

Village of Ortonville
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462
Village Council Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.

President Quisenberry called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also Present: Ed Coy-Village Manager, Julie Alexander-Recording Secretary, and approximately 8 residents.

Approval of Agenda:

No amendments.

Motion by **Champion**, seconded by Kassuba, to approve the agenda.

All in favor, the motion carried.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the Ortonville Regular Council Meeting – April 28, 2008

No clarifications or corrections.

Motion by **Green**, seconded by Eschmann, to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2008, Village Council Meeting.

All in favor, the motion carried.

Disbursements:

Clarifications sought for the following invoice:

- Orion Concrete
- Rentrop & Morrison
- League Employee Benefits

Motion by **Kassuba**, seconded by Nivelt, to approve disbursements in the amount of \$25,566.10.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

All in favor, the motion carried.

Acceptance of Other Items:

Brandon Fire Department Expenditures

No clarifications.

Public Comments (Agenda Items Only):

None.

Unfinished Business:

A. Sidewalk Pricing – Ed Coy

Ed provided detail on sidewalk price increase to clarify questions that were brought up during the last Council meeting. It was further noted that the decision was made to pay the contractor at the original bid amount at the last meeting. Discussion occurred regarding that decision.

President Quisenberry noted his support of paying overage due to unforeseen cost increases since bid was made in mid-2007. Concern was expressed over setting a precedence for future bids.

Motion by **Eschmann**, seconded by Quisenberry, to approve the increase of .43 per lineal ft. for the remainder of the contract.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eschmann, Champion, Nivel, Quisenberry

Nays: Batten, Green, Kassuba

Motion passed with a 4 to 3 vote.

New Business:

A. Change in Zoning Map – Ed Coy

The owners of 92 South Street are requesting a zoning change from R-1 to B-1, to open a consignment shop. They plan to keep the exterior as historically accurate as possible. The Planning Commission has already reviewed this request and are in favor of this change. There are some resolveable parking issues to be addressed. There was discussion regarding zoning, permits, and inspections.

Motion by **Green**, seconded by Eschmann, to approve the zoning change for 92 South Street, parcel # 03-18-127-018, from R-1 to B-1.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

All in favor, the motion carried.

B. Traffic Improvement Association – Ed Coy

Discussion occurred over what services are provided by the Traffic Improvement Association. The annual membership fee is \$500.

Motion by **Champion**, seconded by Kassuba, to pay the \$500 invoice for this service.

Roll Call:

Ayes: None.

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

Motion failed with a 0 to 7 vote.

C. Resolution Re: CDBG Participation – Ed Coy

Discussed the extension of the CDBG grant program.

Motion by **Green**, seconded by Batten, to pass the resolution to continue the CDBG block grant program through 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

All in favor, the motion carried.

D. Village Council President Pro Tempore – Ed Coy

The Village Charter requires the Village Council to annually appoint the President Pro Tempore. Favorable discussion occurred pertaining to Kay Green filling this role to date.

Motion by **Batten**, seconded by Nivelt, to appoint Kay Green as President Pro Tempore until the next vote in 2009.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

All in favor, the motion carried.

E. Ordinance Re: Adoption of Code of Ordinances – Ed Coy

Clarified what was being adopted.

Motion by **Champion**, seconded by Green, to adopt the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Ortonville.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

All in favor, the motion carried.

F. Plant Grant Program – Lois Robbins

Lois Robbins presented sign details for the native garden. DDA is seeking approval from Council to use Main Street approved funds to purchase the 12” by 12” permanent sign for the garden. Also requested was the installation of an information box containing details on planting native gardens. That box is to be maintained by the Native Landscape committee. The committee plans to place the sign on a 4 ft. tall cedar post. There was discussion regarding a wood vs. plastic information box. Council recommends a wood information box. Cory Johnston, a garden committee member with Independence Twp., gave overview of their progress with gardens there and the signage they plan to use.

Motion by **Green**, seconded by Nivelt, to allow the Native Landscape team to install a 4 ft. tall cedar post, 12” by 12” sign, a temporary plastic information box (same post), with a natural box to be used once constructed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

All in favor, the motion carried.

Public Comments (Items not on Agenda):

Glennis Hubbard – Questioned the responsibilities of Council pertaining to the Skate Park, and the progress in getting a Skate Park Supervisor in place.

Cory Johnston – Noted that Independence Township is considering the Main Street program.

Items from Trustees:

Nivelt – Crescent Hill lighting will be on future agenda

Clarified she did not provide a Skate Park key to anyone

Kassuba - Passed out Fire Department golf outing information & requested participation by Council

Champion - Mann School sidewalks were well done

Green - None

Eschmann - Memorial Day volunteers are needed by the emergency response team. Emails will be sent with details to Council

Batten - None

Motion by Batten, seconded by Green, to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:37 p.m.

All in favor, the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Alexander
Recording Secretary