

Village of Ortonville
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462
Village Council Meeting Minutes
October 13, 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:

Trustees Present: Kassuba, Batten, Green, Champion, Eschmann, Nivel, Quisenberry
Trustees Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager - Ed Coy, Village Clerk - Julie Alexander, and 13 residents.

Presentation – Memorial Plaque for Larry Roberts

A plaque was presented in memory of Larry Roberts which is to be kept at the police substation. Larry was a wonderful asset to the community who went beyond the call of duty.

Approval of Agenda:

No changes.

Motion by Trustee Champion, seconded by Trustee Nivel, to approve the agenda.
All in favor, the Motion carried.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the Ortonville Regular Council Meeting – September 22, 2008
No changes.

Motion by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Nivel, to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2008 Ortonville Regular Council meeting without corrections.
All in favor, the Motion carried.

Disbursements:

General:

Clarification sought for the following invoice(s):

- Road Commission (traffic light repair)
- League Benefits (billing frequency)
- Oakland County Treasurer (reduced tax – refund)

Motion by Trustee Kassuba, seconded by Trustee Eschmann, to approve disbursements in the amount of \$10,268.84.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion approved.

Final Sidewalk Invoice:

All outstanding issues have been resolved.

Motion by Trustee Eschmann, seconded by Trustee Nivel, to approve payment of the final sidewalk invoice in the amount of \$2,826.69.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Champion, Eschmann, Nivel, Quisenberry

Nays: Kassuba, Batten, Green

Motion approved.

Acceptance of Other Items:

A. Brandon Township Fire Department Expenditures – October 2008

B. Brandon Township Fire Department Fire Runs Summary – September 2008

C. DDA Minutes – August 25, 2008

Trustee Champion questioned DDA Board of Directors structure with respect to Rick Finley's resignation.

D. Village of Ortonville Treasurer's Report – September 2008

Trustee Batten questioned the status of any more transfers to other financial institutions. None are planned. However, funds will be moved into the general fund to pay expenses as needed.

E. Ortonville Village Manager's Report – September 2008

Trustee Champion questioned Metrosweep workmanship. Village Manager noted dissatisfaction with 2nd clean-up (after Septemberfest).

Trustee Nivel questioned status of audit.

Public Comments (Agenda Items Only):

Glennis Hubbard – Requested cold patch repairs at 85 Crescent Hill, area in front of Willow Pointe on South and East Varsity before Halloween.

Motion by Trustee Batten, seconded by Trustee Kassuba, to adjourn the regular Village Council meeting.

All in favor, the Motion carried.

Public Hearing Regarding Change of Village Election Schedule

President Quisenberry called the Public Hearing to order at 7:23 p.m.

President Quisenberry led the discussion regarding a possible change in the Village election schedule by recapping events leading up to considering a change. He noted the statewide trends, convenience for voters, and overall cost savings.

Resident Input:

Glennis Hubbard – has researched the cost associated with running a Village election. She provided a handout with cost breakdowns and advised Council of discussion with Joe Rozelle and Karen McArthur. Ms. Hubbard also referenced the amount budgeted and some comments she has gathered from other Village residents. Ballot confusion, length of extended terms and inability to go back to original schedule once changed were all concerns. It was suggested that Council waits until after the next election so that voters can vote knowing they would be voting for an extended term Trustee.

Robert Flath – Suggested waiting until the next election when voters vote with the knowledge that the term will be longer than typical.

Kathy Wood – Questioned who makes the final decision regarding changing the election schedule. Suggested Council listens to the public.

Jim Byers – Clarified that the Village ballots would be the only ones with Council options.

Council Input:

Trustee Batten – Changing the election schedule at a later time vs now will only change who has an extended term.

Trustee Green – Questioned ability to hold an election for an extended term.

President Quisenberry – Advised that cost savings is not the main issue, but noted that training costs were not factored into the approximate totals gathered by Ms. Hubbard or Trustee Kassuba.

President Quisenberry reminded of the re-occurring savings.

Trustee Champion – While surprised by low cost to run an election, she is in favor of the change.

Trustee Kassuba – Went over her cost breakdown.

Trustee Eschmann – Noted that the money savings does not justify a change. He noted concern over voter confusion.

Public Hearing Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Recalled regular Village of Ortonville Council meeting.

Unfinished Business:

A. Village Insurance Renewal – Village Manager, Ed Coy

Village insurance policy expires on October 15, 2008. Mr. Renn was present to clarify unchanged coverage and to answer any questions. The policy is a Special Policy and the Council has been pleased with the coverage.

Motion by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Nivelt, to continue insurance coverage through Horton Renn as outlined in the policy provided and to pay the invoice in the amount of \$7,793.00.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Motion approved.

B. Election Schedule – Trustee Kassuba

Trustee Kassuba questioned next step in the process of considering an election date change. Council will vote on whether to change the election date at the next Council meeting on October 27th.

C. Update on Ordinance Revisions – Village Manager, Ed Coy

The Village Manager referenced the noxious weed and abandoned vehicle ordinance copies provided in Council packets. He is still working on some details of proposed changes and welcomes any input. Ordinance revisions will be on the agenda for October 27th.

D. 190 Oakwood Road – Village Manager, Ed Coy

The Village Manager advised Council that the DPW made the past repair at 190 Oakwood. He presented two bids from area contractors. Most contractors he contacted wanted to do more work than necessary. Village Manager recommends going with the bid at \$2400 (Newman Bros. Excavating).

Motion by Trustee Champion, seconded by Trustee Nivelte, to accept bid in the amount of \$2400 from Newman Bros. Excavating, for the storm drain repairs at 190 Oakwood.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion approved.

E. October Meeting Dates – Village Clerk, Julie Alexander

Motion by Trustee Nivelte, seconded by Trustee Eschmann, to disregard the Motion approved at the September 22nd Village Council meeting that changed the October 20th Council meeting to October 21st. The Village Council meeting schedule is to remain unchanged. The second October meeting will take place on October 27th as originally scheduled.

All in favor, the Motion carried.

New Business:

A. Village Law Enforcement Stats – Sgt. Pete Burkett

Sgt. Burkett presented the Incident Summary Report from 1/1/08 through 9/30/08 for the Village of Ortonville. A new system is being used and the department is still working out “kinks”. He noted that some of the numbers may be inflated due to the way an incident is reported (Township vs. Village). Sgt. Burkett plans to create a report comparing past and current data.

B. Master Plan Adoption – Village Manager, Ed Coy

It was clarified that the Master Plan has not had any real changes since the distribution draft. Each Council member will be receiving a copy of the final Master Plan.

Motion by Trustee Batten, seconded by Trustee Green, to adopt the Village of Ortonville Master Plan as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Eschmann

Motion approved.

C. Attorney Search Update – Trustee Champion

Trustee Champion provided an update on the search for a new general attorney and labor attorney. She will make her recommendations at the next Village Council meeting on October 27th.

D. Halloween 2008 - Village Manager, Ed Coy

The Village Manager provided a map showing details for Halloween in the Village. It was noted that area schools already sent out a notice stating Trick or Treating would be from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

Motion by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Batten, to approve the road closure map presented, have Trick or Treating take place from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., and to have the bonfire at the DPW at 7:00 p.m., with cider and donuts.

All in favor, the Motion carried.

Public Comments (Items Not on Agenda):

None.

Items from Trustees:

Trustee Green – Septemberfest mums provided by Wojo's looked great at the fountain. Also, clarified that the Village Offices will get the cider and donuts for the Halloween bonfire.

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

All in favor, the Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Alexander
Village Clerk