

**VILLAGE OF CARLETON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 27, 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, Treasurer Peggy Leiffer and Clerk Lori Dahl. Also present Engineer John Emig and Attorney Jeff Osment.

Motion made by Ron Lambrix to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated April 13, 2009. Motion supported by Glenn Goodnight, all in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence to report

OLD BUSINESS

Tom Reiser reported he met with Tim Thompson who will be doing the plumbing in the floor at the pole barn possibly this week. As soon as that is done, he has a description for bids for the concrete floor. He will advertise in the Monroe Evening news for bids. Final payment to Midwest is in the bills tonight for approval.

Treasurer Peggy Lieffer asked council if they made a decision to move funds to where we can get a better rate. The consensus of the council is to authorize moving the funds if a better rate can be obtained.

NEW BUSINESS

President Don Mell said when he made the announcements to replace two members of the park commission, Anthony Abela resigned immediately. Attorney Jeff Osment will put something in the paper regarding the vacancy. Persons interested in this seat need to submit their interest to the Village Office before May 5, 2009 by 3:30 p.m.

Motion made by Dennis McCormick to pay the bills totaling \$29,222.83, supported by Bob McLaughlin, all in favor, motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Engineer John Emig reported after meeting with the MDEQ regarding financial assistance for the sanitary sewer system, they did not believe that Carleton would be eligible for SRF financing. John has stopped working on that project. Discussion followed regarding the infiltration and where it may be coming from. It is the council's consensus that the manholes need inspecting to determine. John will prepare a proposal to inspect the manholes to review at the next meeting. President Mell said he will contact Lonnie McComis of Rootman who has expressed an interest in doing some of the Village work.

Ron Lambrix said he has been asked that the council look at the ordinance regarding banning horses downtown. After discussion, President Mell asked Ron to research other municipalities to see how they handle this issue.

Dennis McCormick asked President Mell if he had heard from the township about the water line replacement. President Mell said no, he had not. Dennis asked if he was able to do anymore with the prisoners and building paint project they had talked about. President Mell said not yet, he has to go and talk to "Bonnie" to get the prisoners. Dennis commented that he was glad to see

Mr. Roger Mell back on the park commission, as he has many years of experience and will be an asset to the commission.

Thom Zemke asked if the Barrons had hooked up on the 2th, John said yes. Thom asked the attorney if there was a determination regarding the election. Mr. Osment said he should have that next meeting.

Glenn Goodnight asked President Mell to have the DPW workers spray the gravel area near the Railroad tracks for weeds to prevent them from coming up instead of waiting till they are grown. Don said he will have them do that tomorrow.

Treasurer Peggy Leiffer announced it is time to set the tax rate again. She hasn't got the rolls back from the County yet, but wanted council to think about the rate and what it should be. Peggy also invited council and their significant others to a party on May 15th, at Ash Carleton Park. Peggy will be celebrating her retirement from Ash Township. President Mell said we may have to have a special meeting but we will do what we have to adopt the Millage by the end of May.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Doug Leiffer, Deputy Treasurer, talked about funds available through grants for water, streetscape and fire department needs.

Ju Dee Anderozzie asked the engineer how many sump pumps in homes or businesses are involved to cause any infiltration? John said he thought very few. Ju Dee asked is there a set price that would automatically require a project to go out for bid? President Mell said no. Ju Dee also wanted it on record that her comments had nothing to do with Roger Mell being appointed, it had nothing to do with him individually, it was in regards to nepotism because she understands that the lady that was appointed was also related to someone on the commission.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m. made by Dennis McCormick, supported by Glenn Goodnight all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Dahl, Clerk
Village of Carleton