INSURANCE	709.000	441	347.94
12/15/2021	10478	MAZZA AUTO PARTS	DPW LABOR-PICKUP TRUCK	704.001	446	20.89
12/15/2021	10479*#	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	PUBLICATIONS	901.000	215	27.89
12/15/2021	10479	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	TECHNOLOGY/INTERNET EXPENSE	852.000	264	74.15
12/15/2021	10479	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	PARK MATERIALS	728.000	265	669.53
12/15/2021	10479	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	729.000	370	98.16
12/15/2021	10479	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	726.005	446	117.00
12/15/2021	10479	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	DPW EQUIPMENT	970.001	446	470.64
			CHECK GEN 10479 TOTAL FOR FUND 101:			1,457.37
12/16/2021	10480	INDEPENDENCE TOWN. PARKS, R	CDBG DISBURSEMENTS	957.000	265	7,000.00
12/19/2021	10482	TRUCK & TRAILER SPECIALTIES	MATERIAL & OUTSIDE LABOR-DUMP TR	861.007	446	882.99
12/28/2021	10485	ADVANCED MARKETING PARTNE	SUPPLIES	726.000	253	191.50

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12/28/2021	10486	OAKLAND SCHOOLS	SUPPLIES	726.000	253	262.66
12/28/2021	10487	RICOH USA INC	RICOH COPIER LEASE	941.000	264	202.65
12/30/2021	10488	ECONO SIGNS LLC	SUPPLIES	726.005	446	472.81
12/30/2021	10489	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	DPW EQUIPMENT	970.001	446	262.96
12/30/2021	10490	WEINGARTZ SUPPLY CO., INC	MATERIAL & OUTSIDE LABOR-PICKUP T	861.001	446	582.56
12/30/2021	10490	WEINGARTZ SUPPLY CO., INC	MATERIAL & OUTSIDE LABOR-PICKUP T	861.001	446	116.97
			CHECK GEN 10490 TOTAL FOR FUND 101:			699.53
12/30/2021	10491	TRUCK & TRAILER SPECIALTIES	MATERIAL & OUTSIDE LABOR-PICKUP T	861.001	446	71.17
			Total for fund 101 GENERAL			110,837.66
12/15/2021	10479*#	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLY & MTLs - NON-WINTER MAINT	726.001	451	128.78
12/19/2021	10481*	ROAD COMM FOR OAKLAND CTY	SALT - WINTER MAINTENANCE	778.001	453	141.41
			Total for fund 202 MAJOR STREET			270.19
12/15/2021	10479*#	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLY & MTLs - NON-WINTER MAINT	726.001	451	258.51
12/19/2021	10481*	ROAD COMM FOR OAKLAND CTY	SALT - WINTER MAINTENANCE	778.001	453	52.30
			Total for fund 203 LOCAL STREET			310.81
12/01/2021	1139	SPRINT / NEXTEL COMMUNICATI	PHONE EQUIPMENT	760.000	264	56.03
12/08/2021	1140	PASSPORT LABS, INC	MISC EXPENSE	757.000	264	31.25
12/08/2021	1140	PASSPORT LABS, INC	MISC EXPENSE	757.000	264	423.00
			CHECK PARK 1140 TOTAL FOR FUND 231:			454.25
12/28/2021	1141	SPRINT / NEXTEL COMMUNICATI	MISC EXPENSE	757.000	264	61.58
12/28/2021	1142	T2 SYSTEM CANADA INC	MISC EXPENSE	757.000	264	59.49
			Total for fund 231 PARKING METER FUND			631.35
12/15/2021	1019	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	BENCH MEMORIAL	753.000	264	2,342.22
			Total for fund 236 FRIENDS OF DEPOT PARK			2,342.22
12/22/2021	10483	ADT	PROFESSIONAL & CONTRACTUAL SERVI	805.001	901	206.97
12/22/2021	10484	AL'S ASPHALT PAVING CO	RESURFACING OF ROADS	970.006	901	6,775.00
			Total for fund 401 CAPITAL PROJECT FUND			6,981.97
12/08/2021	2092	PSLZ LLP	MISC EXPENSE	955.000	536	450.00
12/22/2021	2093	GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY	IWC CHARGES IND TWP	814.002	536	69.06
			Total for fund 590 SEWER			519.06
12/06/2021	719(E)	CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOO	TAX COLLECTIONS	220.000	000	4,357.47

