

**VILLAGE OF CARLETON  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 09, 2009**

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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, Thom Zemke, Chuck Collert, Tom Reiser, Bill Reckinger, Treasurer Peggy Leiffer, and Deputy Clerk Ameer Runyan. Also present Engineer John Emig and Attorney Jeffrey Osment. Absent were Dennis McCormick and Clerk Lori Dahl.

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

Motion made by Don Mell to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated October 26, 2009. Motion supported by Tom Reiser, all in favor, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Open Bids for Pole Barn** – President Lambrix announced we received 2 bids for Insulation and 2 bids for heating the pole barn. President Lambrix opened the bids and Deputy Clerk Ameer Runyan read the bids as follows:

Insulation Bids:

HDC Spray Insulation Systems -	Option A: 14,455.00
	Option B: 10,997.00
Daniel Langton Spray Insulation-	Option A: 12,134.00
	Option B: 9,495.00

Heating Bids:

Expert Heating &Cooling -	Option A: 4,740.00
	Option B: 6,765.00
SIEB:	Option A: 8,549.00
	Option B: 11,288.00

After discussion, Bill Reckinger made motion to table the bids till further, supported by Chuck Collert, four in favor, one opposed. Motion Carried.

**Salt Bin** – Thom Zemke said the committee got together and two of the lowest bids are from Carleton. Thom Zemke said the committee recommends All Phaze Construction at 16,293.00. After discussion Thom Zemke made motion to except All Phaze Constructions bid. Role call vote.

Don Mell – Nay  
Thom Zemke – Aye  
Bill Reckinger – Aye  
Tom Reiser – Aye  
Chuck Collert \_Aye

Motion Passed.

President Lambrix added, when the Salt Bin is completed we will have to put a fence around it. We will have to advertise bids for a fence in the paper.

## **PRESIDENT SPENDING LIMITS**

Councilmen Bill Reckinger said we need to put something in writing. After discussion Attorney Jeff Osment agreed to meet with the spending limit committee and get back with the council at the next council meeting.

### **Street Sweeper**

President Lambrix said the street sweeper has been checked out. It does need a little work on it. It would be about \$700 to fix. Tom Reiser said he thinks we should continue to rent one. Bill Reckinger said he feels we could get our money back within the first year. Thom Zemke said he feels we should keep renting. After further conversation it was turned down.

**Tom Reiser** wanted to add to old business. Tom asked if anyone had an idea why the Township doesn't agree with us any more on running of the park. Tom Reiser said we are going to have to work out something before the summer programs. Tom Reiser thinks they have there own park now and do not want to put any money towards capital improvements on Ash Carleton Park.

Don Mell said he does not see anything wrong with having separate parks. This all came up when the Township would not give the park \$15,000.00. Bill Reckinger said give them the right to pick three people and they will pay the \$15,000.00. Thom Zemke said they never agreed to pay the \$15,000.00 even if we let them put three people on the park commission. President Ron Lambrix said that was last meeting and we already discussed it.

**BILLS** – Motion made by Don Mell, supported by Thom Zemke to pay the bills totaling \$77,503.28, all in favor, motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Christmas Lights**

President Ron Lambrix said he has been in contact with DTE to come out and put up the Christmas Lights. DTE might come out and supply a truck and crew as a community program service. If we get Woodchuck to come back this year, it will cost \$1,000.00, \$500.00 to put up and \$500.00 to take down.

Ron Lambrix has also talked with DTE to donate a bucket truck to the Village of Carleton, for other work we could do around town. Ron Lambrix said if DTE is not available this year he will call around and get some prices from other businesses, but we are running out of time.

### **SEWER TAP FOR POLE BARN**

Engineer, John Emig passed out a response letter to the council to read over. John Emig read some of the high points in the response letter. John Emig said there are two ways to get sewer to the pole barn. One is to go straight into the Waste Water Plant, and the other is to go into an existing sanitary sewer manhole.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Don Mell mentioned every year the full time employees get a \$20 gift certificate. President Ron Lambrix said he feels we should not give the gift certificates. Thom Zemke said he thought that was already brought up when the council said we were no longer going to purchase flowers from the council.

Don Mell said the DPW, Police and Office Clerk are all doing a good job.

Thom Zemke asked if we were getting the street striped. President Ron Lambrix said would check into it.

Tom Reiser said we should put a committee together to talk to Ash Township about the park situation. Tom Reiser said he would be on the committee. Chuck Collert said he would join Tom on the Committee, and get back with the council.

Bill Reckinger questioned the office hours. Most people work till 3:30pm - 4:00pm. He wondered if we could think about doing something different with the hours. Bill said we need to look at better access to the public. Lets just look into it and see if we can come up with something.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Rogers asked what happened with the burning of the leaves. Thom Zemke said it was voted down.

Larry Buckingham said the council needs to move off a dead spot with the pole barn. You have a good pole barn and it needs to be finished. It is not going to get any cheaper in the long run. Something needs to get done with it.

Ju Dee Anderozzie commented on the Santa comes to town. She said all the businesses need to get involved. Possibly write a letter and invite all businesses to participate. Ju Dee also asked that the engineer fees to do the survey be included in the sewer tap for the pole barn. Ju Dee says regarding the parks, maybe rather than the council meeting with the Twp, have the parents or others who have children that will loose out on the parks meet with the Twp. Ju Dee also feels the pole barn was not totally defeated. She thinks the budget was out of control this year.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:54 p.m. made by Don Mell, supported by Thom Zemke, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

America Runyan, Deputy Clerk  
Village of Carleton

Next meeting November 23, 2009