

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021**

The Special Work Session of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Bob Monetza.

Present: Council Members Mike Dora, Ryan Cummins, Dennis Scott, Mike Fritz, and Mayor Bob Monetza.

Absent: None.

Others Present: City Manager Patrick McGinnis, Assistant City Manager Ashley Latsch, Finance Director Amy Bessinger, Public Works Director Derek Gajdos, MSDDA Director Jeremy Swiftney, Assessor Josh Morgan, Officer Matt Padding and City Attorney Ron Bultje.

1. Michigan Tax Tribunal Update

- Josh Morgan, Assessor

Assessor Josh Morgan presented an update on appeals cases. Morgan noted that there had been an uptick in cases, likely COVID-19 related. Morgan further explained that in 2020 there were 9 completed cases, and 2 pending. Overall, the total requested reduction in taxes was 34.5%, and through the appeal process, the result was only a 1.46% reduction.

Morgan emphasized the importance of defending property values where defensible.

Council Members thanked Morgan for the work that he does on behalf of the city.

2. Storm Water Permit Status

- Derek Gajdos, DPW Director

Public Works Director Derek Gajdos explained the history and water quality standards that are impacting this effort. Gajdos clarified the process, reviewing that the city obtained the permit October 1, 2021 and had a number of items to complete in the coming months; including open houses and the overall ordinance adoption.

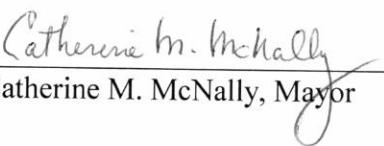
Mayor Monetza inquired as to what the community could expect to see at the open houses.

Director Gajdos responded that the open houses would be an educational opportunity for citizens, developers, and any interested party. The open houses would provide explanations of the upcoming changes, along with the opportunity to ask questions.

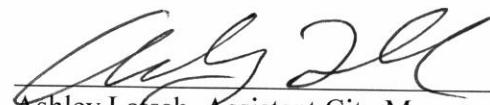
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3. Adjournment

After hearing no further business, Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.



Catherine M. McNally, Mayor



Ashley Latsch, Assistant City Manager