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Check Date	Check #	Payee	Description	Account	Dept	Amount
12/06/2021	720(E)	OAKLAND COUNTY TREASURER	TAX COLLECTIONS	220.000	000	3,737.45
12/06/2021	721(E)	CITY OF CLARKSTON CVT	TAX COLLECTIONS	220.000	000	1,795.80
12/06/2021	722(E)	CITY OF CLARKSTON 2007 BOND	TAX COLLECTIONS	220.000	000	431.38
12/06/2021	723(E)	CITY OF CLARKSTON 2012 BOND	TAX COLLECTIONS	220.000	000	813.93
12/06/2021	724(E)	CLARKSTON INDEPENDENCE DIS	TAX COLLECTIONS	220.000	000	73.96
12/19/2021	2840	T PAPTAEODOROPOULOS	TAX COLLECTIONS	220.000	000	60.57
12/20/2021	725(E)	OAKLAND COUNTY TREASURER	TAX COLLECTIONS	220.000	000	6,657.70
12/20/2021	726(E)	CITY OF CLARKSTON CVT	TAX COLLECTIONS	220.000	000	40,486.09
12/20/2021	727(E)	CLARKSTON INDEPENDENCE DIS	TAX COLLECTIONS	220.000	000	8,169.15
12/20/2021	728(E)	INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP DEL	TAX COLLECTIONS	220.000	000	22.00
12/20/2021	729(E)	MILL POND ASSOCIATION	TAX COLLECTIONS	220.000	000	586.15
12/20/2021	730(E)	CITY OF CLARSTKON SEWER-DEL	TAX COLLECTIONS	220.000	000	322.70
			Total for fund 703 TAX			67,514.35
			TOTAL - ALL FUNDS			189,407.61

'*'-INDICATES CHECK DISTRIBUTED TO MORE THAN ONE FUND

'#'-INDICATES CHECK DISTRIBUTED TO MORE THAN ONE DEPARTMENT



Carlisle | Wortman

ASSOCIATES, INC.

117 NORTH FIRST STREET SUITE 70 ANN ARBOR, MI 48104 734.662.2200 734.662.1935 FAX

INVOICE

Jonathan Smith, City Mgr.
The City of the Village of Clarkston
375 Depot Road
Clarkston, MI 48346

Invoice No. 2163388
Client No.: 273
Date: 12/14/21
Period End: 11/30/2021

Planning Consultation

11/8/2021	BC	City Council meeting attendance	1.00 @ 105.00/hr =	105.00
11/18/2021	AS	Review Ordinance & Zoning code	2.00 @ 90.00/hr =	180.00
11/19/2021	AS	Review Ordinance & Zoning code	3.00 @ 90.00/hr =	270.00
11/23/2021	BC	Prepared public hearing notice	1.00 @ 105.00/hr =	105.00
11/30/2021	BC	Responded to deck question from City Manager	0.50 @ 105.00/hr =	52.50

AMOUNT DUE THIS INVOICE:

\$712.50

101-721-811.000

Thomas J. Ryan, P.C.

2055 Orchard Lake Road
Sylvan Lake, MI 48320

Invoice submitted to:
Jonathan Smith
City Manager
375 Depot Road
Clarkston, MI 48346

December 30, 2021

In Reference To: Clarkston Court/Prosecution
Invoice #10992

Professional Services

	<u>Hrs/Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/1/2021 Review correspondence from Sheriff's Department re: restitution for bicycle; Phone call to defendant's attorney (Clarkston v LaBonte)	1.00 95.00/hr	95.00 -
12/9/2021 Attend Pretrial Hearing, via zoom, before Judge Kostin re: Clarkston vs LaBonte	1.00 95.00/hr	95.00 ✓
Correspondence to Deputy Buiting re: defendant's plea; restitution and bicycle (Clarkston vs. LaBonté); Review correspondence from Deputy Buiting re: bicycle	0.50 95.00/hr	47.50 -
12/15/2021 Review correspondence from 52/2 District Court re: Notice to Appear re: Clarkston vs LaBonte	0.50 95.00/hr	47.50 ✓
For professional services rendered	3.00	\$285.00
Previous balance		\$237.50
Accounts receivable transactions		
12/17/2021 Payment - Thank You No. 10460		(\$237.50)
Total payments and adjustments		(\$237.50)
Balance due		<u>\$285.00</u>

