

**Village of Ortonville**  
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462  
**Village Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 23, 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: Kassuba, Batten, Eschmann, Nivel, Green, Quisenberry  
Absent: Champion – with notice.

**Also Present:** Ed Coy-Village Manager, Julie Alexander-Recording Secretary/Village Clerk, and approximately 4 residents.

**Approval of Agenda:**  
Added Storm Clean-up as Item F to New Business at the request of Trustee Nivel.

**Motion by Kassuba**, seconded by **Nivel**, to approve the amended agenda.  
**All in favor, the Motion carried.**

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:**  
Minutes of the Ortonville Regular Council Meeting – June 9, 2008  
No clarifications or corrections.

**Motion by Green**, seconded by **Nivel**, to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2008, Village Council Meeting.  
**All in favor, the Motion carried.**

Minutes of the Ortonville Public Hearing – June 9, 2008  
No clarifications or corrections.

**Motion by Green**, seconded by **Kassuba**, to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2008 Ortonville Public Hearing.  
**All in favor, the Motion carried.**

**Disbursements:**  
Clarifications sought for the following invoices:  
-Oakland County Treasurer  
-Rentrop & Morrison (provide detail of invoice for future)  
-Empire

**Motion by Eschmann**, seconded by **Nivel**, to approve disbursements in the amount of \$16,244.87.

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Eschmann, Nivelt, Quisenberry

Nays: Kassuba, Batten, Green

**Motion failed with a 3 to 3 vote.**

**Motion** by **Green**, seconded by **Batten**, to approve disbursements less the Orion Concrete invoice.

**Discussion:**

Sidewalk status was discussed in more detail before proceeding.

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Kassuba, Batten, Green

Nays: Eschman, Nivelt, Quisenberry

**Motion failed with a 3 to 3 vote.**

**Discussion:**

More discussion regarding consequences of not paying any of the Village bills.

**Motion** by **Green**, seconded by **Eschmann**, to pay the Village bills in total.

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Eschmann, Nivelt, Green, Quisenberry

Nays: Kassuba, Batten

**Motion passed with a 4 to 2 vote.**

**Acceptance of Other Items:**

**A. Treasurer's Report**

No questions or clarifications.

**B. DDA Board Meeting Minutes from May 28, 2008**

It was clarified that Trustee Eschmann was not present at this particular meeting. Trustee Green questioned the resignation status of DDA Board members. This issue will be discussed as Item D under New Business.

**C. Brandon Fire Department Summary of Fire Alarms**

No questions or clarifications.

**D. Brandon Fire Department Disbursements**

No questions or clarifications.

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

None.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

**A. Approval of 2008-2009 Budget & Millage**

Council discussed potential need and options for future sidewalk repairs.

**Motion** by **Green**, seconded by **Eschmann**, to approve the Resolution for the 2008-2009 Budget resolution.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

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

**B. Approval of 2007-2008 Budget Amendments**

Council discussed the purpose of budget amendments. It was clarified that all money is in one account and that the budget is an internal record of how money was actually spent.

**Motion** by **Green**, seconded by **Eschmann**, to approve the 2007-2008 Budget Amendments.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

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

**C. Repairs to DPW Shed – Kay Green**

Trustee Green gave an overview of the bids received for the DPW shed repairs. Council reviewed the bid details. Trustee Green noted her recommendation to contract with Bridgewater Builders, LLC.

**Motion** by **Green**, seconded by **Batten**, to contract the DPW shed repairs with Bridgewater Builders, LLC for \$9,640.00, as outlined in the proposal.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

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

**D. DDA Board Structure – Ken Quisenberry**

President Quisenberry presented DDA Board resignations and new appointments. It was clarified that Jason Gault is not currently a board member, although he participates in many DDA activities. The Board changes were voted on at the last DDA meeting. The motion regarding these changes was passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

**Motion** by **Green**, seconded by **Kassuba**, to accept the resignations of Robert Flath, Jr. and Rev. Timothy Dibble.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

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

**Motion** by **Eschmann**, seconded by **Green**, to approve new appointees – Jason Gault, Debbie Baker, Portia Mahoney, and Frank Ostrowski.

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Batten, Eschmann, Nivelt, Green, Quisenberry

Nays: Kassuba

**Motion passed with a 5 to 1 vote.**

**E. Contribution to Brandon Groveland Youth Assistance – Ed Coy**

Mr. Coy referenced the Youth Assistance letter in Council packets that requested \$2,500 in sponsorship funds. In the past, the Village provided free office space as in-kind service.

Discussion occurred over the Youth Assistance move to a different location.

It was decided that the Village budget does not include funds in the amount of \$2,500 to provide the BGYA program. No action by Council.

**F. Storm Clean Up - Nivelt**

Trustee Nivelt provided suggestions for improving the process of helping Village residents with clean-up after the recent storm. She stated that Council should have been informed and that a defined process should have been put into place. Other Council members noted the appropriateness of the help that was provided, even though other DPW services were delayed.

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

Larry Hayden – Mr. Hayden noted his appreciation for the DPW help provided after the storm.

**Items from Trustees:**

None.

**Motion** by **Green**, seconded by **Kassuba**, to move to a closed session for contract negotiations.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

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

**Moved to a Closed Session at 7:53 p.m.**

In accordance with Public Act 267 of 1976 Section 8 (b).

**Motion** by **Green**, seconded by **Nivelt**, to move to an open session.

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

**Moved to Open Session at 8:49 p.m.**

**Motion** by **Kassuba**, seconded by **Batten**, to give a 5% wage increase to the Village Manager, along with \$600 annually for mileage compensation. This will take effect July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Kassuba, Eschmann, Green, Batten, Quisenberry

Nays: Nivelt

**The Motion passed 5 to 1.**

**Motion** by **Batten**, seconded by **Kassuba**, to give the Village Clerk & the Village Treasurer a \$1.00 per hour increase each, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

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

**Motion** by **Nivelt**, seconded by **Green**, to give Diana Bertapelle a .50 cent per hour increase, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

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

**Discussion:**

President Quisenberry agreed to provide Council members the comments portion of Mr. Coy's evaluation by Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Alexander  
Recording Secretary