

Village of Ortonville
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462
Village Council Meeting Minutes
August 11, 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, Nivelt, Kassuba, Eschmann, Quisenberry
Absent: Champion, with notice.

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

Approval of Agenda:

Added Item B (New Business) **Traffic Light at Mill & South St.** at the request of **Trustee Green.**

Added Item C (Unfinished Business) **Septemberfest Update** at the request of **Trustee Nivelt.**

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

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

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

Correction to page 3 at the request of Trustee Nivelt. The Heat Stays On charity golf outing (vs. Keep the Heat On).

Motion by **Kassuba**, seconded by Nivelt, to approve the corrected minutes of the July 28, 2008 Village Council meeting.
All in favor, the Motion carried.

Disbursements:

Clarification sought for the following invoices:

-Kay Park invoice for \$189.02 was for garbage cans with domed lids. Company is based in Iowa.

Motion by **Green**, seconded by Batten, to approve disbursements in the amount of \$3,196.66.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion passed with a 6 to 0 vote.

Acceptance of Other Items:

A. Brandon Township Expenditures – July/August 2008

No questions or clarifications.

Public Comments (Agenda Items Only):

None.

Unfinished Business:

A. 110 Mill Street Update – Charise Heacock

Ms. Heacock was not able to attend this meeting to provide an update. The Village Clerk provided a written update included in Council packets. President Quisenberry gave an overview of the situation with 110 Mill from past meetings. Ms. Heacock continues to work with her attorney to take the necessary steps in receiving money due to her that will be used to complete the work needed on her home at 110 Mill Street. She is also looking into other options through the State and Oakland County that she may qualify for. Ms. Heacock will be asked to provide an update at the October 13, 2008 Village Council meeting.

B. CDBG Block Grant Allocation – Ed Coy

After much discussion, it was clarified that \$2,819 is the amount of leftover 2007 CDBG funds to be reprogrammed. The balance of the 2007 funds went toward the fire suppression system at the Old Mill (along with Brandon Township funds). Because \$2,800 of the \$8,000 in 2008 CDBG funds were already allocated (in November 2007) for Senior Center improvements, it seems appropriate to reprogram the 2007 leftover amount to Brandon Township for those same improvements. A Public Hearing is to be scheduled in conjunction with the September 8, 2008 Village Council meeting to vote on the reprogramming of the 2007 CDBG fund balance of \$2,819.

The 2008 CDBG funds will also be addressed at the September 8, 2008 Public Hearing. Original allocations from November 2007 are subject to change. Council members are to contact the Village Manager on August 12th for suggested allocations, as required for proper advertising. O.C.E.F. and additional assistance (beyond the \$2,819 from 2007 funds) to Senior Center improvements are noted considerations for the 2008 allocation.

C. Septemberfest Update – Ed Coy (as requested by Trustee Nivel)

The first meeting to discuss the specific details of Septemberfest is scheduled to take place within the next two weeks. DPW services for this event will be identified at that time. Ed Coy is in the process of ordering the necessary plaques. Diana Bertapelle is responsible for ordering the supplies needed for the Flying Frog Race.

New Business:

A. Skate Park Portable Restroom Facilities – Ed Coy

The restroom facilities have been removed from the park area now that baseball has ended for the season. Fred Waybrant has arranged to have the restrooms open at the concession stand during Skate Park hours. With these accommodations, it is unnecessary to provide a portable unit.

No action taken by Council.

B. Traffic Light at Mill & South Street – Trustee Green

Trustee Green noted the inefficiency of the traffic light at Mill Street and South Street. The “red” time is excessive and unnecessary for the amount of traffic in the Village. The Village is responsible for this light. It was requested by Trustee Green to have the function of this light addressed.

Public Comments (Items Not on Agenda):

Darcell Butzu – Noted dissatisfaction with the appearance of the Heritage Garden next to the Old Town Hall. She feels something that appeals to everyone should be considered. Mrs. Butzu volunteered her time in addressing the situation. President Quisenberry stated that because grant money is involved, and the Council approved the garden, it is not an easy or quick fix. Options will be looked into. Further discussion took place regarding the original (approved) plan vs. the end result.

Jason Gault, a DDA member, stated the importance of working with the DDA to resolve. The Council and DDA will meet to discuss this issue.

Robert Flath – Agreed that Council needs to meet with the DDA to resolve the garden issue. Mr. Flath wanted to compliment the DDA on the recent Car Show. He felt it was very well done and was impressed by Molly LaLone’s contact with the local businesses leading up to the event. Mr. Flath also wanted to inform Council of a newly formed group, The Ortonville Merchant’s Association.

Items from Trustees:

Trustee Nivelt – Thanked Julie Alexander & Diana Bertapelle for working at the polls for the primary. Reminded Council to keep their microphone lights on and the microphone in front of them for better sound quality (per Greg Norman).

Trustee Kassuba - Clarified that the next step in working to resolve the Heritage Garden issue is for the DDA to contact the Village Council.

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

All in favor, the Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Alexander
Recording Secretary