

**Village of Ortonville**  
Village Office – 476 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462  
**Planning Commission Regular Meeting**  
**November 9, 2010**

Chairman Lee Palshan called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Craciun, Nivelt, Hayden, McAvinchey, Palshan

Absent: Rogers (with notice), Vandis

**Also Present:** Village Manager – Larry Brown, Recording Secretary – Heidi Barckholtz

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion** by **Palshan**, seconded by **Hayden**, to approve the agenda as written.

**All in favor, the Motion carried.**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting – September 7, 2010

**Corrections:** None

**Motion** by **Nivelt**, seconded by **McAvinchey**, to approve the minutes of September 9, 2010.

**All in favor, the Motion carried.**

**New Business:**

None

**Old Business:**

**A. Discuss Request for Quotes for the Zoning Ordinance**

Manager Brown presented the Public Notice to be published in the Citizen Newspaper seeking quotes for the re-writing of the Zoning Ordinance. He also provided a list of planning consultants provided by Oakland County. The Planning Commission discussed the best way to move forward with bid process.

**Motion** by **Hayden**, seconded by **Nivelt**, to send the request for proposal as corrected to the list of consultants presented.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** McAvinchey, Hayden, Nivelt, Craciun, Palshan

**Nays:**

**Absent:** Rogers (with notice), Vandis

**All in favor, the Motion carried.**

## **B. Status of Zoning Ordinance Changes**

Commissioners discussed and reviewed the final revisions of the Zoning Ordinance completed by Larry Hayden with minor changes noted. The revision is now ready to be presented to a consulting firm once the bidding process is completed.

### **Items From Commissioners:**

**McAvinchey** Noted at a previous meeting he had discussed the possibility of changing the intersection at Granger and M-15. He had contacted Steve Stransac at MDOT in Waterford regarding possible solutions to remedy the congestion at this intersection. Mr. Stransac suggested a signal study and then the possibility of changing the sign on M-15 to “Stop Here on Red” with a stop bar included. McAvinchey said he would continue researching this matter.

**Nivelt** Noted that as the Village Council representative for the Planning Commission, this will be her last meeting because she was not re-elected to the Village Council. Also noted she is concerned with the dwindling business in the Village and suggested the Planning Commission work with the DDA to not only bring in new business but to investigate why so many businesses come and go.

**Hayden** Highly recommends that Planning Commission members join a DDA committee; they are in need of good volunteers.

**Palshan** Thanked Melanie Nivelt for being on the Planning Commission.

***\*It was noted for the record that the next Planning Commission meeting will January 4, 2011 at 7:30 at which time the 2011 meeting schedule will be approved.***

**Chairman Palshan** adjourned the Planning Commission meeting at **9:04 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Barckholtz  
Village Clerk