

VILLAGE OF CARLETON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2010

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at 1230 Monroe Street, Carleton, MI 48117. Members present, President Ron Lambrix, Engineer John Emig, Councilmen Don Mell, Thom Zemke, Tom Reiser and Bill Reckinger.

Also present, Deputy Clerk Teresa Ford, Treasurer Peggy Leiffer and Attorney Jeff Osment.

Absent were: Councilmen Dennis McCormick and Chuck Collert

Motion was made by Don Mell to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated June 14, 2010. Motion was supported by Thom Zemke with one change to e¹ paragraph under Public Comments to include last name for Cindy of American Legion. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDANCE

Deputy Clerk Teresa Ford read correspondence received from Councilman Dennis McCormick informing Council of a medical treatment plan he is undergoing that will render him unable to attend the next 3-4 Council meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

2010-2011 Audit Report — Councilman Don Mell made a motion to accept the 2010-2011 Audit Report as presented. **Motion was supported by Councilman Bill Reckinger, three in favor, one opposed, Thom Zemke, motion carried.**

Village Funds/FDIC Coverage — Councilman Tom Reiser revisited issue of under-insured Village funds on deposit. He stated that the Village had \$500,000 on deposit in Bank of America, \$100,000 in CoMerica Bank **and** \$2,000,000 in Monroe Bank & Trust with FDIC coverage for only \$250,000 per bank. Reiser also reviewed the stability of each institution and recommended spreading funds among (6) six area banks to protect Village deposits. Discussion followed. Attorney Jeff Osment reported there is no state law to provide additional coverage of municipal funds above FDIC amount of \$250,000 per account, as in the state of New Jersey. Both President Lambrix and Osment expressed their concern with large balances at Monroe Bank & Trust and favored dispersing funds to other area banks. Council concurred with disbursement to ensure safer coverage. Treasurer Peggy Leiffer said she would take the Council recommendations under advisement. Leiffer stated she learned in a recent MTA meeting that historically municipalities received full payments for monies on deposit, according to FDIC records. Further, Leiffer reported that \$238,000 was recently deposited with Education Plus Credit Union and she was preparing to move another \$500,000 following an upcoming meeting with the Village Financial Advisor

BILLS

Motion was made by Don Mell to pay the bills totaling \$9,973.80. Motion was supported by Bill Reckinger.

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time

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COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Bill Reckinger asked if sidewalk repairs were covered by the Major Street Fund. Reckinger noted that many Village sidewalks were deteriorating rapidly and needed fixed before winter. Some discussion followed regarding responsibility of Village versus homeowner. President Ron Lambrix reported that he was checking into this matter.

Councilman Bill Reckinger updated the Council on the formation of the City Charter Commission. He stated that presently himself, Greg Coleman and David Jones and wife were on the commission and he was awaiting a response from Angie Marlow-VanWashnova. Further, Reckinger requested the first meeting be held with Attorney Jeff Osment present to help define the steps necessary to proceed and to give direction to the Commission. Council approved.

Councilman Thom Zemke inquired if the bank had been contacted yet regarding the house on Harris St. President Ron Lambrix replied that he was presently addressing several houses, including the Harris St. house. Zemke then asked if Ash Twp. had responded to the letter sent by the Village. Lambrix reported no response at this time.

Engineer John Emig stated he had been contacted by Roger Homrich in followup to a phone call from his son earlier this year. They are looking for a place to expand their business and were inquiring regarding the Village's position on either selling or leasing property owned by the Village, located near the Waste Water facility, to establish a new Type III landfill. Emig presented the specifics of the landfill they want to develop, the nature of the product to be disposed, the proposed process for disposal, the impact on the environment and the cost of soil analytical studies. Emig then presented the pros and cons of this venture, both in relation to operation of the Waste Water facility and the related environmental issues. Council discussion followed. Concerns were expressed regarding the depressed real estate market and environmental liability. Council agreed it was not in the interest of the Village to approve either the sale or lease of property for this project.

Treasurer Peggy Leiffer asked if a resolution was made regarding banking practices at the Council's Annual Meeting. Councilman Don Mell commented that the policy states monies can be deposited in any banking facility.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A representative from the Carleton Co-op requested permission to put a "Now Leasing" sign out on Grafton Rd. in front of Busch's. President Ron Lambrix suggested she contact the property owner and stated that the Village Office could provide her with contact information. Also, she asked if it was illegal to fly the flag at half-mast to honor the troops. Attorney Jeff Osment stated that law only required a flag flown at night be illuminated.

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Al Madaski reported that the Park Commission had decided to keep the name of Ash-Carleton Park. He also suggested the Village pursue offering CCW classes to raise revenue. President Lambrix stated that Monroe County issues CCW permits, not the Village of Carleton.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:27pm was made by Don Mell and supported by Thom Zemke.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa M. Ford, Deputy Clerk
Village of Carleton

Next meeting will be July 12, 2010