

**VILLAGE OF CARLETON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2009**

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 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 26, 2009. Motion supported by Glenn Goodnight, all in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence

OLD BUSINESS

Park Report – Chairman Al Madaski requested from council some direction in writing the bylaws. President Mell said Unity Park has not been turned over to the park commission, and it is a 7 member board. The bylaws should be written with that in mind. Until the time Unity park is turned over to the park commission, the board should function like it always has.

Council Appointments - President Mell ask the committee reviewing the applications for the two vacant council seats for their recommendation. Dennis McCormick said thank you to all for their interest in the seats, and there is no disrespect intended for anyone not chosen, however, those not chosen should consider running for a seat in the September election.

Motion made by Dennis McCormick to appoint Mr. Tom Reiser to fill the 33 month seat. Motion supported by Glenn Goodnight, roll call vote:

Ayes – Dennis McCormick, Tom Zemke, Glenn Goodnight

Nays – Bob McLaughlin

Motion defeated.

Thom Zemke motioned to appoint Mr. Tom Reiser to the shorter term seat, supported by Dennis McCormick, Roll call vote:

Ayes – Dennis McCormick, Tom Zemke, Glenn Goodnight, Bob McLaughlin

Nays – none

Motion carried.

Mr. Reiser was sworn in by Clerk Lori Dahl and took his seat at the table.

Glenn Goodnight motioned to appoint Mr. Ron Lambrix to the 33 month seat, motion supported by Dennis McCormick, Roll call vote:

Ayes – Dennis McCormick, Tom Zemke, Glenn Goodnight, Tom Reiser, Bob McLaughlin

Nays – none

Motion carried.

Mr. Lambrix was sworn in by Clerk Lori Dahl and took his seat at the table.

President Mell announced if there is no objection from Council he would like to appoint Mr. Thom Zemke as President Pro Tem. Council had no objection. Mr. Zemke is now President Pro Tem.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business at this time

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Ron Lambrix announced the Goodfellows will be opening a food bank at Sherry's School of Dance, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. People will have to show ID and they would also like to see a utility bill or something to prove they live in Ash Township.

Thom Zemke asked Attorney Jeff Osment if he had received a response to his letter sent to the Barron's, and are the Barron's payments in arrears? Jeff said he had not heard back yet, and yes payments are in arrears. Thom asked if we are giving them 30 Days. Jeff said yes, that should give them enough to get the sampler working properly. Thom asked President Mell if he had a chance to talk to Dave Janus of Carleton Collision about the parking issues mentioned at the last meeting. President Mell said yes he did, and he will again tomorrow. Thom asked will the no parking area in front of Carleton Collision be opened up for parking. President Mell said he is trying to find out who did that.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Reckinger said there have been a few semi trailers parked in the lot at Tony's Coney and it looks bad.

Ju Dee Andreozzi requested copies of the minutes from November 10th through January 26. She also requested a copy of the Village Charter. Judy said "according to the FOIA act, you have 5 days to produce a copy". President Mell said he hasn't received a FOIA request yet. Soon as he gets it, he will get it for her.

Sue Kennedy asked if there was a copy of ordinances she could look at. President Mell said if she would come in tomorrow she could look through the book. We don't have a Blight Officer right now, the last one we had resigned, and have not been replaced yet. Sue also mentioned the stop sign on Hand Street towards the dead end does not illuminate anymore and is difficult to see. President Mell said he will have the DPW workers replace as soon as they can.

Maryanne Meyers had numerous requests for information regarding the new pole building. President Mell asked her for the list and said he would work on it. Ms. Meyers included a FOIA request with the list.

Jackie Putman asked who she should contact regarding a drainage problem on Maxwell Road. President Mell told her she should contact the county as it is there road.

After questions, a motion to pay the bills totaling \$321,330.32 made by Dennis McCormick, supported by Thom Zemke, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. made by Dennis McCormick, supported by Thom Zemke, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Dahl, Clerk
Village of Carleton