

**Village of Ortonville**  
Old Town Hall – 486 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462  
**Village Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 28, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.**

President Quisenberry called the meeting to order at 7:03 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, Diana Bertapelle-Recording Secretary, and approximately 10 residents.

**Approval of Agenda:**

No amendments.

**Motion** by **Eschmann**, seconded by **Green**, to approve the agenda with the addition of the Skate Park under Unfinished Business, item A, and Robert Renchik of the DDA as item E under New Business.

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

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes of the Ortonville Zoning Board of Appeals – May 12, 2008

No clarifications or corrections.

**Motion** by **Champion**, seconded by **Kassuba**, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2008, Village Council Meeting.

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

Minutes of the Ortonville Regular Council Meeting – May 12, 2008

Green requested that under item F, under New Business, that the minutes reflect that the Council recommended a wood information box be installed rather than a plastic box.

**Motion** by **Batten**, seconded by **Champion**, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2008, Village Council Meeting with the clarification under item F, New Business.

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

**Disbursements:**

Clarifications sought for the following invoice:

\* Orion Concrete

**Motion** by **Champion**, seconded by **Eschmann**, to approve disbursements in the amount of \$22,154.11.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: Kassuba.

**The motion carried 6/1.**

**Acceptance of Other Items:**

- A. **Brandon Fire Department Fire Runs**  
Accepted with no clarifications.
- B. **Treasurer's Report**  
Accepted with no clarifications.

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

Mr. Robert Flath submitted his resignation from the Downtown Development Authority Board to the Council and requested that the Village Council Board look into the focus of the DDA.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. **Skate Park – Kay Green.**  
Green questioned the procedure for closing the Skate Park. The Skate Park was not closed on-time this weekend and several Council members received calls from residents. As requested by Trustee Nivelt, the coordination of locking the Skate Park is to be done by the Village Office until Skate Park Monitors are hired. Manager Coy stated that he intends on having this position filled by the end of next week (June 6, 2008).

**New Business:**

- A. **Spratt Farms – Mr. Spratt**  
Mr. Spratt comes to the council each spring seeking permission to set up his farm stand in the parking lot beside Mabelina's on Saturday mornings. The Council usually requests a donation to the DDA of \$10.00 for each week he sets up.

**Motion** by **Green**, seconded by Nivelt, to allow Spratt Farms to set up a farm stand on Saturday mornings in the parking lot next to Mabelina's for a weekly donation to the DDA of \$10.00, as was done last year.

**Motion** by Batten seconded by Nivelt to amend the motion to include the hours of operation to be between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.  
**All were in favor, the motion carried.**

A roll call vote was taken on the amended motion.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

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

- B. **Budget Presentation – Ken Quisenberry**

Quisenberry presented the proposed budget to the Council members explaining changes that were made in the new budget and outlining the steps to adopting the budget for the next fiscal year.

**C. Wastewater Treatment Discussion – Dan Eschmann**

Eschmann briefed the Council on the special meeting held regarding wastewater treatment.

**D. DDA – Mary Kassuba**

Trustee Kassuba read the following excerpt from the MCL Act 197 of 1975, section 125.1657 Downtown Development Authority (Excerpt) Powers of the board.

“The Board may (n) create, operate, and fund marketing initiatives that benefit only the retail and general marketing of the downtown district.”

**E. DDA, CreekFest and the CreekFest Gala Event – Robert Renchik**

Mr. Renchik spoke to the Council about the upcoming CreekFest Event and CreekFest Gala and encouraged all Council members to purchase tickets to attend the Gala, the first annual Signature Event for the DDA. This event will be one of the major Mainstreet fundraisers for the DDA.

**Public Comments (Items not on Agenda):**

Debbie Baker – DDA Market Manager clarified that during Beets, Beats and Eats a vendor spot is \$10.00 for an 8x8 spot and \$15.00 for a 10x10 and that Mr. Spratt takes up a considerable amount of space for his stand. She invited Mr. Spratt to be a vendor at BB&E.

Ms. Baker also extended an invitation to all Council members to help with a dunk tank during CreekFest, stating that she would like at least two Village Council members, two Brandon Township Board members and two DDA Board members for the dunk tank.

Ms. Baker informed the council that there will be street closures for CreekFest, for the safety of those attending the event. The proper permit applications were received by the Village Office with both the Police Department and Fire Department signing off.

Robert Flath – Expressed his concern that the Council was not aware of the street closures.

Jason Gault – Introduced himself to the Council as the new Chair of the DDA Economic Restructuring Committee.

**Items from Trustees:**

**Kassuba -** Kassuba asked Mr. Gault who he was and what business he owned in the DDA zone. Jason informed the Council that he is a 25 year resident of Brandon Township and owns a Real Estate company which is not in the DDA zone.

**Champion -** Champion commented that the sidewalks which have been completed look very nice and questioned whether residents had called with complaints that the driveway skirt approaching the sidewalks had not yet been filled in. Manager Coy informed her that many of these will be fixed tomorrow. There have been little to no complaints, and only a few residents have called to request their driveways be filled in.

**Batten -** Batten agreed with Eschmann that the Wastewater Treatment meeting was very informative.

**Green -** Nothing.  
**Eschmann -** Nothing.  
**Nivelt -** Nothing.

**Adjournment**

**Motion** by Champion, seconded by Batten, to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:30 p.m.  
**All in favor, the motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Bertapelle  
Recording Secretary