

**VILLAGE OF CARLETON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 23, 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 Ron Lambrix, Dennis McCormick, Thom Zemke, Tom Reiser, Glenn Goodnight, Bob McLaughlin, and Clerk Lori Dahl. Also present, Attorney Jeff Osment and Engineer John Emig.

Motion made by Thom Zemke to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated March 9, 2009 with a correction to the start time of the meeting, which was 7:00 pm, not 7:15 p.m. Motion supported by Glenn Goodnight, all in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence

OLD BUSINESS

Blight Officer – Ron Lambrix said after he and Tom Zemke reviewed of the applications for Blight officer, it is their recommendation to appoint Mr. Terry Burkhardt. Discussion followed. After the discussion, President Mell recommended the appointment of Mr. Tim Thompson as Blight Inspector. Motion made by Tom Reiser to accept the recommendation of the President to appoint Mr. Thompson as blight officer, supported by Dennis McCormick. 4 yea's 2 nays (Thom Zemke & Ron Lambrix) motion carried.

Stimulus package – Engineer John Emig said he sent in a package from the Village for the stimulus package, however, it will require follow-up.

Barron's Property – Engineer John Emig said there was a meeting at the Barron's property this morning along with Tim Goodnight, President Mell, Paul Barron, Doug Liefner and Dave Roberts. The meeting didn't go well and was adjourned. Afterwards Tom Barron called and asked to meet again. He then came to the office; Doug Liefner also attended this 2nd meeting. The village is interested in characterizing the waste and understanding what is coming to the plant. The means and methods are up to them. They have to show that the mechanism they have in place is reliable. Until that happens we cannot say they are in compliance with the permit.

Carleton Collision – Tom Reiser asked what the complaints against Carleton Collision are. Discussion among council ensued regarding state requirements for a used car lot, the appearance of the lot and who eliminated the parking areas in front of his building. Tom Reiser stated he didn't have a problem with cars parking there. Glenn said he didn't see a problem as long as the weeds were kept down, and junk vehicles didn't sit there. President Mell said 5 councilmen want to leave it alone, and one opposed, he will let it go unless it gets worse.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Mell asked Clerk Dahl to read a proposed proclamation to designate May as "Motorcycle Awareness Month" Motion made by Glenn Goodnight supported by Ron Lambrix to adopt the proclamation. All in favor, motion carried.

BILLS – Motion by Dennis McCormick to pay the bills totaling \$3218.24, supported by Thom Zemke, all in favor, motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Ron Lambrix commented that he felt the village should put together a committee to go after some grant money, or appoint someone to go to class to learn how to do the paper work to apply for grant money. Angie VanWassenova was mentioned as a good candidate; Dave Jones will talk to Angie and see if she is interested. Ron also mentioned the Planning commission said they will do a lot of the running and work for projects in the community if they can get the money to do some of the improvements, such as new signs and such. President Mell said until we do a new budget and to include these improvements, they should put a proposal together for what they want to do and present it to the council.

Dennis McCormick asked if the streets were scheduled to be swept. President Mell said he would like to get it done before Easter. Dennis also asked about painting of the Village Office as it is starting to look bad again.

Tom Reiser reported that the pole barn is almost complete. He will put together specs for bids on the concrete work including drains and rat wall, and will probably get 3 or 4 bids.

Glenn Goodnight said there are some pot holes on Monroe Street that need to be filled. President Mell said the work will be done tomorrow.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Meyers said she had requested some papers and wondered if they are ready and how did the attorney come to the price of \$500.00. Attorney Jeff Osment said you ask for the resolutions and amendments to the original charter of 1912, which includes every ordinance and resolution, and everything that has ever been done that affects the original charter. Mrs. Meyers kept referring to a "Blue Notebook with 189 pages". Mrs. Meyers said to simplify it she wants only the "189 pages of resolutions". President Mell said he doesn't know what she is talking about because there are more than 189 resolutions. She said Mr. Diaz told her there is a blue folder. President Mell said Mr. Diaz doesn't know what he's talking about.

Judy Anderozzie said there are companies that write grants if the village wants to check into that. Also the individual companies will sometimes help with the cost of signs. Also Judy wanted to know what the status is of the upcoming election. President Mell said we are still working on it. Judy then said she would like to thank Nancy Mell, President Mell and Mr. Thompson for their recent help in the park.

John Sledge suggested Mrs. Meyers come down here and go thru the amendments and ordinances to determine what it is that she wants.

Motion made by Dennis McCormick at 7:55 p.m. to go into close session to discuss contract negotiations, supported by Thom Zemke, all in favor, motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Dahl, Clerk
Village of Carleton