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December 30, 2021

Invoice #10993

Professional Services

	<u>Hrs/Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/1/2021 Review correspondences from Mr. Ben Carlisle and City Manager re: dock/deck on Hill Side Drive	1.00 95.00/hr	95.00 ✓
12/6/2021 Review Appellant's Reply Brief re: (42 W. Washington - Lehman v City/HDC); Correspondence to City Manager and Mr. Meloche re: forwarded copy of Appellant's Reply Brief	0.50 95.00/hr	47.50 ✓
12/10/2021 Draft/revise Reenactment of Resolution to go into Closed Session to Discuss Specific Pending Litigation	1.00 95.00/hr	95.00 ✓
12/13/2021 Review Council Packet for 12/13/21 council meeting	0.50 95.00/hr	47.50 ✓
Attend City Council Meeting virtually	1.50 95.00/hr	142.50 ✓
12/20/2021 Review Motion for Miscellaneous Relief and exhibits filed by Appellant re: Lehman v Clarkston/HDC - 42 W. Washington	2.00 95.00/hr	190.00 ✓
Review FOIA request from Mrs. Bisio re: Kay Valley vs Clarkston; review file for documents	3.00 95.00/hr	285.00 ✓
12/21/2021 Review FOIA request from Mr. Roth re: 42 W. Washington; review file for documents	2.00 95.00/hr	190.00 ✓
12/28/2021 Review file and documents for FOIA request from Ms. Bisio re: Kay Valley vs. Clarkston	2.00 95.00/hr	190.00 ✓
For professional services rendered	13.50	\$1,282.50
Previous balance		\$2,513.75

Jonathan Smith

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	<u>Amount</u>
Accounts receivable transactions	
12/17/2021 Payment - Thank You No. 10460	(\$2,513.75)
Total payments and adjustments	(\$2,513.75)
Balance due	<u>\$1,282.50</u>



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INVOICE

Invoice Date 12-17-2021	Job No. 60497-2021	Invoice No. 28334
P.O. No.	Estimator ED	Terms Upon Receipt

City Of Clarkston
 375 Depot Rd
 Clarkston, MI 48346

Job Location: DEPOT RD

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2021 CATCH BASIN REPAIR SIGNED CONTRACT ATTACHED	6,775.00
401-901-970.006 <i>IS</i>	
Amount Billed	\$6,775.00
AMOUNT DUE	\$6,775.00

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, TO ADDRESS AND REGULATE SHORT TERMS RENTALS WITHIN THE CITY

The City of the Village of Clarkston Ordains:

Section 1.01. The City of the Village of Clarkston Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to add the following language addressing Short Term Rentals within the City of the Village of Clarkston:

Section 2.01. Definition.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL: Any dwelling that is rented wholly or partly for compensation, for periods of 28 days or less, by persons other than the permanent resident or owner. Any property rented for greater than 28 consecutive days would not be considered a Short-Term Rental property and not subject to Short-Term Rental regulations.

Section 3.01. Amend Article X1, VC, Village Commercial District, to add (S) to read as follows:

Section 11.01: Principal permitted uses:

S. Short-Term Rental.

Section 4.01. Add Section 14.14: Short-Term Rental to read as follows:

Section 14.14: Short-Term Rental.

A. Intent. Regulation of short-term rentals is necessary to establish a community standard for the integration of short-term rental units in the city to ensure health, safety, and welfare of visitors and residents by re-affirming police, fire, and building safety guidelines.

B. Districts. Short-Term Rental are a permitted use in the VC, Village Commercial. Short-Term Rental are not a permitted or special use in any other zoning district.

C. Advertising. Any Short-Term Rental advertisement both on site and via online platform (Airbnb or other) must contain the City's assigned Short-Term Rental permit registration number for that property.

D. Occupancy. Occupancy is limited to two (2) times the number of bedrooms in the principal structure.

E. Safety Inspections. All short-term rental properties must have a Building Department “safety” inspection prior to obtaining a short-term rental license or renewal.

F. Length of Stay. A short-term rental property is limited to a total of 90 rental nights per calendar year (collective). The minimum stay is 2 nights.

G. Registration. All Short-Term Rental properties must be registered annually with the City to obtain an annual permit. Each property owner must pay an annual fee to the City to operate a Short-Term Rental. This fee will be collected during the permit application process.

H. Revocation. Short-term rental owners who do not adhere to these regulations are subject to loss of City Short-Term Rental License.

