

Village of Ortonville
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462
Ortonville Village Council meeting
January 26, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.

President Quisenberry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Trustee Kassuba.

Roll Call:

Present: Champion, Eschmann, Green, Nivel, Kassuba, Quisenberry
Absent: Batten

Also Present: Village Manager - Ed Coy, Village Clerk – Julie Alexander, Village Treasurer – Larry Brown and approximately 3 residents.

Approval of Agenda:

No changes.

Motion by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Eschmann, to approve the agenda.
All in favor, the Motion carried.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on January 12, 2009.
No changes.

Motion by Trustee Kassuba, seconded by Trustee Eschmann, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2009 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.
All in favor, the Motion carried.

Minutes of the Village of Ortonville Council meeting on January 12, 2009.
No changes.

Motion by Trustee Champion, seconded by Trustee Nivel, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2009 Village Council meeting.
All in favor, the Motion carried.

Disbursements for January 2009:

Clarification sought for the following invoice(s):

- Oakland County Treasurer for \$389.46 (annual expense)
- League Employee Benefits for \$5949.26 (consistent monthly expense)
- Hamilton's for \$272.43 (contractors mix)

Motion by Trustee Kassuba, seconded by Trustee Nivel, to approve disbursements in the amount of \$7664.85.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Champion, Eschmann, Green, Nivelt, Kassuba, Quisenberry

Nays: None.

Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report for December 2008

No questions. Treasurer Brown was present.

Motion by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Champion, to approve the Treasurer's Report.
All in favor, the Motion carried.

Acceptance of Other Items:

A. Brandon Township Fire Alarms – December 2008

Accepted.

Public Comments (Agenda Items Only):

None.

Unfinished Business:

A. Update on Ordinance Revisions – Village Manager Coy

Village Manager Coy updated Council on proposed ordinance revisions. Both he and the Village attorney, Michael Gildner, are unable to locate an ordinance that permits a particular number of abandoned vehicles allowed for a specific parcel. President Quisenberry requested clarification on procedure required to revise an ordinance. Village Manager Coy will find out if a resolution, public hearing or a motion will is required. Village Manager Coy also advised Council that Mr. Gildner is willing to attend a meeting to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of changing ordinance violations to civil infraction. Council requested a written explanation from the attorney instead of meeting attendance, at this time.

New Business:

A. Waste Water Committee – Village Manager Coy

Village Manager Coy advised Council that he has met with the Township Supervisor, Kathy Thurman, regarding this issue. It was decided that a committee of Village representatives, Township representatives, business owners and residents should meet for preliminary discussions on moving forward with waste water treatment. Discussion occurred over the purpose of the committee. Timing, associated cost and past efforts were brought up. Trustee Green noted her disagreement with any attempt to move forward with this issue due to the current economic situation. Trustee Kassuba expressed concern over cost to taxpayers to form a committee, as it has been attempted in the past. Village Manager Coy assured Council that a budget for the committee is not being requested, at this time. Trustee Eschmann volunteered, along with Village Manager Coy, to represent the Village. Council will be updated on committee discussions.

Motion by Trustee Champion, seconded by Trustee Nivelt, to form a committee for waste water treatment with Brandon Township. Village Manager Coy & Trustee Eschmann will represent the Village.

Motion passed with a 5 to 1 vote.

Public Comments (Items not on agenda):

None.

Items from Trustees:

Trustee Champion questioned snow plowing on South Street.

Trustee Kassuba suggested changing the ordinance as it pertains to sidewalk snow removal. She recommended making the business and homeowners solely responsible and fining anyone who moves it into the road.

Motion by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Eschmann, to adjourn the Open portion of the Village Council meeting and move to a Closed session.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Champion, Eschmann, Green, Nivelt, Kassuba, Quisenberry

Nays: None.

All in favor, the Motion carried.

Open Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Trustee Batten arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Moved to Closed Session at 7:55 p.m.

Discussed strategy for collective bargaining agreement negotiations.

Motion by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Eschmann, to move to an Open Session.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Champion, Eschmann, Green, Batten, Nivelt, Kassuba, Quisenberry

Nays: None.

Motion approved.

Moved to Open Session at 9:04 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Eschmann, to adjourn the Ortonville Village Council meeting.

All in favor, the Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Alexander
Village of Ortonville Clerk