

**VILLAGE OF CARLETON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 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 Jeffrey Osment.

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 Bob McLaughlin, all in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

President Mell said the welcome signs & mural will be installed this week. Also, the street sweeper will be here on Wednesday for use on Thursday.

Pole Barn – We still need insulation, water, sewer and heat in the pole barn. President Mell is asking for permission to proceed and get bids for this before winter. Council agreed.

President Mell said the Electrical Inspector, Gary Lazette retired, but will make several side trips here. He is recommending an assistant Roger Morgan to fill in for him when he cannot get here. Roger is currently the Frenchtown and South Rockwood inspector now. Don said he will charge the same price. Roger will be here when Gary cannot be here. Council approved of the assistant.

BILLS – Motion made by Glenn Goodnight to pay the bills totaling \$47,854.06, motion supported by Tom Reiser, all in favor, motion carried.

President Mell asked the clerk to read a letter sent to him, for Mr. Bob McLaughlin from John Dingell. The letter thanked him and commended him for all his 36 ½ years of service to the community.

President Mell presented Mr. Bob McLaughlin with the letter, along with an engraved clock from the Village and a key to the village. Mr. McLaughlin received a standing ovation for his service.

Clerk Lori Dahl swore in the newly elected officers: Councilman Chuck Collert, Thom Reiser, Bill Reckinger, Treasurer Peggy Lieffer, and President Ronald Lambrix. The new officers took their seats at the table.

Motion to close the meeting at 7:12 p.m. made by Glenn Goodnight, supported by Dennis McCormick, all in favor, motion carried.

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President Ron Lambrix opened the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Peggy Lieffer asked council to pay for her to attend a class for Treasurers regarding collecting Delinquent Personal Property Tax. The total cost is \$109.00 which she has to pay for and asks the Village to reimburse her. Motion made by Bill Reckinger, supported by Don Mell to approve the request. All in favor, motion carried.

President Ron Lambrix advised council the next scheduled regular meeting is on October 12, 2009, Columbus Day. Council agreed to cancel the meeting in observance of the holiday. The next Regular meeting will be on October 26, 2009.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Don Mell thanked everyone for their support while he was acting as President.

Dennis McCormick thanked Don Mell & Glenn Goodnight for serving the village as they did. Also, Dennis thanked Bob McLaughlin for his service.

Thom Zemke thanked Bob McLaughlin for his service to the village.

Chuck Collert said he is glad to be on the Village council and hopes to help in the community.

Tom Reiser advised council that he will at a future meeting make a motion to set a limit on purchases without a bid. He believes a past limit was set at \$200.00 but that amount is outdated now. Tom said he is thinking around \$1000.00, and asked the council to think about it.

Bill Reckinger wants it on record that he agrees with Tom Reiser. Also he is glad to be back on the council.

Treasurer Peggy Lieffer said she received the receipts from the county. The taxes have been collected and the delinquent amount of \$58,340.00 has been turned over to the county. They sent a receipt for the delinquent amount, then in May they will send the money.

Don Mell added the McLaughlin family has invited everyone to Ron's pizzeria for a party for retiring councilmen, Bob McLaughlin.

President Ron Lambrix thanked everyone for their support stating he is looking for positive change in the community. Ron thanked Past President Glenn Goodnight and President Pro tem Don Mell for their services to the village. President Ron Lambrix appointed Don Mell as his President Pro tem. Don accepted the appointment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John McShosh asked if doing body work for others in their garage is ok. John said at 12605 Meigs Street they have been doing body work for the last 6 months out of their garage. They also have a burned out shell of a vehicle sitting on a trailer on his property along with an old green truck with paint equipment and sanding equipment inside his fence, along side his shed. Attorney Jeff Osment and President Lambrix said they will look into the matter.

Ju Dee Andreozzi congratulated everyone and asked President Lambrix and the newly elected officials to please not forget the people of the community.

President of the Ash Carleton park commission, Al Madaski congratulated the new officials and asked the President if he planned on making changes on any committees. President Lambrix said he does not plan to change any committees at this time, as they all seem to be working good.

Marie Pitock said she has been maintaining the little yard next door.

Bob McLaughlin said there are many pot holes in the parking lot at Ash Carleton Park. President Lambrix said he would have the D.P.W. guys take care of it.

President Lambrix asked the clerk to read a letter from CSX railroad stating the requested repairs were made to the sidewalk. Comments were made indicating the repair has already crumbled. Glenn Goodnight said he took a look at it today and it is a trip and fall hazard. President Lambrix said he would take a look at it tomorrow.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m. made by Don Mell, supported by Dennis McCormick, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Dahl, Clerk
Village of Carleton

Next meeting October 26, 2009