

VILLAGE OF CARLETON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2010

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, Thom Zemke, Chuck Tom Reiser and Bill Reckinger. Also present, Deputy Clerk Teresa Ford, Treasurer Peggy Leiffer and Attorney Jeff Osment. Absent were: Councilman Dennis McCormick and Engineer John Emig.

Motion was made by Don Mell to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated May 24, 2010. Motion was supported by Thom Zemke. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDANCE

President Lambrix presented no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution to Adopt 2010 Master Plan - A motion was made by Don Mell to approve the 2010 Master Plan. Motion was supported by Chuck Collert. Council unanimously approved resolution to adopt the 2010 Master Plan. Robert Peven thanked Council and David Jones, Committee Chairman, for their cooperation and support of this project.

Ordinance #179 . Ordinance regarding rental property inspections within the Village was tabled as a meeting between President Lambrix, Thom Zemke, Attorney Jeff Osment and Building Inspector, Tim Thompson needs to take place before Council reviews.

BILLS

Motion was made by Don Mell to pay the bills totaling \$45,368.53. Motion was supported by Bill Reckinger.

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinance Review . President Lambrix recommended Council to focus on updating this ordinance. Don Mell to inquire regarding funding for this project. Robert Peven stated it would be a lengthy process, estimating approximately two years. Peven said cost would include time and materials with one-half due up front and one-half due upon completion. He also offered that cost could be reduced slightly by eliminating the property map from the project.

Council Mail Boxes . President Lambrix announced that individual mail boxes were now available at the Village Office for each council member. Lambrix stated that this would simplify and expedite distribution of materials to all council members.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Thom Zemke asked if Village had received a response yet to the letter sent to Ash Township. President Lambrix replied no response had been received to date.

Councilman Tom Reiser stated that upon reviewing the bank balance and insurance information he had requested from Treasurer Peggy Leiffer, it was noted that the Village funds had very little insurance coverage compared to the dollar amounts on deposit. Discussion followed regarding solutions. President Lambrix asked Peggy Leiffer to investigate all area banks and credit unions to disperse funds for better insurance coverage. Attorney Jeff Osment commented he would contact the Michigan Municipal League to inquire about how other municipalities handle this issue and to ask for advice regarding fund protection.

Councilman Tom Reiser also inquired regarding the health insurance review process. Councilman Thom Zemke stated the process had begun by reviewing present health care coverage and stated that the committee would be contacting the Union next.

Attorney Jeff Osment stated he had worked with the Juvenile Court and the Carleton Police Dept. Officers could now write tickets to Juvenile offenders, under the age of seventeen. This new process resulted in quicker prosecution. Osment stated this was allowable according to the Village of Carleton statutes and that the Village could collect cost of prosecution.

Treasurer Peggy Leiffer suggested that a representative of the Village Council attend all future Ash Twp meetings. She also noted that the Village tax issue was on the upcoming agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cindy of the American Legion commented on recent issues at the Memorial Day Parade and suggested that a Parade Committee be formed. Don Mell stated the VFW had submitted a petition for parade permission and organized the recent event. President Lambrix stated that any issues that arose on parade day were addressed and resolved. Lambrix suggested she contact the VFW with her ideas for future parades and that the Village Council did not plan parades, just granted permission to allow them.

John Sledge inquired what the letter to Ash Twp was regarding. President Lambrix explained it was regarding the water line running down Monroe St. Sledge also agreed that Village Council should be represented at Ash Twp. Meetings. Sledge commented that there was no coordination between the Village and the Little League. President Lambrix stated that the Village has no connection to the Little League and that they organize and plan their own events.

David Jones stated he appreciated Robert Peven's expertise and thanked him for his help. Jones commented the newly approved Master Plan was a great step for the Village of Carleton, allowing us to form a DDA and to capture state funding for downtown improvements.

Jones also reported that the roads in the cemetery were in need of paving, as every time it rains sand runs out onto Ash Street. He asked that the township be notified.

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David Jones asked if the Council had any plans to pursue forming a City out of the Village. Discussion followed. President Lambrix formed a committee to investigate the procedure to follow. Lambrix appointed Bill Reckinger (as he had worked on this project previously), David Jones, and Greg Coleman. Attorney Osment stated he would review previous files and outlined some steps included in this lengthy process.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:35pm by Don Mell and supported by Bill Reckinger.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa M. Ford, Deputy Clerk
Village of Carleton

Next meeting will be June 28, 2010