

**Village of Ortonville**  
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462  
**Village Council Meeting Minutes**  
**July 14, 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, Green, Kassuba, Champion, Eschmann, Nivel, Quisenberry  
Absent: None

**Also Present:** Ed Coy-Village Manager, Julie Alexander-Recording Secretary/Village Clerk, and approximately 6 residents.

**Approval of Agenda:**  
Item B – New Business, **Personnel Committee**  
President Quisenberry added to the agenda.

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

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:**  
Minutes of the Ortonville Regular Council Meeting – June 23, 2008  
Clarification sought regarding an invoice for Empire. The invoice was for a streetlight repair.

**Motion by Battan**, seconded by Nivel, to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2008 Village Council Meeting.  
**All in favor, the Motion carried.**

**Disbursements:**  
Clarification sought for the following invoices:

- Jeff Swayne Custom Landscaping**  
Council requested the DPW perform this work in the future (2009), and charge the sign company.
- Orion Concrete**  
The \$200 in additional work that was noted on the invoice has been completed. It was authorized by the Village Manager. Mr. Coy gave a detailed account of the extra work that was done. Sidewalk work (phase I – all 4 locations) should be complete within approximately one week. Council requested details for all future sidewalk work.
- True Value Hardware**  
A weed whip was purchased to replace one that didn't work properly.  
The DPW inventory list is to be updated by the Village office.

**Motion** by **Champion**, seconded by Eschmannn, to approve disbursements in the amount of \$28,129.10.

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Green, Champion, Eschmann, Nivelt, Quisenberry

Nays: Batten, Kassuba

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

**Acceptance of Other Items:**

**A. Brandon Township Fire Department Expenditures – June/July**

No questions or clarifications.

**B. Brandon Fire Board Authority Meeting Minutes – July 3, 2008**

No questions or clarifications.

**C. Brandon Township Fire Department Summary of Alarms – June 2008**

No questions or clarifications.

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

None

**Unfinished Business:**

**A. 110 Mill Street Update – Charise Heacock**

Ms. Heacock was unable to attend. She advised the Village Clerk that she did not have possession of the K-1 document needed to retrieve her income tax return. The court ordered the K-1 document be provided to her by June 15, 2008 (from her sibling). Ms. Heacock has a government agency working with her to get the document. She clarified that she does not have other means of paying for the necessary repairs to her property at 110 Mill Street.

Council requested a letter be sent to Ms. Heacock requesting an update in approximately 30 days.

**New Business:**

**A. DDA Board Member Resignation**

**Motion** by **Green**, seconded by Champion, to regretfully accept Tim Palulian's resignation from the DDA Board.

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

**B. Personnel Committee – President Quisenberry**

The current Personnel Committee is comprised of the Council President, President Pro Tem and the Village Manager. It has been suggested that the structure change to include three elected Council members for voting, plus the Village Manager for input. The function of the committee would remain unchanged. During discussion, most Council members supported this change. This item will be placed on a future agenda.

**No action taken by Council.**

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

Robert Flath - Mr. Flath questioned the status of the sidewalk work. He noted a specific need to address the sidewalks in front of the business on Mill Street.

**Items from Trustees:**

**Trustee Eschmann** – Questioned Council pay for meetings. He was advised that Public Hearings & ZBA meetings are paid as separate meetings (from regular Council meetings).

**Trustee Champion** – Questioned sidewalk status in respect to South Street. Mr. Coy is to provide details on the work to be completed upon completion of Phase I.

**Trustee Kassuba** – Encouraged attendance at the July 31<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing regarding the Parks & Recreation fee schedule as it pertains to non-residents. The Public Hearing will be held at Brandon Middle School at 6:00 p.m.

Also, Trustee Kassuba would like the Native Garden maintenance addressed (next to the Old Town Hall) as she has been approached by area residents indicating that it is overgrown and needs to be cleaned up.

Finally, Trustee Kassuba questioned the Waste Away building status. The business was sold but the building is still owned by the same person. The building needs to be improved. A letter will be sent by the Village office to the owner requesting an update on current use, future plans for improvement, etc.

**Trustee Green** – None

**Trustee Nivel** – None

**Trustee Batten** – Noted poor road conditions. Trustee Batten suggested Council begin seeking bids for paving. Mr. Coy indicated his plans to informally meet with Rowe Engineering to gather rough costs for road paving.

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

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

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Alexander  
Recording Secretary