

**VILLAGE OF CARLETON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2009**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at 1230 Monroe Street, Carleton, MI 48117. Members present President Joe Diaz, Councilmen Dennis McCormick, Donald Mell, Thom Zemke, Chris Ciersezwski, Glenn Goodnight, Bob McLaughlin, Treasurer Peggy Lieffer and Clerk Lori Dahl. Also present Engineer John Emig and Attorney Jeff Osment.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Don Mell.

A motion was made by Dennis McCormick, supported by Don Mell, to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated December 22, 2008, Thom Zemke ask the paragraph stating, "*President Diaz said the article in the paper regarding the resignation of Mrs. Carolyn Sharron from the planning commission had 4 major errors in it*" be deleted from the minutes, because the errors were not discussed. All in favor, motion carried.

Glenn Goodnight asked why "audience comments" was changed to "resident's comments" on the agenda. President Diaz said because he sounded like a show, Jeff Osment suggested it change to public comments, council agreed. President Diaz said he will have it listed as Public comments on future agenda's.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Attorney Jeff Osment
Copy of the Budget
D.E.Q.
U.S. Department of Commerce
Michigan Storm water Flood Plan Association
Ash-Carleton Park Commission
Sunoco
Monroe County Health Department

OLD BUSINESS:

Pole Barn – Don Mell said the trusses are in and work on the pole barn is moving right along.

Park Commission – Attorney Jeff Osment was asked to research the formation of the Ash Carleton Park Commission and the appointments there to: He has reviewed two full volumes of the Village of Carleton council minutes spanning in time period of Dec 12, 1955 to March14, 1968. Information gathered from meeting minutes of: September 19, 1960 - January 9 1962 - April 9, 1962 - June 11, 1962 - July 9, 1962 - November 12, 1962 - March 14, 1963 & April 16, 1963. At the April 16, 1963 Regular Meeting of the Village Council a Resolution was

adopted as to the Village Park. Information gathered from the minutes clarifies how appointments are made today. Mr. Osment will send a letter to Ash Township in response to their question as to why things are done the way they are.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kate Ebli – President Diaz talked with Kate Ebli and gave her our streetscape plan to try to get her to earmark funds for our project.

Chris Ciersezwski said due to his recent move outside of the Village, he is resigning his position as councilman. Chris will deliver a letter to the Village offices.

Glenn Goodnight said he has a letter from Mr. Tom Reiser who is interested in the open councilman's position. Glenn made a motion to nominate Mr. Reiser as councilman, Don Mell said because of other interests in the position; he felt they should wait until next meeting. The Council agreed, motion died.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Dennis McCormick asked President Diaz to thank the D.P.W. workers for their efforts in keeping the roads open during the last big snow storm.

Thom Zemke asked council why they agreed to a \$10,000.00 raise for the attorney at the last meeting. Last year we budgeted \$14,000.00 for attorney fees. President Diaz said the budget is set at what we plan on spending. Don Mell said Mr. Osment proposed to be on retainer at \$2000.00 per month, to handle all legal issues, and council agreed.

Clerk Lori Dahl asked how the rental inspections are coming along. President Diaz said they are in the works, however, they are moving slowly due to this being a part time job.

Treasurer Peggy Leiffer asked that she be allowed to address a question that the Park Commission Chairman, Al Madaski asked at the last meeting. Peggy said the park commission was over budget due to the fact that the account was frozen until the new commission took over, so the Village paid the bills. They have been paid back now, but it was applied to the wrong account, which will be adjusted.

RESIDENT COMMENTS

Park Commission Chairman, Al Madaski said the bylaws for the parks are being written now and include all 3 parks as one unit. Al was concerned that he had to send them to the attorney for review and he didn't know if he should include all 3 parks. President Diaz said write the bylaws, if we need to resubmit them he is

now on retainer.

Motion made by Don Mell to pay the bills totaling \$24,090.30, supported by Dennis McCormick, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. made by Dennis McCormick, and supported by Don Mell. President Diaz stopped the adjournment and announced that he is willing to help anyone who takes over the job; however, he resigns as Village President as of this time. Joe Diaz handed keys to President Protem Don Mell, and left the building.

President Don Mell took charge of the meeting.

Council held discussion regarding the unforeseen action of Joe Diaz. Motion made by Thom Zemke to accept the resignation, supported by Glenn Goodnight, roll call vote:

Ayes - Dennis McCormick, Thom Zemke, Glenn Goodnight, Bob McLaughlin
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. made by Dennis McCormick, supported by Don Mell, (this is due because this motion was still standing on the floor.) all in favor, motion carried..

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Dahl, Clerk
Village of Carleton