

Village of Ortonville
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462
Ortonville Village Council meeting
October 27, 2008 – 7:10 p.m. (following ZBA)

President Quisenberry called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Also Present: Village Manager - Ed Coy, Village Clerk - Julie Alexander, Leanne Panduren from Rowe Engineering, and 12 residents.

Approval of Agenda:

Request by **Trustee Nivelt** to add Road Update (Unfinished Business) as item D.

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

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the Ortonville Regular Council Meeting – October 13, 2008
No changes.

Motion by Trustee Kassuba, seconded by Trustee Green, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2008 Ortonville Regular Council meeting without corrections.
All in favor, the Motion carried.

Disbursements:

Clarification sought for the following invoice(s):

-Metrosweep	Clarification of services rendered
-McKenna	Clarified balance of contracted services

Motion by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Champion, to approve disbursements in the amount of \$7,123.98.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Nivelt, Eschmann, Champion, Kassuba, Batten, Green, Quisenberry
Nays: None.

Motion approved.

Acceptance of Other Items:

A. Brandon Township Fire Department Expenditures – October 2008

Presentations from Prospective CDBG Fund Recipients

Phyllis McCaffrey – BGYA

Ms. McCaffrey, a caseworker for Brandon Groveland Youth Assistance, addressed Council requesting \$3600. She noted prior support provided by the Village and a detailed breakdown of the number of families BGYA has assisted and associated costs.

Sue Howard and Karen Milligan – OCEF

Ms. Howard and Ms. Milligan, of the Ortonville Community Emergency Fund, addressed council requesting any portion of the CDBG funds the Village would be willing to provide. They gave an overview of the services provided by OCEF. The organization helps local people in crises and the number is growing. OCEF is currently servicing 22 Village families.

Village Manager Coy advised Council that Haven could not be present, but would also like consideration.

Adjourned Regular Village Council meeting at 7:22 p.m. to enter into Public Hearing.

Public Hearing – CDBG Fund Allocations

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear any public comments regarding CDBG fund allocations. Council will vote at the November 10, 2008 Council meeting as the application must be submitted by December 5, 2008.

Glennis Hubbard – Addressed Council to clarify that the \$3600 total can be split and the Funds are for 2009.

Recalled Regular Village Council meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Public Comments (Agenda Items Only):

Robert Flath – Advised that ALL Council members would have their terms extended by 14 months if the election schedule changes to coincide with Brandon Township.

Glennis Hubbard – Advised Council that she conducted a survey of 25 Village residents regarding changing the election schedule. She stated that most people wish to have a say and that opportunity should occur during the next election.

Terri Darnell – Read Karen McArthur's letter regarding changing the election schedule. She recommended waiting until the next Council election in 2009 to allow the residents to have a voice in making such a change.

Jim Byers – Presented his idea to do a mailing to Village residents requesting input, and forego a vote on the election schedule change until December.

John Nivelt – Sought clarification regarding the purpose of changing the election schedule. ALL terms will be extended. He noted that he is in favor of the change.

Lee Palshan – Stated he is in favor of saving money by changing the election schedule.

Unfinished Business:

A. Election Schedule - Village Manager, Ed Coy

Motion by **President Quisenberry**, seconded by Trustee Champion, to change the Village of Ortonville election schedule as outlined in the Resolution. The Village will hold its next election in November 2010.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Nivelt, Champion, Green, Quisenberry

Nays: Eschmann, Kassuba, Batten

Motion approved.

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

Village Manger Coy has continued researching options for the weed and abandoned vehicle ordinances. Most have fines and allow for access to private properties. He has discussed this with the current Village attorney for his recommendations. Village Manager Coy recommends reviewing both ordinances with new attorney.

Motion by **Trustee Green**, seconded by Trustee Nivelt, to table the ordinance revision issue until the new Village attorney is in place and has reviewed options.

All in favor, the Motion carried.

C. Update on Attorney Search – Trustee Champion

Trustees Champion, Eschmann and Green have interviewed municipal and labor attorneys. They were especially impressed with two of the candidates that assured detailed billing, personal handling of Village needs and appeared to be a good overall fit to work with Ortonville.

Motion by **Trustee Green**, seconded by Trustee Champion, to retain Michael J. Gildner as the Village municipal attorney, and Gary Danielson as the Village labor attorney.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Discussion:

Village Manager Coy is to contact both attorneys selected by Council and invite them to the next Village Council meeting. The Village office will send notes to the candidates not selected.

D. Road Update – Requested by Trustee Nivelt

Village Manager Coy is to provide priority list put together by Rowe Engineering in 2000. He advised Council of training he has attended that will be used in creating a new priority list. This item will be placed on an upcoming agenda as Trustee Batten and Village Manager Coy are ready to present their findings.

New Business:

None.

Public Comments (Items Not on Agenda):

None.

Items from Trustees:

Trustee Green - Questioned set-up time for Halloween cider & donuts and confirmed that the DPW will have tables ready.

Trustee Nivelt - Confirmed that Council member will be distributing candy at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

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

All in favor, the Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Alexander
Village Clerk