I. Sunset. Any existing rentals in the City that are defined as a Short-Term Rentals must be cease operations within twelve months, unless if the existing Short-Term Rental is located in VC, Village Commercial, the property owner of the Short-Term Rental may apply for a Short-Term Rental zoning approval and license.

Section 5:01. Repealer Clause.

All ordinances of the city in conflict with the provisions herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 6:01. Severability Clause.

Should any section, subdivision, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated.

Section 7:01. Effective Date.

Public Hearing having been held by the Planning Commission for the City of the Village of Clarkston on July 19, 2021, the provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after publication.

Made and passed by the City Council of the City of the Village of Clarkston this _____ day of _____, 2022.

ERIC HAVEN, Mayor

Jennifer Speagle, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

I, Jennifer Speagle, being the duly appointed and qualified Clerk of the City of the Village of Clarkston, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify and declare that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of the Village of Clarkston at a regular meeting thereof held on the _____ day of _____, 2022.

Jennifer Speagle, City Clerk



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ASSOCIATES, INC.

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TO: Planning Commission, The City of the Village of Clarkston
Jonathon Smith, City Manager
Tom Ryan, City Attorney

FROM: Benjamin R. Carlisle, AICP

DATE: July 13, 2021

RE: Short Term Rentals

On May 17, 2021, the Planning Commission, based on the direction from the City Council, discussed short-term rental zoning ordinance and licensing regulations. After discussion, the Planning Commission voted 5-0 to forward the following draft regulation language to the City Council for the Council's consideration.

On June 14, 2021, the City Council considered the draft regulations forwarded by the Planning Commission. After discussion, the City Council directed the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing to consider draft zoning regulation language.

Zoning Regulations

New language to the existing zoning ordinance is in **red**:

Section 2.01: Definitions

SHORT-TERM RENTAL: Any dwelling that is rented wholly or partly for compensation, for periods of 60 consecutive days or less, by persons other than the permanent resident or owner. Any property rented for greater than 61 consecutive days would not be considered a Short-Term Rental property and not subject to Short-Term Rental regulations.

Section 11.01: principal permitted uses:

No building or land shall be used and no building shall be erected except for one or more of the following specified uses, unless otherwise provided in this Ordinance.

- A. Accessory structures, uses, and signs incidental customarily to the permitted uses in this district.
- B. Apartments. All public utilities must hook up to public water where available. All units shall have at least one (1) living room and one (1) bedroom, except that five percent (5%) of the units may be of an efficient apartment type, and not more than twenty-five percent (25%) may be of one bedroom units, or fifty percent (50%) in a mixed-use building. Business and office uses may occupy a building used for residential uses provided that no

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such business or office use may be located on the same floor as used for residential purposes, and no floor may be used for business or office use on a floor located above a floor used for residential purposes. Further, where there is mixed business/office and residential use in a building there shall be provided a separate, private pedestrian entranceway for the residential use.

- C. Business schools and colleges.
- D. Business establishments which perform services on premises such as, but not limited to: banks, savings and loans, and credit unions (not including drive-thru branches), insurance offices, real estate offices and travel agencies. Pedestrian-oriented ATM facilities.
- E. Churches, temples, and similar places of worship.
- F. Clubs, fraternal organizations, and lodge halls.
- G. Dry cleaning establishments (not to exceed four thousand [4,000] square feet), or pick-up stations, dealing directly with the consumer. Central dry cleaning plants serving more than one (1) retail outlet shall be prohibited.
- H. Generally recognized retail businesses which supply commodities on the premise, (under ten thousand [10,000] square feet), such as but not limited to: groceries, meats, fruits and produce, dairy products, baked goods, and other specialty food products (excluding all restaurants); and stores selling drugs, dry goods, flowers, clothing, notions, furniture, and hardware. Retail sales may be conducted outdoors on sidewalks provided:
 - 1. At least five (5) feet of sidewalk width is unobstructed for pedestrian traffic.
 - 2. All equipment and merchandise is kept indoors during non-business hours.
- I. Medical offices including offices of doctors, dentists, and similar or allied professions, with up to ten thousand (10,000) square feet gross floor area.
- J. Indoor commercial recreational facilities such as health clubs, hard ball and racquetball facilities, pool and billiard establishments, tennis, archery, and other similar type facilities.
- K. Newspaper offices.
- L. Offices of an executive, administrative or professional nature, with up to ten thousand (10,000) square feet gross floor area.
- M. Outdoor theater, plazas, parks, and public gathering places.
- N. Personal service shops providing that each occupies a total usable floor area of not more than four thousand (4,000) square feet, including but not limited to such uses as: repair shops (watches, radio, television, shoe, etc.), tailor and dressmaking shops, beauty parlors, barber shops, and photographic studios.
- O. Public and quasi-public uses such as municipal offices, court houses, public off-street parking facilities, libraries, museums, public safety facilities and fraternal organizations.
- P. Retail sales in which both a workshop and retail outlet or showroom are required, such as plumbing, electrician, interior decorating, upholstering, printing, photographic reproducing, radio, and home appliance and similar establishments of similar character subject to the provision that not more than eighty percent (80%) of the total useable floor area of the establishment shall be used for servicing, repairing, or processing activities and further provided that such retail outlet or showroom activities area shall be provided in that portion of the building where the customer entrance is located.
- Q. Restaurants (except drive-throughs), taverns and bars where the patrons are served while seated within the building occupied by such establishment.

