

**VILLAGE OF CARLETON  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 26, 2010**

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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 Dennis McCormick, Don Mell, Thom Zemke, Tom Reiser, Bill Reckinger and Chuck Collert. Also present, Engineer John Emig, Clerk America Runyan, Attorney Jeff Osment, and Treasurer Peggy Leiffer.

Motion made by Don Mell to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated April 12, 2010. Motion supported by Dennis McCormick. All in favor, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Hennessey Engineers, Inc.-** President Ron Lambrix received a letter from James Hollandsworth, Hennessey Engineers, Inc. and gave a copy of the letter to each councilmen. The letter indicates that the Village Ordinance does not specifically identify an REU property use for a "fire station". Mr. Hollandsworth would like the Village to reconsider the fire station use to be similar to a Warehouse use. Ron stated that James was the same person who was at the last meeting and said that John Emig did the calculations correctly. After discussion the letter was going to be turned over to the sewer committee for further review and come back to the board.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Garage Sale Days –** President Ron said we have some signs up and thinks we need more. Tom Reiser said he made 18 more today and will put them up tomorrow. He will be putting an add in the Monroe Evening News and the News Harold. He believes the spending will be around \$250.00.

**BILLS**

Motion made by Don Mell to pay the bills totaling \$13,922.21, motion supported by Dennis McCormick all in favor, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmen Bill Reckinger would like to come up with a way to charge multi family residents extra for garbage pick up. This would generate revenue for the Village. Thom Zemke thinks it evens out with all the homes that are vacant, the garbage company is having less pick ups. Thom said maybe we should not have garbage pick and save money. Thom also said that those people still pay taxes on those homes. Bill Reckinger is going to look into approximately how many multi family homes we have in the Village and get back with the council.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Dennis McCormick asked how the blight was going. President Ron Lambrix said that the Blight Inspector first communicates with the people and tries to work things out that way. He will send letters to the home owners and address each complaint as needed. Ron said he is keeping up on it.

Thom Zemke asked if we have received any correspondence regarding the water lines. He knows Ash Township has paid the engineers fees on it. He would like a letter sent out asking what Ash Township planned to do with it.

Tom Reiser wants Ron to keep on CN Railroad about the tracks at Ash.

Bill Reckinger wanted people to know that Niki Sourbechs husband is at the funeral home. Niki used to be on the council at one time.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dave Jones commented if you do move to dumpsters with the multi-family homes. He does not want to see dumpsters in the front yards or by the roads. They should be in a location that they can not be seen.

Al Madaski Chair of Park Commission, said Peivon is going to attend our meeting about getting black top at Ash Park. They are looking into a grant. The board is talking about creating more money to pay for half and the Village pay for half until the money comes back from the state. Thom Zemke mentioned talking to the Carleton Rotary. Al mentioned the more money the park raises the less the Village has to come up with.

Chuck Collert asked if the park looked into the DPW cutting the grass. He thinks the park could save \$7000.00. Al Madaski, Chair of Park Commission, said the numbers do not even out. Jakes makes more than \$1,000. For marking the fields and keeping up with everything. President Ron Lambrix said the DPW has been real busy, and he does not think they could keep up with the grass cutting at the park.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:22p.m.made by Dennis McCormick, supported by Don Mell, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

America Runyan, Clerk  
Village of Carleton

Next meeting May 10, 2010