

**VILLAGE OF CARLETON  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 26, 2009**

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The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at 1230 Monroe Street, Carleton, MI 48117. Members present President Don Mell, Councilmen Dennis McCormick, Thom Zemke, 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 President Don Mell.

Motion made by Dennis McCormick to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated January 12, 2009, Thom Zemke asked for corrections to the last page, changing President Don Mell to President Pro Tem Don Mell. Also in the paragraph "*council had discussion regarding the unforeseen action of Joe Diaz*" add "*after legal advice from Attorney Jeff Osment, a motion was made to accept the resignation*". Motion supported by Glenn Goodnight, all in favor, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Park Report** - Glenn Goodnight said he has nothing new to report at this time. Thom Zemke asked Attorney Jeff Osment if he had sent the township a letter yet. Jeff said yes, he sent a letter to Ash Townships attorney, Mr. Godfroy, regarding the formation of the Park commission. Mr. Godfroy forwarded it on to Mr. Carmack, Ash Township Supervisor. Mr. Godfroy told Mr. Osment due to the recent changes in the council; Mr. Carmack wasn't sure what to do at this point. Mr. Osment said it was his impression that they would wait and see who was appointed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President Mell announced he has received 8 applicants to fill the vacant council seats. It is the attorney's suggestion, and his suggestion, that councilmen take the applications home for review and make appointments at the next meeting. Dennis McCormick ask if a committee should be set up to review the applications a little bit closer? Don said if the council wanted a committee he would set up one tonight. Council agreed to a committee. Don appointed Dennis and Glenn to be on the committee to review all letters of application.

President Mell said he will reserve the right to appoint a president Pro Tem until after the appointments to council are made.

President Mell informed council that he had the DPW pull one of the pumps out from the Ford Road lift station. One of the pumps went bad and will have to be replaced, at a cost of \$2510.00. The funds come out of the sewer money and will be ordered tomorrow.

President Don Mell read a letter he received from Todd Yoas who resigned as Blight

Officer. Todd said that his resignation was not due to Past President Diaz's resignation. It is Todd's recommendation that the position be eliminated and the Village go to a signed complaint form that would then be taken care of by Carleton Police. Don said eliminating the position would be council's decision. Attorney Jeff Osment said since Mr. Yoas has been Blight Inspector he can't think of any issues that were brought to him. With the previous blight officer, Mike Toro, there were numerous. After discussion Thom Zemke said with the new budget coming up, we should all think about the position between now and then. With the economy the way it is, and fewer taxes we will collect, we may want to eliminate the position, but maybe not. Thom suggested we wait to make a decision. Council was in agreement.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Thom Zemke said he has noticed that Carleton Collision is parking a lot of trucks and junk cars in their parking lot and behind the building again. Dave needs to be reminded that he can't do that. Don said he will talk to Dave tomorrow about the situation. Thom asked who stopped the parking in front of Carleton Collision. Glenn Goodnight said Joe Diaz and Dave set that up. Joe had the DPW mark out the spots without it coming before the council.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Gary Sells asked why the council didn't post an opening for council when Bill Reckinger resigned. President Mell said he didn't know why Joe didn't post it that would have been up to him.

Motion to pay the bills totaling \$26,894.44 made by Dennis McCormick, supported by Thom Zemke, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to go into closed session to discuss union negotiations made by Dennis McCormick, supported by Thom Zemke, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to reopen the regular meeting made by Dennis McCormick, supported by Glenn Goodnight, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m. made by Dennis McCormick, supported by Thom Zemke, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Dahl, Clerk  
Village of Carleton