

**CITY OF LUNA PIER**  
**LUNA PIER COUNCIL**  
Luna Pier, Michigan

Regular Meeting  
October 10, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

Mayor Gardner called the Regular Meeting October 10, 2024 of the Luna Pier Council to order at 7:00 PM at Water Tower 11345 Harold, Luna Pier, Mi. The roll was called and Pledge of Allegiance said.

**CALL TO ORDER-  
ROLL CALL-  
PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE**

James Gardner, Mayor	Present
Dawn Gramza, Councilmember	Present
Joy Perry, Councilmember	Present
Neil Wakeman, Councilmember	Present – Absent Excused
Diana Szkatulski, Councilmember	Present
Amanda Neiding, Councilmember	Present
Marc Donnelly, Councilmember	Present

Szkatulski moved, supported by Gramza to approve the consent agenda items A - B as presented, waiving the reading. Motion carried, all in favor.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Neiding moved, supported by Szkatulski to approve the Bill's Warrant #14197 (paid) in the amount of \$8,374.12, and Bill's Warrant #14198 (unpaid) in the amount of \$11,445.59 as presented, waiving the reading. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

**BILL'S WARRANT**

Dustin Drabek – Decker Insurance Proposal

- Mr. Drabek presented on the 2024-2025 insurance proposal for the city. He explained reasons for increases in the premium, ways the city can reduce the premium, and answered council's questions.

**PRESENTATION**

Mayor's Report was given verbal and written

- Mayor requested training funds for an upcoming Site Plan Review Training he would like to see Planning Commissioners attend. The cost is \$79 per participant. The Council agreed and will fund those on the commission who want to attend.

**MAYOR REPORT**

Department Reports –Police Dept. - none  
Fire Dept. – September Fire Station Report  
Building Dept - none

**DEPARTMENT  
REPORTS**

Committee Minutes- DDA -none  
Flood – none  
Parks & Rec - none  
Planning -none

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

- Parks & Rec are doing the Shining Star from October to December

- Parks & Rec are doing the calendar again this year
- Freedom Festival Committee is meeting on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Perry's residence.

None at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Jason Burt, Mason Consolidated Schools, thanked the community for taking the survey. There will be a meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Also, there are 3 School Board seats available on the ballot.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Szkatulski moved, supported by Gramza, to approve the formation of a Blight Committee. Motion carried on roll call vote, all in favor.

**BLIGHT COMMITTEE FORMATION**

Szkatulski moved, supported by Gramza, to approve Marc Donnelly as Interim Chairperson for the Blight Committee, with the committee members choosing the Chairperson. Motion carried on roll call vote, all in favor

**BLIGHT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

Gramza moved, supported by Neiding, to approve the Healthcare coverage from Paramount, option 1 in the amount of \$76,220.52 for one-year effective Dec. 1, 2024 to Nov. 30, 2025. Motion carried on roll call vote, Gramza, Perry, Neiding, Donnelly, Mayor Gardner in favor, Szkatulski against.

**HEALTHCARE COVERAGE FOR 2024/25 EMPLOYEES**

Gramza moved, to approve the Decker Insurance Package, increasing vehicle deductible to \$5,000, for one year effective 11-17-2024 to 11-17-2025, with the caveat that the savings be put into escrow. Upon discussion, Gramza rescinded her motion.

**DECKER INSURANCE PACKAGE (RESCINDED)**

Szkatulski moved, seconded by Perry to approve the Decker Insurance Package with the savings from reduced FTEs and an increase in vehicle deductible going to Fire escrow. Discussion occurred on which escrow account to give the money. Szkatulski and Perry rescinded their motions.

**DECKER INSURANCE PACKAGE (RESCINDED)**

Discussion occurred on focusing solely on the Decker Package. All were in favor. Perry said she'd second that motion. Unfortunately, there was no first to move this motion. A roll call vote was taken mistakenly. Motion carried, five in favor and one against.

**DECKER INSURANCE PACKAGE (MISTAKE)**

- Discussion occurred on putting savings from decrease in FTEs and increase in vehicle deductible into escrow account.
- Discussion occurred on what was budgeted for insurance vs. what its final amount will be.
- Discussion occurred that the Decker Insurance Package should be voted on and leaving the escrow discussion for another time.

Neiding moved, supported by Szkatulski to approve Resolution #974 MDOT Agreement. Motion carried on roll call vote, all in favor.

**RESOLUTION #974 MDOT AGREEMENT**

- Neiding and Gramza both voiced approval for the new crosswalk painted on Harold.
- Szkatulski wondered if an additional crosswalk should be put in on

**COUNCIL INPUT**

Luna Pier by the Chateau. Gramza noted that it is not a safe place for a crosswalk.

- Szkatulski would like to know why the police took their vehicle to Toledo for a car wash rather than using the one in town.
- Donnelly shared that the new bridge speed limit was raised from 35 to 45 mph. After discussion it was decided to put in a 25 mph Ahead sign for those entering into the city.
- Donnelly requested a meeting with the City's lawyer for an update on the lawsuit, or at least getting a statement from the lawyer so council members can answer resident's questions on this matter.
- Council members asked when will the Luna Pier sign be painted on the bridge, and when will Luna Pier detour signs be removed.

None at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None at this time.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Parks & Recreation, Tuesday, November 12, 2024 @ 7:00 PM at Library  
FEP, Tuesday, October 15, 2024 @ 7:00 PM at Water Tower  
DDA, Tuesday, October 22, 2024 @ 7:00 PM at Water Tower  
Planning, Tuesday October 22, 2024, @ 4:00 PM at Water Tower  
City Council, Thursday, October 24, 2024 @ 7:00 PM @ Water Tower

**MEETING DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

Donnelly moved, supported by Perry to adjourn at 8:38 pm.  
Motion carried, all in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Charlie Boyce

City Clerk  
City of Luna Pier