

Village of Ortonville
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462
Village Council Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Present: Champion, Nivelt, Eschmann, Batten, Kassuba, Green, Quisenberry
Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager – Ed Coy, Village Clerk/Recording Secretary – Julie Alexander, and 7 approximately resident.

Approval of Agenda:

Nivelt requested to add Item C under **New Business**–

Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union Maintenance Issues

Motion by Kassuba, seconded by Eschmann, to approve agenda.

All in favor, the motion carried.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the Ortonville Regular Council Meeting – February 25, 2008.

No clarifications or corrections.

Motion by Green, seconded by Champion, to approve the meeting minutes of the February 25, 2008, Village Council Meeting.

All in favor, the motion carried.

Disbursements:

Clarifications sought for the following invoice:

- Laura M. Douglas for \$473.60 (already paid) – property tax bill adjustment

Motion by Green, seconded by Eschmann, to approve disbursements in the amount of \$2,543.77 (already paid), and to approve disbursements in the amount of \$12,877.42 (unpaid).

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

All in favor, the motion carried.

Acceptance of Other Items:

Brandon Fire Department Expenditures – March 2008

No clarifications or corrections.

Minutes to DDA Board Meeting – February 21, 2008

Clarifications sought for 2 items. Page 4, **Streetscape Task Force** statement, “All maintenance work will be performed by Village crews.” Also, Page 4, **Heritage Garden Interpretive Signs**.

Note these minutes are still in draft form.

Public Comments (Agenda Items Only):

None.

Unfinished Business:

A. Replacement of South Street Guard Rail – Ed Coy

Ed addressed questions asked by Council regarding coverage of guard rail repair by insurance policy (current & past insurer). Insurance representative was unable to attend meeting as originally planned. Discussion took place regarding history of guard rail damage, waiting to complete repair work, and safety issues. Ed clarified that the insurance policy could cover the repair if guard rails were specifically noted (scheduled) as a covered item. Scheduling this into the policy would increase the premium by \$1000 (\$1000 deductible). Ed suggested approving repair, just waiting until better weather to have repair actually done.

Motion by Batten, seconded by Nivelt, to approve repair, but postpone work until better weather.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Batten, seconded by Nivelt, to approve guard rail repair, subject to work not being started until April 15th, and to have work completed by lowest bidder. Work is to be paid for Village funds.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

All were in favor, the motion carried.

New Business:

A. Seminar Attendance – Rick McAvinchey

Ed presented Rick McAvinchey's interest in attending a workshop on protecting water resources. Council sought clarification on whether this particular seminar was recommended by the Planning Commission. It was suggested that other education be looked into that might be more all inclusive, not only specific to water. The training budget was discussed. Council decided not to approve this particular course at this time.

B. Approval of Brandon Parks & Recreation Special Events – Fred Waybrant

Fred presented a list of special events, recreational programs, and request for in-kind services from the Village (DPW) for 2008. Also, the need for utility shed repairs were discussed in depth. Fred is seeking bids to have the utility shed repairs completed soon. Fred wanted to confirm that past service will continue, even with DPW staffing changes. Council assured Fred that Village assistance will continue. Discussion took place regarding the Parks & Recreation budget, and ball field improvements already completed.

Motion by Champion, seconded by Green, to accept requests made in letter to the Village of Ortonville, dated March 3, 2008.

All were in favor, the motion carried.

C. Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union Maintenance Issues - Nivel

The owner of the Credit Union building is unhappy about screw holes left behind from the Septemberfest sign. Fred Waybrant installed sign, but was told holes would be filled by relative of the bank manager. It was determined that the issue is between the building owner and Brandon Township. Fred Waybrant advised Melanie Nivel to have the building owner contact him to resolve issue. Also, Melanie Nivel questioned status of lamp post at the same property. Ed Coy advised difficulty locating a replacement. He has been working with vendor. Issue will be revisited at next Council meeting, to review any progress or consider options.

Public Comments (Items Not on Agenda):

Tom Stowell – Old Mill addition is almost complete. Historical Society will be looking for assistance in moving exhibits, new displays, etc. Council offered assistance. Sidewalk specifics are to be clarified at the next Historical Society meeting. **Bill Prince** discussed drainage concern and possible fix to prevent future basement flooding.

Items from Trustees:

Kassuba – clarified purpose of DPW audit.

Eschmann – requested pothole status. It was specifically noted the need for work on South St.

Motion by Green, seconded by Batten, to adjourn this portion of the Village Council meeting.
All in favor, the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Alexander
Recording Secretary