

**VILLAGE OF CARLETON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 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, Tom Reiser, Glenn Goodnight, Treasurer Peggy Leiffer and Clerk Lori Dahl. Thom Zemke and Bob McLaughlin were absent from the meeting. Also present Attorney Jeff Osment and Engineer John Emig.

President Don Mell opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Dennis McCormick to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated July 27, 2009; President Mell commented the date of the meeting needed correction. Motion supported with corrections made by Ron Lambrix, all in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Burning Ordinance – issue tabled until next meeting so council can review the ordinance. Some councilmen did not get a copy of the ordinance until tonight.

Salt Bin – president Mell said he got a couple approximate prices for the salt bin and it will run about \$16,000.00. Don said he got the specs from South Rockwood, and asked a couple contractors for rough estimates with nothing in writing yet. Council discussion followed. President Mell will get the specs worked out for the next meeting and move forward from there.

Motion made by Dennis McCormick to pay for the new Welcome to Carleton Signs from “special projects”. Motion supported by Ron Lambrix, all in favor motion carried.

President Mell said he has the contract for the sewer inspections from John Emig for \$8,000.00 which council approved at previous meeting. President asked council for permission to sign the contract. Motion by Glenn Goodnight, supported by Dennis McCormick to authorize Don to sign the contract with Mr. Emig’s firm, all in favor motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Horan Street sidewalk - President Mell said he was approached by the woman who lives on Horan and Monroe Street about a tree that is on Village property and has raised the sidewalk. President Mell said he has received a bid of \$500.00 from Mike Wolf for the repair, which includes about “6 blocks”. Council approved the repair. No vote taken, however council gave approval.

BILLS

Glenn Goodnight asked about bill #18 – in the amount of \$441.71. President Mell said it was for 2 back up programs for the computer (\$400.00), plus meals (\$41.71) at the L.E.I.N. training session for 3 people. Motion made by Glenn Goodnight, supported by Dennis McCormick to pay the bills totaling \$100,900.82. All in favor, motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tom Reiser said there is a lot of tree trimming that needs to be done in the Village. Tom suggested we get bids for it. Tom said Woodchuck does a good job; however, we should get bids and see if we can save some money.

Glenn Goodnight said the DPW has not cut the grass at the lagoons, out in the back at the ponds and on the roadways. Don said he would have it taken care of.

Ron Lambrix asked Don Mell if Carleton Crossing was done with their mowing. Don said Tim Thompson has been over there, and it was started, but until Tim is satisfied it is not done.

Treasurer Peggy Lieffer passed out the Budget review to council. Peggy said this is the first time

she had to use tax money for general because general is so low, which has never happened before. Peggy reviewed the budget with council. Tom Reiser added the Village went broke in 1956.

Engineer John Emig – Wade Trim midyear contract adjustment is up. They are asking John to look at his revised numbers for the monthly's and is anticipating 2 large expenditures for pumps this year. Right now the Village is over paid the contract for approximately \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00. He wants to know if that money should be put into pumps or deferred for pump purchase later on. Tom Reiser said we should get that money back and invest it ourselves earmarked for the pump purchased. John Emig and council agreed with Tom.

Don Mell announced the remains of our **POW MIA since 1968; Mr. Melvin Dye** have been recovered. He will be buried at Arlington Cemetery. There will be a memorial service and the American Legion and V.F.W. will have his family out and have a dinner for him. Don will advise everyone as he receives more information.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cindy Boedigheimer asked why the Village is buying new Welcome signs. What is wrong with the old ones? President Mell said it was recommended by the Planning Commission to start dressing up the town. The existing signs will go out on Grafton Road.

Mr. Rogers said his letter (regarding the burning ordinance) was sent to the Village office a month ago, how come they haven't reviewed it yet? Tom Reiser and Dennis McCormick addressed the issue stating it's not that simple. There is a lot involved in banning burning.

President Mell asked Park Commission Chairman Al Madaski if he asked the Township for their yearly contribution of \$15,000.00. Al said he did, and they tabled the issue until after the September election. Council discussion followed, regarding renaming the park. A suggestion was made by Cindy Boedigheimer to name the park "Melvin Dye Memorial Park". Tom Reiser said there is also a man in the cemetery who was a Congressional Medal of Honor winner from the Civil War who should be recognized. More discussion followed regarding the Townships response to the parks request for their contribution. Dennis McCormick suggested it be tabled until the full council is present to discuss it and make a decision on what to do.

President Mell said he keeps hearing "the good old boys" and "the village is stagnant" and he is tired of hearing it. Don said this is how stagnant we are: Hamlet towing, Rooter man, Daycare on Porter & Ash, Ann Street new homes, new homes on Center Street, Playscape at the park, beauty salon next store and apartments up stairs, new road on Matthews Street, North Point commons, Mr. Reiser has his building occupied now, Mike Wolf expanded his business, The Thrift Shop, Thrifty Pallets, new owners at Chief bar, new owners at the Hotel bar, Beauty shop down by the bank, Ron's Meat Market, Landscape business on Jones, we attracted Manheim auto auction, Guardian Research & Development, Barron's, Carleton Crossing, Hand Street Extension, The shopping center and all the church's in town are occupied. President Mell said "I think that's pretty good for being stagnant and not going anyplace. We have a new D.P.W. building and there is a lot of stuff I didn't list".

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

Next meeting August 24, 2009