

**VILLAGE OF CARLETON  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 12, 2010**

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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, Chuck Collert and Tom Reiser.

Also present, Engineer John Emig, Clerk America Runyan, Treasurer Peggy Leiffer and Attorney Jeff Osment.

Absent were: Councilman Bill Reckinger.

Motion was made by Dennis McCormick to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated March 22, 2010. Motion supported by Don Mell. All in favor motion carried.

**CORRESPONDANCE**

**Ash-Carleton Little League Parade** - President Lambrix presented a letter received from the Ash-Carleton Little League regarding a parade they were planning for May 1, 2010. Lambrix stated the parade would be held and that the Village would support this event in any way possible.

**Fire Station REU's** - A letter was presented to the Council from Ash Twp. Fire Chief, Dan Fahnestock regarding the calculation of sewer tap fees (REU's) for the newly approved sewer tap at the future site of Carleton's new fire station. President Lambrix stated the REU's were calculated by the Village Engineer and according to the existing ordinance and the REU's would remain unchanged. He also stated that a letter would be sent explaining how the REU's were calculated.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Blight Issue** - President Lambrix stated that he had spoken with the Blight Officer regarding excessive blight in the Village. Presently four (4) houses and the Thrift Store were actively being addressed. Lambrix further stated that forms were available at the Village Office to report blight.

**Ordinance # 186** - A motion was made by Dennis McCormick to approve Ordinance #186, approving street name changes and regulating parking at Carleton Crossing. Motion supported by Don Mell. A roll call vote was taken.

Mell – Aye

McCormick – Aye

Zemke – Aye

Collert – Aye

Reiser – Aye

All in favor. Motion carried.

Reckinger - Absent

**BILLS**

Motion was made by Don Mell to pay the bills totaling \$72,369.31. Motion supported by Dennis McCormick. All in favor, Motion Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Water Treatment Plant Pump Repair** - In accordance with the Wade Trim contract agreement, a request for repairs exceeding \$2000 was submitted to the Village Council for approval by Tim Goodnight to address pump repairs at the Water Treatment Plant on March 26, 2010. An investigation of the pumps by Village Engineer was conducted. Engineer, John Emig's report supported the need for repair and maintenance. Emig stated the cost to pull and repair the sludge pump versus replacing the pump was minimal and recommended replacing the pump. Emig also supported a (3) year plan to pull and repair one influent pump per year for maintenance purposes to ensure uninterrupted water treatment services. A report was submitted to the Council by Emig, confirming his findings. Tim Goodnight stated he believed the existing budget supported the sludge pump replacement cost and most of the influent pump repair, as Wade Trim had an existing inventory of parts on hand. Based on Emig's recommendation, a motion was made by Thom Zemke to approve sludge pump replacement and the 3-year influent pump repair plan, motion supported by Dennis McCormick.

A roll call vote was taken.

Mell – Aye

McCormick – Aye

Zemke – Aye

Collert – Aye

Reiser – Aye

All in favor. Motion carried

Reckinger – Absent

**Expected Taxes** – President Lambrix presented the 2010-2011 Expected Taxes of \$389,057.55, based on 8.54 Mills, a \$26,000 difference from original Proposed Expected Taxes of \$415,000. Lambrix stated he believes that with the hours that were cut and other things that were cut, the Village budget should be fine.

**Waste Disposal** - Issue tabled, as Bill Reckinger was absent.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Dennis McCormick stated the streets looked a lot better, after being swept and curbs were repaired. He also asked if the sidewalk on Horan St. had been repaired. President Lambrix stated it was fixed. McCormick also asked if we heard anything about when the township was going to repair Monroe St. at Matthews, following the water main break.

Tom Reiser commented that the RR crossing on Ash St. was in need for repair.

Peggy Leiffer asked if the Council had any objection to her using a Credit Union versus a bank for purchase of CD's, as they are currently offering better interest rates. She requested a resolution be made at next meeting.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Hollandsworth from Hennessey Engineering, on behalf of Ash Twp. Fire Chief Dan Fahnestock, requested the REU's for the new fire station be recalculated and reduced. He stated that historically the fire station usage was less than half of a residential home.

Doug Leiffer asked the Council to reconsider the REU's as well to assist with the overall budget of the fire station. He stated that this station was for the benefit of all the residents. President Lambrix replied again that the REU's were calculated according to the Village Ordinance and that the ordinance was established for everyone to follow.

Matt Jones of the Ash/Carleton Little League stated that all was going well with the program, tonight was the first night of practices, over 400 kids were enrolled in the program and 35 teams were established. Compared to 2009, participation levels were increased by over 100+ kids and 7 additional teams were added. Tom Reiser asked if the Ash-Carleton Park was being utilized, and Mr. Jones confirmed that it was. Thom Zemke inquired about participation level from the township. Mr. Jones stated that 20% of the enrollment was from both Ash and Berlin townships. He announced that May 1, 2010 was opening day and that prior to that, all of the coaches were undergoing CPR classes and training at an event being held at Ron's Pizza. Don Mell asked about sponsorships and Mr. Jones stated that there were still opportunities for support. Don then asked for a sponsorship application for possible participation by the Legion.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:22pm by Don Mell, supported by Dennis McCormick. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

America Runyan, Clerk  
Village of Carleton

Next meeting will be April 26, 2010