

**VILLAGE OF CARLETON  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 28, 2011**

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The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at 1230 Monroe Street, Carleton, MI 48117. Members present: President Ron Lambrix, Councilmen Don Mell, Dennis McCormick, Thom Zemke, Tom Reiser, Bill Reckinger and Chuck Collert. Also present, Attorney Jeff Osment, Engineer John Emig, Deputy Treasurer Joe Leiffer and Clerk America Runyan.

Open Public Hearing 2011-2012 budget. Dennis McCormick asked if the tax assessments were going to hurt the Village. No further questions or comments.

Motion was made by Dennis McCormick to accept the minutes of the regular meeting dated February 14, 2011. Motion supported by Don Mell. All in favor, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Garage Sale Days - Garage sale days will be May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2011.

**BILLS**

Motion was made by Don Mell to pay the bills totaling \$32,650.52. Motion supported by Bill Reckinger. All in favor, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Adopt amendments 2010-2011 – Motion made by Don Mell to adopt amendments presented by Village Financial Officer for 2010-2011 fiscal year. Supported by Dennis McCormick.

Roll Call:

Don Mell – Aye

Dennis McCormick – Aye

Thom Zemke – Aye

Chuck Collert - Aye

Tom Reiser – Aye

Bill Reckinger – Aye

All in favor, motion carried.

Adopt 2011-2012 budget - Motion made by Don Mell to adopt 2011-2012 budget as presented by Village Finance Officer. Supported by Dennis McCormick.

Roll Call:

Don Mell – Aye

Dennis McCormick – Aye

Thom Zemke – Aye

Chuck Collert – Aye

Tom Reiser – Aye

Bill Reckinger – Aye

All in favor, motion carried.

Salt Spreader – President Ron Lambrix advised the Village had a problem with dump truck which left the Village with no way to spread salt. Ron is asking permission to get bids for a salt spreader for the state truck. Council agreed.

Grinder Pump – President Ron Lambrix advised the grinder pump for Ford Road was down. The price for a new pump is \$2,655.00. Don Mell made motion to purchase the pump. Supported by Thom Zemke. All in favor, motion carried.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Don Mell asked about the flower box that was hit.

Councilman Dennis McCormick asked about the Village of Maybee getting a grant. Dennis asked if the Village has tried to get a grant like this. Dennis also asked if there was a company that would come to the Village and present what grants are available to the Village. Engineer John Emig explained some further information regarding grants.

Councilman Thom Zemke asked about the Monroe Bank and Trust fees. Thom also asked if a letter was written to Ash Township regarding the Water Meters. Engineer John Emig read a letter that himself and Attorney Jeff Osment drafted to the council regarding water meters. Thom asked about Barrons. Attorney Jeff Osment advised we gave them until March 15, 2011 to pay in full. After March 15, 2011 the council needs to make a decision whether to cap it off or not. Tom Reiser asked if the Village could charge interest on the missed monthly payments. Discussion followed regarding the cost and how to cap off the sewer. Thom asked if we heard anything else on Grafton Inn. President Lambrix said he heard they were closing March 11, 2011.

Councilman Chuck Collert said the Ash Carleton Little League wanted to have a parade. Chuck is going to advise them to write a letter to the Village so they can be prepared. Chuck said after looking at the park budget, Chuck would like to see the DPW cut the grass at Ash Carleton Park, or outsource the lawn maintenance to save money. Chuck asked if there was anything we could do about the parking lot at Busches being half plowed, or if we could do anything about the broken down truck in the parking lot.

Bill Reckinger advised he should not be missing any further meetings.

Tom Reiser asked if the taps were remaining at the Grafton Inn and Hall. President Lambrix advised that was brought up at a previous council meeting.

Attorney Jeff Osment said the Mutual Aid agreement between the Village of Carleton and South Rockwood is with the South Rockwood Village Attorney for review.

Attorney Jeff Osment spoke with the Attorney for the Detroit Auto Auction and they are not going out of business.

Attorney Jeff Osment said Cooley Hehl Wohlgamuth & Carlton are in the process of completing the financial analysis of switching from a Village to a City.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Al Madaski wanted to comment on Councilman Chuck Collerts statement about outsourcing the lawn maintenance to save money. Al said you cannot project what it is going to cost to maintain the park. Al did not understand where Chuck was getting his figures from.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:55pm by Bill Reckinger, supported by Don Mell. All in favor, Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

America Runyan, Clerk  
Village of Carleton

Next meeting will be March 14, 2011