

**VILLAGE OF CARLETON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 24, 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.

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 August 10, 2009; Motion supported by Glenn Goodnight, all in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Burning Ordinance – After councils review and comments of the proposed burning ordinance, Dennis McCormick made a motion to deny adopting the ordinance, supported by Glenn Goodnight, 4 in favor of the motion, 2 opposed (Ron Lambrix and Thom Zemke).

Salt Bin – issue tabled until next meeting

Ash Carleton Park – President Mell asked Park Commission Chairman Al Madaski if he asked for and received funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 from Ash Township. Mr. Madaski said he asked for the funds, but was denied. The township board told him they wanted to wait until after the Village election. After discussion, the issue was tabled at this time.

President Mell said he had the grass cut at the sewer plant.

President Mell asked council where they would like to see the new signs put up. The options are on Grafton Road or on Monroe Street. Planning commission chairman David Jones said It is the planning commission's recommendation to put them up in the business district. Council agreed to accept their recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to discuss tonight

BILLS

A motion was made by Dennis McCormick and supported by Ron Lambrix to pay the bills in the amount of \$12,682.60. All in favor, motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Thom Zemke asked Treasurer if there was a problem with the budget, Peggy said, no, there was no problem, it was just the first time she had to use tax money before she collected it all. Thom said when Mr. Hamlet opened his business we required him to put a fence around the property so that it would look decent, he did a great job, it looks great. Now, you look down at Carleton Collision and the place looks like a dump. The grass hasn't been cut and he still has junk cars in the back. I think we need to send the blight officer down there and have him get that cut. Don said he would send the blight officer down there in the morning. Thom said, also there is a little house on Grafton road where the grass hasn't been cut all summer. Don said Amee has notified the financial institution to come down and take care of that.

Dennis McCormick asked if council minded if he went and talked to Dave Janus instead of sending the Blight Officer down there. Council told Dennis to go ahead. Dennis also mentioned the Railroad crossing (CSX) is really getting bad. President Mell said Tim (Blight Officer) has been in contact with them. Dennis also asked about repairs to the guard rail. Don said he has another name of a guy he has to call for repairs.

Ron Lambrix asked if Carleton Crossing was done cutting their grass. They have cut some, but not all the way back. Don said he wasn't satisfied with it and he told Tim, the blight officer, he needs to go back and cut all of it.

Treasurer Peggy Lieffer said she has a computer that she uses for the Village work only, which Larry has been working on. Peggy said she has \$50.00 for new equipment in her budget, and also \$549.00 for supplies in the budget. Peggy asked for approval to purchase a new computer from Staples for \$299.00 to use for doing Village work, Council approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief Buckingham asked to replace 3 computers at the police department that they have had for 8 years. (3 computers for \$299.00 for a total of \$999.00). Council asked if it was in his budget, he said yes. Council approved the purchase.

David Jones said being a neighbor of Carleton Crossings; he would appreciate the grass being cut. It has become a habitat for Coyote's, as Lonnie McComis will tell you about his run in with one. Don said he would get a hold of Tim, the blight inspector, regarding the issue.

Ju Dee Anderozzie let everyone know that Dan Smith of Hemlock Street is the person responsible for obtaining the grant to have Beaver Dam cleaned. Ju Dee also asked who is responsible for repairs or replacement of guard rails when they are damaged. President Mell said the county is responsible. Ju Dee also commented on the Park Commission bylaws and how changes are made.

Mr. & Mrs. Rogers wanted to know if the burning ordinance would be discussed at the next meeting. Dennis McCormick said no, we have gone over the ordinance twice, and it was voted down both times. Thom Zemke addressed Mr. Rogers and said they may want to contact the councilmen that voted against the ordinance and find out what changes could be made so in the future it would be approved.

Esther Ciersezwski commented that since the signs were painted blue for the Airport Jets, it would only make sense that they be put on Grafton Road where the High School is.

Al Madaski displayed one of the two "pitching machines" purchased by the park commission with funds he raised by selling banners which are put up at park. Al hopes this will bring people back to Ash Carleton Park for the baseball program. Glenn Goodnight commented "good job Al".

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:50 p.m. made by Dennis McCormick, supported by Ron Lambrix, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Dahl, Clerk
Village of Carleton

Next meeting September 14, 2009