

**Village of Ortonville**  
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462  
**Village Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 9, 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, Nivelt, Green, Champion, Kassuba, Eschmann, Quisenberry  
Absent: None

**Also Present:** Ed Coy-Village Manager, Julie Alexander-Recording Secretary/Village Clerk, and approximately 7 residents.

**Approval of Agenda:**

No amendments.

**Motion** by **Green**, 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 – May 28, 2008

No clarifications or corrections.

**Motion** by **Kassuba**, seconded by Nivelt, to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2008, Village Council Meeting.

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

**Disbursements:**

Clarifications sought for the following invoices:

- Copier costs
- Orion Concrete

**Motion** by **Champion**, seconded by Nivelt, to approve disbursements in the amount of \$17,094.43 .

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Green, Nivelt, Eschmann, Champion, Quisenberry

Nays: Kassuba, Batten

**The Motion passed with a 5 to 2 vote.**

**Acceptance of Other Items:**

**DDA Regular Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2008**

**Trustee Nivelt** questioned when the tree trimming/pruning will be completed. It was determined that the work was finished based on what was requested of the company doing the work.

**Acceptance of Other Items (continued):**

**Trustee Eschmann** questioned the trees obstructing sidewalk passage at 520 Mill Street (in front of Owen residence). It was clarified that the Village is responsible for trimming the trees in this particular location.

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

No comments from the public.

**Motion** by **Green**, seconded by Nivelt to adjourn this portion of the regular Village Council meeting.

**All in favor, Motion carried.**

Regular Village Council meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m. (to be re-opened after Public Hearing).

Regular Village Council meeting resumed at 7:33 p.m.

**Unfinished Business:**

**A. Follow-up on 110 Mill Street – Charise Heacock**

Ms. Heacock addressed Council with an update on the work to be done on her home at 110 Mill Street. The document (K1) needed from the court has been postponed. By June 15<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Heacock should have this document to provide to the IRS. The IRS will return the money that Ms. Heacock was erroneously required to pay upon receiving the K1. She will report back to Council at the July 14, 2008 regular Village Council meeting with a detailed update.

**New Business:**

**A. Skate Park Update – Ed Coy/Fred Waybrant**

The Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) Grant was denied. Council agreed to not re-apply at this time.

**Motion** by **Batten**, seconded by Green, that the Skate Park be closed and Council contact Brandon Township to have equipment removed.

**Discussion:**

Ed Coy introduced the new Skate Park Monitor, Bob Roerink. The feedback has been positive and Mr. Coy stated he was pleased with his supervision. It was noted that the Police haven't received any complaints since Mr. Roerink started on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Roerink advised Council that he has introduced himself to the neighbors and has a good rapport with kids, so far.

Mr. Roerink requested the installation of a gate at the back of the fence with proper signage regarding no fence jumping.

**Skate Park Update (continued):**

**Roll Call (to above Motion):**

Ayes: Batten, Eschmann

Nays: Kassuba, Green, Nivelt, Champion, Quisenberry

**The Motion failed with a 2 to 5 vote.**

**B. Fire Works Contribution – Ed Coy**

Mr. Coy advised Council of past contributions for the local fireworks. He is seeking support from Council to contribute \$700 on behalf of the Village for the fireworks.

**Motion** by **Green**, seconded by Nivelt, to contribute \$700 to the Chamber of Commerce for the fireworks fund.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: Batten

**The Motion passed with a 6 to 1 vote.**

**C. Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 1322 – Ed Coy**

Mr. Coy requested a vote regarding Senate Bill 1322. Because the Village of Ortonville receives less than \$250,000 from the Michigan Transportation Fund, this Bill would affect us directly.

This Bill would take the money that the Village receives, and give it to the County. The County would then use those funds as they deemed appropriate for our local road maintenance. Mr. Coy noted that it would not be a positive change.

**Motion** by **Champion**, seconded by Batten, to pass the Resolution opposing Senate Bill 1322.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

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

**Discussion:**

It was clarified that the Resolution is an official response by Village. The Senate Bill may still pass.

**D. DPW Hours – Ed Coy**

Mr. Coy would like to alter the DPW work hours. An earlier start time would assist the workers with street cleaning more efficiently, and also allow the workers to finish more laborious work before the mid-day heat.

Discussion:

Late afternoon staffing, and keeping the Council informed of schedule changes was discussed. It was agreed that Village Manager will keep Council informed regarding changes made to the DPW work schedule as they occur.

**DPW Hours (continued):**

**Motion** by **Kassuba**, seconded by Batten, to have the DPW work schedule be at the discretion of the Village Manager.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: Green

**The Motion passed with a 6 to 1 vote.**

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

No public comments.

**Items from Trustees:**

**Trustee Eschmann –** Commented on the possibility of expanding farmers/vendors for Saturday mornings.

**Trustee Kassuba –** No items.

**Trustee Champion -** Questioned whether or not there is there farmers market coordinator?

**Trustee Green –** No items.

**Trustee Nivel -** Questioned the recording of future Village Council meetings.

**Trustee Batten –** General comment on Senate Bill 1322.

**Motion** by **Green**, seconded by Nivel, to adjourn the regular Village Council meeting.

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

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Alexander  
Recording Secretary