

**VILLAGE OF CARLETON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 26, 2009**

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, Treasurer Peggy Leiffer and Clerk Lori Dahl. Also present Engineer John Emig and Attorney Jeffrey Osment.

President Ron Lambrix opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Don Mell to accept the minutes of the both Regular Meetings dated September 28, 2009. Motion supported by Dennis McCormick, all in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Signs – President Lambrix stated the new signs have been installed; the old ones will need some repair before they are installed. Thom Zemke asked if the shrubs around the sign at Maxwell could be cleaned up or removed. Ron said he was waiting until spring and then possibly removed and replace them. Don Mell said he thought a thank you letter should be sent to Gene Merritt for getting the mural done for us. Council agreed.

Salt Bin – President Lambrix announced he received 13 bids for the salt bin construction. President Lambrix opened the bids, Clerk Lori Dahl read the company name and total amounts as follows:

B. Sarkett Construction	\$39,972.00
Envision Construction	\$29,800.00
Area Construction	\$31,100.00
Sieler Construction	\$46,646.00
Midwest Post & Frame	\$16,454.00
All Phaze Construction	\$16,293.00
TDS Contractors	\$29,000.00
Fowler Building	\$21,430.00
Barker Construction	\$18,950.00
Borbely Home Imp.	\$22,895.00
RFS Lawn & Landscape	\$23,250.00
Ashley Concrete	\$16,000.00
Earthworks	\$25,300.00

After discussion, it was decided that Thom Zemke and Dennis McCormick would review the bids to advise council at the next meeting. Building Inspector Tim Thompson will join them in the review process.

Pole Barn – After discussion regarding costs involved to insulate, heat, run water and sewer lines to the pole barn, council has decided to look at the numbers when they are all in and possibly wait until next year to do any further

improvements until it can be budgeted for next year. It is useable the way it is as the equipment can be kept inside out of the weather. Doug Lieffer will recommend the Ash Township board to wave tap fee's to the Village for the pole barn and should have an answer by Friday. The pole barn decision was tabled until the numbers are all in.

BILLS – Motion made by Don Mell, supported by Dennis McCormick to pay the bills totaling \$64,755.71, all in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Street Sweeper – President Lambrix said he can buy a used street sweeper from Mike Wolfe for \$1800.00 however, he has not had anyone look over the machine yet to determine its condition and if it would be sufficient to sweep our roads. The issue was tabled until more information is available.

Spending Limits – Attorney Jeff Osment provided a “Purchasing Policy and Procedure” for councils review. Council will review the document to be revised and or voted on at a future meeting. Bill Reckinger and Chuck Collert will be on the committee to review the document together and advise council.

Park inspection fees – Electrical inspections are needed at the park for the pitching machines electric. The electrical Inspector will not waive his fees. Motion made by Bill Reckinger to waive the Village portion of the inspection fee. Supported by Don Mell, all in favor, motion carried.

Park commission appointments – President Lambrix said Ash Township wants to change the way the appointments are made to the Park Commission. The change would be to let the township pick 3 people and the village pick 3 people. Those 6 people would choose one person to be Chairman. A 7th person to fill the last seat would be appointed from which ever entity the chairman came from. President Lambrix said he felt it was a good idea. Council had a long discussion allowing comments from Township Supervisor Robin Carmack and people from the audience. Motion made by Bill Reckinger to change the Park commission appointment procedure to; the village appoint 3 people, the township appoint 3 people, from those 6 one is appointed chairman, a 7th person would be appointed from whichever entity the chairman came from. Motion supported by Chuck Collert, Roll Call vote:

Aye – Chuck Collert, Bill Reckinger

Nay - Don Mell, Dennis McCormick Thom Zemke, Tom Reiser

Motion defeated.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dennis McCormick asked Chuck Collert if he would get some prices for trees to be planted around the Village. Chuck said they would be the same price as the last ones he put in.

Tom Reiser suggested the council take a look at the police schedule as it appears we have them working when they aren't really needed.

Attorney Jeff Osment stated he is working with Police Chief on an ordinance regarding drug paraphernalia to be presented to council in the near future for their review.

Treasurer Peggy Leiffer said according to audit this year the sewer account ran in the red, we were \$11,000.00 in the hole mostly because you took all the special project money and put it in the general account. After consulting with the financial manager Rose Laderach, Peggy recommends the council put \$50,000.00 back in the sewer account so it won't run in the red this year. Motion made by Thom Zemke to move \$50,000.00 from the General fund account to the Sewer account, supported by Don Mell, all in favor, motion carried.

John Emig offered to work with the committee reviewing the salt bin construction bids. President Lambrix said the building inspector will work with the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Glenn Goodnight offered advice on the street sweeper and agreed with council on the pole barn decision to put it off till the next budget.

Doug Lieffer gave his opinion regarding the relationship between the Village and the Township, and the issues with the Park Commission.

Park Commission Chairman Al Madaski commented on the salt bin construction specifications. Building Inspector Tim Thompson said he should bid the job according to the specs given; he can also put his recommendations in for review.

Tracy Keske commented on the pole barn insulation and the street sweeper.

Ju Dee Anderozzie commented on the street sweeper and the councils review of the bills and approval. Also, Ju Dee asked for the total of what the pole barn has cost so far.

Dave Jones commented the Railroad Crossing at Ash & Meigs has a lot of loose timbers and is in need of repair. Tim Thompson will check into it.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:15 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 November 9, 2009