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- R. Theaters, assembly halls, community centers, or similar places of assembly when conducted completely within enclosed buildings.
- S. Short-term Rental

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Yours Truly,

RE: Short Term Rentals

July 13, 2021

Benjamin R. Carlisle

CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC., INC.
Benjamin R. Carlisle, LEED AP, AICP

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Eric Haven
FROM: Sen. Rosemary Bayer
SUBJECT: Senate Bill 446
DATE: January 7, 2022

I am opposed to Senate Bill 446 as it currently stands. This bill would remove control from our local governments and is a one-size-fits-all solution to an issue that needs tailor-made responses addressed individually by each community.

Short-term rentals compete with established hotels and motels, taking away jobs and reducing state revenues from reduced taxes collected. They can also negatively impact the quality of life and housing values in the neighborhoods in which they're established, particularly as many sit empty during the winter months.

As I am sure you are aware, Senate Bill 446 was introduced by Senator Aric Nesbitt on May 13, 2021 and was reported favorably from the Committee on Regulatory Reform. The bill is now awaiting action by the Senate as a whole.

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS OPPOSITION TO MICHIGAN HB 4722 AND SB 446
PERTAINING TO LOCAL CONTROL OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES

At a regular meeting of the of the City of the Village of Clarkston, City Council, Oakland County, Michigan, held at the City Offices in the City of the Village of Clarkston, on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following Resolution was offered by _____ with support from _____ to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Michigan House Bill No. 4722 (HB 4722) was introduced on April 27, 2021 and passed on October 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Senate Bill No. 446 (SB 446) was introduced on May 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, after holding a Public Hearing on the matter, the City of the Village of Clarkston Council has publicly expressed their opposition to Short-Term Rentals in the City’s residential districts; and

WHEREAS, local municipal leaders are best suited to know and appreciate the unique needs of their community and to maintain the proper balance between residential and commercial uses with respect to the interests of both residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, HB 4722 and SB 446 completely usurp local control and render meaningless the wishes of the public with regards to the regulation of rental property within residential districts; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Court of Appeals (Reaume v. Spring Lake, 2019) has concluded that the regulation of short-term rentals within R-1 residential districts is “consistent with

caselaw establishing that commercial or business uses of property – that is, uses intended to generate a profit – are generally inconsistent with residential uses of property” and the Michigan Supreme Court (Reaume v. Spring Lake, 2020) has affirmed the judgement of the Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of the Village of Clarkston believes that the regulation of rental property within residential districts, including both short-term and long-term rentals, is critical in advancing the health, safety and welfare of both residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, HB 4722 and SB 446 demonstrate the exact opposite of common sense and sound reasoning in proposing to legislate that “the rental of a dwelling... is not a commercial use of property”; and

WHEREAS, if enacted, HB 4722 and SB 446 will result in untold damage to the character of residential neighborhoods in Clarkston as well as throughout the State of Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of the Village of Clarkston vehemently opposes the possible enactment of HB 4722 or SB 446 and that copies of this resolution be delivered to Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Senator Rosemary Bayer (12th District).

RESOLVED,

AYES: _____

NAYES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTENTIONS: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Eric Haven, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Jennifer Speagle, being the duly appointed and qualified Clerk of the City of the Village of Clarkston, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify and declare that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of the Village of Clarkston at its regular meeting held on January 10, 2022.

