

**VILLAGE OF CARLETON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 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, Bob McLaughlin, and Treasurer Peggy Leiffer. Also present Engineer John Emig and Jeff Osment. Absent were Thom Zemke and Lori Dahl.

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 24, 2009; Motion supported by Ron Lambrix, all in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Grass Cutting at Carleton Crossing – President Don Mell spoke to the Blight Inspector, Tim Thompson. Tim said Carleton Crossing will have all the grass cut back. Don was unsure of an exact time.

Welcome Signs – Are done. Council and audience members looked at the signs.

NEW BUSINESS

Building Code Books – President Don Mell mentioned we needed to purchase current Building, Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing Code Books. Motion made by Glenn Goodnight to purchase updated code books. Motion supported by Dennis McCormick. All in favor, motion carried.

Storm Drain on Ash – President Don Mell said Clark plumbing has been working on Ash and Crane. The storm drain was full of roots and they could not get a camera through it. President Don Mell has been unable to get a hold of Clark Plumbing to see where they are at in the process. President Don Mell stated if it has to be replaced that we will do so.

BILLS

A motion was made by Dennis McCormick and supported by Glenn Goodnight to pay the bills in the amount of \$47,502.71. All in favor, motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ron Lambrix wanted to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers that he received regarding his fathers passing.

Dennis McCormick thinks Carleton Collision has done well. They did cut the grass and cleaned up on Jones Rd. Carleton Collision only has so much time and money to clean it up. Dennis McCormick said he has a problem with sending the blight inspector out. Dennis thinks the Village should talk to the people before we send out the blight inspector. President Don Mell said the blight inspector Tim Thompson, does talk to the people. If he can not get them to fix the problem then he takes further steps.

Dennis wanted to comment about the Ash Carleton Park article in the paper. The article stated the park was owned by both the Village of Carleton and Ash Township. President Don Mell said he has talked to Dean Cousino from the Monroe Evening News and Dean will write a retraction. The Village has full ownership of the park. Attorney Jeff Osment said he also spoke to Dean and Dean told Jeff Osment he was going to write a retraction.

Dennis McCormick asked Larry Buckingham if he got his computers for the police department. Larry said all is good and the Treasurer has received there computer also.

Dennis McCormick asked about the striping of Monroe Street. President Don Mell said he has not heard anything yet.

Dennis McCormick also asked about the curb in front of Rons Meat Market, it is broken up. Dennis also asked if the Village could check into fixing the curbs. President Don Mell said he will talk to Mike Wolf and have him walk around and make a list of areas that need to be fixed.

Tom Reiser said the CN railroad crossings on Ash Street are bad. Spikes are sticking up and it needs to be looked at.

Glenn Goodnight asked about sweeping the curbs and intersections. If we could get the Village to rent the street sweeper and have the DPW sweep it. President Don Mell said he has no problem with that.

Bob McLaughlin said that he talked to Dave Janus (Carleton Collision) and times are not good. Dave lost his younger brother and lost his mother. Bob said it looks like the Ice Cream place has grass to be cut if it is theirs.

President Don Mell asked if we can advertise for bids on the salt bin. President Don Mell said he has spoke to Peggy (Treasurer), and says the money is okay. Don Mell has done some checking and looks to be around 15,000 – 17,000. Don also stated that we would have to fence in the salt bin. Council Okayed to advertise for bids on salt bin.

President Don Mell said John Emig's (Village Engineer), people were checking the man holes all week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Reckinger said Monroe Street is a nightmare. The people on Monroe Street had to go through a lot of filth. He could not open his windows and he is still cleaning up the mess. The Village should not do that again. Bill also has a problem with political signs on utility poles, and does not think it is right.

Ju Dee Andirozzi asked what is the final on the welcome signs. President Don Mell said the council agreed to pay for them, so it is final. Ju Dee said the signs were not worth the money. Ju Dee also wished best of luck at tomorrow's election.

Don Mell said Nancy will be home tomorrow. Thanks to everyone that came and visited and those who sent cards and flowers. It really meant a lot to Nancy and him self.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:26 p.m. made by Dennis McCormick, supported by Glenn Goodnight, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

America Runyan, Deputy Clerk
Village of Carleton

Next meeting September 28, 2009