

VILLAGE OF CARLETON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2010

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at 1230 Monroe Street, Carleton, MI 48117. Members present, President Ron Lambrix, Councilmen Don Mell, Dennis McCormick, Thom Zemke, Chuck Collert, Tom Reiser, Bill Reckinger, and Clerk Lori Dahl. Also present Engineer John Emig and Attorney Jeffrey Osment. Treasurer Peggy Leiffer is out of town.

President Ron Lambrix opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and added to the agenda
Matt Jones regarding Little League
Village of Carleton Drug Paraphernalia ordinance
ZBA appointment

Motion made by Don Mell, to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated December 28, 2009, with additions: "council agreed not to pay the treasurers deputy, Peggy should pay him", supported by Dennis McCormick, all in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence:

Wade Trim - Engineer John Emig explained to council the Wade Trim contract along with estimated costs and actual costs. For the first year they had proposed \$271,150.00, in recalculated the actual cost it came out to \$266,367.00. The difference is a little under \$5000.00 annual. The village should have received 2 checks for the difference. President Lambrix didn't know if it had come back but will check with Ameer tomorrow.

Mr. Osment said he received 2 letters today from Mr. Godfroy, attorney for Ash Township, one regarding a tax assessment appeal involving AA Property Holdings Inc., Manheim's Metro Detroit Auto Inc. and Guardian Industries. They consider a significant contribution from the Village to be 50%, roughly \$15,000.00 of the expected costs for the appraisals. The other letter Mr. Osment received was regarding the swap of a sewer tap for a water tap. Mr. Emig and Mr. Osment both recommended the taps be purchased when needed. Bill Reckinger wanted to be on record that he is in favor of giving it to them for the fire department. President Lambrix asked council what they wanted to do with it.

Don Mell asked Engineer John Emig about the status of the manhole inspection report. John said it is almost to a draft stage, and should have it ready for council's review at next meeting.

BILLS- Motion made by Don Mell, supported by Dennis McCormick to pay the bills totaling \$40,104.93, all in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Matlin Road Landfill - John Emig said he received a call from Roger Homrich at the Matlin Road Landfill who is requesting the Village allow him to discharge their leachate to the village waste water treatment plant. John said first what has to happen is the leachate has to be accessed to determine what it will do to the plant if anything. After discussion, it is councils general consensus to have Homrich pay for the accessing to determine if the Village can or would allow the discharge. John will give Mr. Homrich a call and prepare a letter for the Presidents signature.

Burn Ordinance #111 B - Motion by Dennis McCormick, supported by Thom Zemke to accept the amendment as it written. Discussion followed. Roll call Vote:

Yeas - Dennis McCormick, Thom Zemke, Bill Reckinger

Nays - Don Mell, Chuck Collert, Tom Reiser

Tie vote - President Lambrix voted yes, in favor of the ordinance

Ordinance passed

Projects in 2010 - President Lambrix said its time to start thinking about the next budget and any up coming projects for this year, such as completing pole barn.

Little League - Matt Jones was present in the audience to explain the organization, "Little League" and what they do. Mr. Jones asked council to allow them to take over the baseball program in the Village. Although council is interested in his proposal, they advised Mr. Jones to take the proposal to the next Park Commission meeting. Mr. Jones said he would do so.

Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance - Attorney Jeff Osment & Chief Buckingham have been working on this ordinance together. Motion by Bill Reckinger to accept the Village of Carleton Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance, supported by Don Mell, all in favor, motion carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment - President Ron Lambrix requested council approve his appointment of Bob Bueller to the ZBA. Motion by Dennis McCormick to approve the appointment, supported by Don Mell, all in favor, motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Don Mell asked who won the Christmas Decorating contest, President Lambrix announced R.J.'s won again this year.

Dennis McCormick said the DPW did a good job on opening the roads after the

storm. Bill Reckinger agreed.

President Lambrix mentioned the front end loader is in for repair for a hydraulic leak.

Attorney Jeff Osment said he is working with Police Chief Larry Buckingham to resolve issues with the "no parking" on the street signs in Carleton Crossing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Police Chief Larry Buckingham said he has 2 new computers now in use paid for through a grant from Monroe County. Chief also said the department needs a new police car which needs to be ordered now to be delivered in approximately November 2010. Cost will be between \$20,000.00 - \$25,000.00. Don Mell said go ahead and order it.

Don Mell told Chief Buckingham he is doing a good job on the Village website.

Esther Ciersezwski said the township supervisor, Robin Carmack was going to appoint Matt Jones and Jim Gierman and another man to the park commission. Which is why she is leery of Matt Jones proposal tonight.

Delia Blackburn asked will we have to pay for a burn permit? President Lambrix said as of now, no.

Park Commission chairman Al Madaski asked for information on Little League before the next park commission meeting.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:16 p.m. made by Bill Reckinger, supported by Don Mell. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Dahl, Clerk
Village of Carleton