JENNIFER SPEAGLE, City Clerk

City of the Village of Clarkston

375 Depot Road
Clarkston, Michigan 48346

Motion - Planning Commission Appointments

Planning Commissioner Elizabeth Rogers has submitted the attached letter of resignation from the Planning Commission effective January 9, 2022.

Resident Andrew North has expressed interest in replacing Elizabeth, providing the attached letter of interest and background.

Andrew North is hereby appointed to replace Elizabeth, serving the balance of her term through June 2023.

Motioned by _____ and Seconded by _____ to accept the above listed nominations.

Avery	Casey	Fuller	Haven	Luginski	Rodgers	Wylie	Totals
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Motion is Adopted

Motion is Defeated

Jennifer Speagle, City Clerk

January 10, 2022

Date

January 9, 2022

Dear Eric,

After careful consideration, I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign from the Planning Commission, effective immediately. While I have enjoyed my time on the planning commission, my family and work obligations have become too great for me to be able to continue to fulfill the requirements of a planning commission member.

I have truly enjoyed being a member of the City of the Village of Clarkston's Planning Commission and I thank you for allowing me to serve this great community.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Rogers

January 6, 2022

**Request for Appointment to the Planning Commission
for the City of the Village of Clarkston**

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Andrew North, and I would like to formally request to be appointed to the Planning Commission for the City of the Village of Clarkston.

My Background

In 1990, my family moved into the Village of Clarkston at 30 Clarkston Road, where I now live with my own family. The house was built in 1920 and looked every bit its age. It was a modest (small), two bedroom, one bathroom fixer-upper. But it was well made, and had a picturesque front porch, fieldstone exterior and original hardwood floors. My parents imagined how they could build it into the home they wanted their family to grow up in. It took them years of hard work, sacrifices and setbacks, but the house grew beautifully with our family. It's still a small house by modern standards, but it's history, quality and charm make it an exceptional home.

I was fortunate to grow up in the Village. My brother and I walked to school with our friends. We would save change to buy penny candies and baseball cards at Hallman's. We explored every inch of the town on our bikes. We spent the summer swimming in Parke Lake. For good or bad, we knew all the neighbors and all the neighbors knew us.

After high school I attended Michigan State University, got to travel to other countries, and made many new friends from other places. I then attended law school at the University of Detroit and lived in several other communities in metro-Detroit. When we found out my wife Angela, who is also from Clarkston, was pregnant there wasn't a doubt between us that we were going to move back home, to Clarkston, to raise our own family.

We moved back to Clarkston in 2011 but had to wait until 2020 to move back into the Village. My parents had decided to move for their retirement and my wife and our three children moved back into the same house I grew up in, in hopes they could get the same magical childhood experiences I did.

Applicable Skills

I am an attorney at Karlstrom Cooney LLP. Prior to that I worked at a mid-sized firm in Birmingham, and then at a non-profit in Detroit. My area of practice is in estate planning and elder law, as well as real property and business law. I am also a certified mediator.

The applicable skills I would bring to the planning commission include my legal training and education in detailed analysis of issues and ability to understand and apply the rules/laws/ordinances to any given circumstance. I believe my knowledge of and experience in real property law and property issues would be beneficial to the commission. As well as my skills and experience in mediation – handling conflicts from a neutral position, ensuring all parties understand the governing rules, and being a guide to reach a settlement of their conflicts.

As an estate planning attorney, one primary focus is to assess and plan for a multitude of future possibilities with the hope that any problems that arise will have already been accounted for, and that those problems will be mitigated or avoided entirely. I believe this would be a useful viewpoint for a planning commission member.

As an elder law attorney, I have a keen appreciation for the issues facing aging adults, including helping people age in their homes. As a father, I have an equally keen appreciation for the issues facing families who want a safe and healthy community to raise their children.

Clarkston is a rare place. We have done an amazing job balancing the history, charm and beauty of our mill town with the growth and change that is inevitable. We are lucky to have become a destination where people want to live and the growth that comes with that, but also must be mindful not to change or damage the very history and nature that make us a desirable place to live.

There are many competing interests that need to be managed, but above them all is preserving Clarkston's quality and history as one of the best communities in America. Clarkston is a small town by modern standards, but it's history, quality and charm make it an exception home. My goal as a member of the planning commission would be to work to keep it that way.



Andrew North