

**Village of Ortonville**  
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462  
**Village Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March 24, 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: Batten, Champion, Eschmann, Green, Kassuba, Nivelt, Quisenberry  
Absent: None

**Also Present:** Village Manager – Ed Coy, Recording Secretary – Diana Bertapelle, and approximately 20 residents.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Manager Coy** requested to remove item A under New Business – Brandon Groveland Youth Assistance Contribution as Candee Allen is not able to be present.

**Manager Coy** also requested the addition of the minutes from the Village Council Closed Special Meeting from March 10, 2008.

**Manager Coy** requested the addition of Walt Renn under Unfinished Business, Item A.

**Motion** by Green, seconded by Eschmann, to approve agenda with the noted changes.

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

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes of the Ortonville Regular Council Meeting – March 10, 2008.

No clarifications or corrections.

**Motion** by Champion, seconded by Kassuba, to approve the meeting minutes of the March 10, 2008, Village Council Meeting.

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

**Approval of the Treasurer's Report**

**Motion** by Kassuba seconded by Nivelt to approve the Treasurer's Report.

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

**Approval of the Village Council Special Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2008**

**Motion** by Champion, seconded by Nivelt to approve the Village Council Special Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2008.

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

**Disbursements:**

Clarifications sought for the following invoice:

Road Commission for Oakland County – Trustee Eschmann questioned why this was not paid sooner. It was unclear why this was not paid sooner.

Rowe Portable Welding – Trustee Eschmann questioned why this was not able to be handled by the DPW as there is a welder in the DPW inventory. Manager Coy stated that the type of welder in the DPW garage was not able to handle this particular type of repair.

**Motion** by Champion, seconded by Eschmann , to approve disbursements in the amount of \$9459.29.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None

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

**Acceptance of Other Items:**

**Brandon Fire Department Expenditures – March 2008**

No clarifications or corrections.

**Receipt of Brandon Fire Department list of Fire Runs – February 2008**

No clarifications or corrections.

**Public Comments (Agenda Items Only):**

Glennis Hubbard – Skate Park

Ms. Hubbard voiced her concerns regarding the Skate Park and requested the Village Council close the Skate Park immediately and permanently and remove all Skate Park equipment. She also commended all volunteers who have helped keep the Skate Park open.

Robert Flath – Skate Park

Mr. Flath also spoke to the issue of the Skate Park, voicing his opinion as a business owner and Village resident that the Skate Park remain open and urged the Village Council to work with Brandon Township to work together to keep the Skate Park in the Village.

**Unfinished Business:**

Walt Renn – Insurance

Mr. Renn answered questions from the board regarding the Village guardrails and the possibility of insuring them. Mr. Renn explained that the additional coverage for the Village guardrails would cost approximately \$1,000.00. That coupled with the high deductible of \$1,000.00 was about equal to the quoted cost of the guardrail repair. Eschmann questioned the feasibility of insuring just one guardrail. Mr. Renn is to check to see if that would be possible.

**New Business:**

**A. Brandon Groveland Youth Assistance Contribution – Candee Allen**

Removed from Agenda.

**B. Skate Park Committee Report – Kay Green**

Trustee Green expressed that she wished the committee report was more positive. After meeting with the committee and speaking with the residents around the skate park, it was the committee’s opinion that there is no concrete solution for correcting the problems with the Skate Park. The property is owned by the Village and the equipment is owned by Brandon Township. Trustee Green felt that Brandon Township Parks & Recreation Department needs to become involved with the Skate Park. Further discussion was held

regarding the potential involvement of Brandon Township and whether or not the Skate Park should close permanently.

**Motion** by Batten, seconded by Green to close the Skate Park permanently and request Brandon Township remove all of the Skate Park equipment.

A roll call vote was taken

**Ayes:** Batten, Green

**Nayes:** Champion, Eschmann, Kassuba, Nivel, Quisenberry

**The motion was defeated by a 5 to 2 vote.**

There was continued discussion regarding involving Brandon Township in the Skate Park in order to resolve the outstanding issues related to the Park. Trustee Kassuba pointed out that there is a considerable amount of money invested in the Skate Park. If it is closed, the kids will skate in the street. Trustee Kassuba strongly felt that the Township should share responsibility for the Skate Park.

