

Village of Ortonville
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462
Ortonville Village Council Meeting
September 14, 2009 – 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, Champion, Eschmann, Nivelt, Kassuba, Quisenberry

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager - Ed Coy, Village Clerk – Heidi Barckholtz, Village Treasurer – Larry Brown, and approximately fourteen other people.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

A. Minutes of Village Council Meeting – August 24, 2009

Corrections: None

Motion by Trustee Green, seconded by **Trustee Champion**, to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2009 Meeting.

Acceptance Items:

A. Fire Department Expenditures – August 2009

B. Brandon Township Board meeting minutes – August 3, 2009

C. Brandon Township Special Board Meeting minutes – August 3, 2009

Council Reviewed. Items Accepted

Disbursements:

Clarification sought for the following invoice(s):

#17 -Is there really a need for Todoroff to have the septic pumped every six months for the DPW?

#2 – Questioned why the Old Mill costs 447.00 every six months and the Village Office is billed quarterly at 85.00.

Motion by Trustee Kassuba, seconded by **Trustee Champion**, to approve disbursements in the amount of \$4194.38.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

All in favor, the Motion carried.

Public Comments (Agenda Items Only):

Terry Darnell: Concerned with the fact that a lot kids are not even skating, and using park as a hang out.

Brian Hanely 860 Oakwood – Bob was only taking donations and was not making a profit off of the drinks he was selling. When Bob was there he did not allow foul language and made the kids tow the line and the kids respected him for that.

Mark Oberry – Commented that with the loss of Bob, the park is out of control and kids are misbehaving. Bob knew what to do and knew what to tell the kids that were not following the rules.

Unfinished Business:

A. Skate Park

Discussion occurred about alternative ideas for the skate park now that Bob Roerink is gone. The question arose whether a monitor should be hired for the remaining season or close the park until the spring at which time a new monitor could be discussed.

Motion by Trustee Nivelt, seconded by **Trustee Champion**, to close the park for the remainder of the 2009 season.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

All in favor, the Motion carried.

B. DPW

Trustee Champion presented a proposed motion to finalize the hiring of a DPW full time employee. She noted that after conducting research does not see a cost saving for privatization. This will be in addition to the part time employee already in place.

Motion by Trustee Champion, seconded by **Trustee Green**, That the village Ortonville hires a full time DPW director in accordance with the existing job description as contained within the current personnel policy and or any amendments to same. Also to include the following specific job tasks: 1.The DPW Director shall have the authority to discipline any DPW employee according to the guidelines set forth by the Village Council. 2.The DPW Director shall have the authority to make expenditures regarding the DPW department as outlined by the Village Council. 3. The DPW Director shall be included in the hiring process of any DPW employee is will not eliminate the part time position it is in addition to.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

All in favor, the Motion carried.

C. Intergovernmental Agreement

The Intergovernmental Cable agreement was returned to the council from the Township Supervisor along with a letter that stated they are not open to the revisions asked of by the Village Council. The Council discussed confusion in the wording relating to section eight. Manager Coy noted that adding wording such as “third party” might clarify confusion.

Motion by Trustee Kassuba, seconded by Trustee Champion, to table the Intergovernmental Agreement until President Quisenberry has an opportunity to talk with the Brandon Township Supervisor to discuss section eight and nine of the agreement.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

All in favor, the Motion Carried.

New Business:

A. Special Announcement

President Quisenberry announced the Village Council is hosting a retirement party for Village Manager Coy on September 23, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Village Office.

B. 190 Oakwood – Manager Coy

Manager Coy presented the repair issue at 190 Oakwood to the Council. He explained the need to fix the tube underneath the driveway that was the result of previous repair work done by the Village. Oakland County noted the need for a steel pipe. Manager Coy presented the Council with pictures of the problem and presented two bids for repair. Manager Coy recommended Curb Co for the job.

Motion by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Nivelt, to award Curb Co the contract to repair the driveway at 190 Oakwood in the amount of 3,137.70.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

All in favor, the motion carried

C. Tree Removal – Manager Coy

Manager Coy presented a list of trees and stumps for removal through out the Village as well as bids for the job he had received.

Motion by Trustee Kassuba, seconded by Trustee Champion, to hire A Cut Above to remove the trees and stumps in the amount of \$3400.00.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

All In favor, the motion carried.

D. Personnel Manual – Trustee Nivelt

Trustee Nivelt noted the Personnel policy is very outdated and there is a need to update it. She questioned if there was a need to form a committee to complete this or was this some thing the new Village Manager should do? Trustee Kassuba, Trustee Nivelt, and Trustee Green agreed to form a committee that would start by re-writing the DPW and Village Manager job descriptions to be worked on in the next four weeks.

Motion by Trustee Nivelt, seconded by Trustee Green, to form a committee to update the DPW and Village Manager job description in the personal policy.

All in favor, the Motion carried.

E. NSP

Manager Coy provided a brief update on the status of the NSP program. The closing for Narrin and Ball Streets were completed and he is waiting for the investment company that owns 21 Church Street to find the deed so a closing date can be set for that location.

F. DDA – Report

DDA Director Molly LaLone provided an update for the new sign installed at M-15 and Mill Street The DDA will also be adding to the sign at M-15 and South Street “Thank You for Visiting Ortonville.” She also noted that the DDA is working on a pavilion for Crossman Park but the plans are in the beginning stages and has limited information at this time. There are plans to remove the fountain by a Village resident that would like to place it in their yard. The proposed Gazebo is no longer in the works because of footing problems.

Public Comments (Items not on Agenda):

No comments

Items from trustee:

- Trustee Eschmann –** Asked that the road kill on Mill Street be cleaned up by the DPW.
- Trustee Champion –** Noted how nice the new sign for South Street Consignments looks.
- Trustee Green –** Noted frogs have been ordered for Septemberfest and help will be needed to run the booth. Also noted that extra signs at the tattoo parlor had been taken down.
- Trustee Nivelt –** Questioned when potholes through out the Village would be filled. Manager Coy stated he had contacted the contractor and the work should be completed this week
- President Quisenberry –** Noted letter sent from Senator Deb Cherry’s office regarding the Citizen Forum at the Capitol on September 30, 2009. Also noted the letter sent by a Groveland Township resident regarding issues with the Heritage Gardens.

Motion by TrusteeBatten, seconded by Trustee Green, to move to a closed session.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Nivelt, Batten, Green, Kassuba, Champion, Eschamann, Quisneberry

Nays:
All in favor, the Motion carried.

Moved to Closed Session at 8:10 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Nivelte, seconded by **Trustee Batten**, to move to an open session.
All in favor, the Motion carried.

Moved to Open Session at 9:20

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Barckholtz
Village Clerk