**Motion** by Eschmann seconded Kassuba to form a committee with members from both the Ortonville Village Council and Brandon Township Board of Directors to work on resolving issues with the skate park.

Trustee Eschmann added that the timeframe for this motion is no more than two weeks.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: Batten

**The motion passed with a 6/1 vote.**

Trustee Kassuba volunteered to chair the committee with Trustee Green and Trustee Champion volunteering to join the committee.

Manager Coy questioned what was to be done with the Skate Park in the meantime and it was the consensus that the park should open as usual, according to the Village Ordinance.

**C. Decorative Street Lamp – Melanie Nivel**

Manager Coy has been trying to get the damaged decorative street lamp on Mill Street replaced since last September; however, the company he has been working with has been unable to obtain the street lamp post. Trustee Nivel recommended going with the second bid from City Electric to replace the lamp post, which would cost an additional \$133.00.

**Motion** by Batten, seconded by Green, to accept the quote from City Electric to repair the light post at the quoted price.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None

**All were in favor, the motion carried.**

**Manager's Report**

Village Manager presented the Manager's Report.

### **21 Church Street**

Manager Coy stated that the Village is in condemnation proceedings with the owner of this property. The owners of the property had 30 days to clean it up, which ended in February. The property has not been cleaned up and the Village attorney is filing a motion on April 2, 2008, for contempt of court.

### **Master plan**

The Master Plan Task Force met on March 18, 2008, wrapping up the first draft of the Master Plan. Jim Brueckman from McKenna is printing copies with a finalization schedule (dates are approximate), which he will present to the council to approve for release. Coy made note that the Council will not be approving the final Master Plan, they would just be approving that it be released and that final approval or adoption by the Council is not required but it can be if the Village Council wishes.

### **Ordinance Codification**

Manager Coy stated that the final report has been sent to American Legal Publishing. Once we receive it back, Manager Coy will send it to the Council.

### **DPW**

The DPW is currently cold patching the Village streets. Once the cold patching is complete, the DPW will start on street and sidewalk cleaning.

### **Public Comments (Items Not on Agenda):**

**Robert Flath** – Mr. Flath wanted to remind the Board that the Village is a very small community of one square mile. Living in the Village has its advantages and disadvantages. He stated that living in the Village is a give and take and requested that the Board remember such.

**Kathy Wood** – Ms. Wood requested clarification as to whether or not the Skate Park will remain closed or if it will open. President Quisenberry stated that the Skate Park will open according to the schedule set forth in the Village Ordinance. Manager Coy informed Ms. Wood that the Skate Park requires some maintenance before it can open.

**Heidi Barckoltz** – Ms. Barckoltz asked the Council if the Skate park will be opening with volunteers or not, and if the current Skate Park Committee will continue. President Quisenberry stated he was not sure if the park would open with volunteers or not, and that the Skate Park Committee will no longer be meeting. Barckoltz stated that if the current Skate Park Committee is concluding that she currently has approximately \$100.00 to be deposited and suggested thanking the volunteers who have supported the Skate Park.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS – See Agenda**

**Batten** – Nothing at this time

**Champion** – Trustee Champion was a part of the work bee for the Old Mill. She spent time at the Mill packing artifacts to be moved to the old part of the building so that the new section could be completed. She stated that there was more to be done and the work bee would continue this weekend and more help will be needed.

**Green** – Trustee Green will be getting together with Manager Coy regarding painting and replacing of wood at DPW.

**Kassuba** – Nothing at this time.

**Nivelt** – Will talk with Greg from the cable company regarding the sound to resolve problems with channel 18.

**Quisenberry** – Jane Derry, the DDA Organizational Committee Chairperson came up and spoke regarding upcoming DDA training. Their goal is to strengthen relationship with council and Derry extended an invitation to attend a Main Street workshop on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Pontiac. Derry arranged for those attending to meet in the Village for coffee and donuts and carpool to the training in Pontiac. Mr. Rick Finley, who has attended the training in the past informed the Council that this was an excellent training workshop. Trustee Kassuba, who also has attended this workshop stated that it was very educational. The training is free.

**Motion** by Batten, seconded by Green, to adjourn.  
**All in favor, the motion carried.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana L. Bertapelle  
Recording Secretary