

Village of Ortonville
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462
Ortonville Village Council Meeting
April 26, 2010 – 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: Green, Batten, Eschmann, Skornicka, Nivel, Champion, Quisenberry

Absent:

Also Present: Village Manager, Acting – Larry Brown, Village Clerk – Heidi Barckholtz, and two other people.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Trustee Green, seconded by **Trustee Nivel**, to approve the agenda as presented.
All in Favor, the Motion carried.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

A. Minutes of the Village Council Meeting – April 12, 2010

Corrections: **None**

Motion by Trustee Champion, seconded by **Trustee Green**, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2010 Village Council Meeting as presented.
All in favor, the Motion carried.

Acceptance Items

A. Treasurer's Report – March 2010

Council Reviewed. Items Accepted

Disbursements:

Clarification sought for the following invoice(s):

None

Motion by Trustee Batten, seconded by **Trustee Eschmann**, to approve the disbursements for April 26, 2010 in the amount of \$5882.85

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

All in favor, the Motion carried.

DPW update:

Acting Manager Brown noted work the DPW has completed in the past two weeks which included repairing two twelve foot sections of sidewalk on Schoolhouse Street, repairing curbing near the Post Office, assisting with the drainage work that was completed behind the DPW, and

mowing the Village Property. Upcoming work includes placing sod around the new Crossman Park Pavilion for the DDA, repairing the sod and sprinklers at the Veteran's Memorial Park, repairing the lawn for the homeowner that was effected by the ditching done behind the DPW, and collecting all the Village picnic tables for the Rocking and Raking event being held in Crossman park on May 8, 2010.

Public Comments (Agenda Items Only):

None

Unfinished Business:

A. Traffic Light at Mill and South Street

President Quisenberry presented the quote from Oakland County for multiple options regarding the light at Mill and South Street. Due to the high cost for removal and replacement, the Council discussed alternate options for removal, maintenance, and the addition of stop signs. President Quisenberry questioned if the light could be removed by someone other than the Oakland County Road Commission and asked that Acting Manager Brown check into this possibility.

Motion by Trustee Green, seconded by **Trustee Champion**, to table the traffic light at Mill and South Street till further information comes in.

All in favor, the Motion carried.

New Business:

A. Skate Park Monitor Parking – Trustee Batten

Trustee Batten noted that the current parking sign for the skate park monitor, located at the entrance of the skate park on Ball street, is a hazard for vehicles traveling down the street and feels that the current monitor is capable of walking the half block from the Senior Center. Acting Manager Brown noted the need for the parking spot where it is currently located so to provide the monitor shelter during inclement weather and allow for easy and quick checks of the park when a monitor is not present.

Motion by Trustee Batten, seconded by **Trustee Eschmann**, to remove the parking sign for the skate park monitor.

Trustee Eschmann subsequently withdrew his support for the Motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Batten

Nays: Skornicka, Champion, Eschmann, Green, Nivelt, Quisenberry

Motion failed with a 6 to 1 vote.

Public Comments (Items not on Agenda) :

Brad Jacobson – Oakland County Commissioner District #1 – Serves on the Substance Abuse Coalition Coordinating Council and presented brochures for the Village to distribute, “The Family Guide to Teen Parties”, and “Parents Who Host Lose the Most” to help curb teen drinking.

Donna Ferrara - General Contractor – presented numbers for Trustee Eschmann so to understand the cost savings the DPW saves the Village doing sidewalk repair in-house.

Items from trustee:

- Trustee Nivel** – Thanked Acting Manager Brown and Heidi Barckholtz for picking up the slack in the office during the interim.
- Trustee Champion** – Noted she stopped by the skate park and met the new monitor that will be working Saturdays. He was very informative on the happenings of the park and has not had any problems.
- Trustee Eschmann** – Inquired as to the workload of Larry Brown and Heidi Barckholtz and to the possibility of doing that work with two people on an ongoing basis thereby saving the Village money. Acting Manager Brown noted that to maintain consistent coverage and accomplish the work on an ongoing basis there needs to be a staff of three.
- Trustee Skornicka -
President Quisenberry** - Questioned when the next Heritage Garden meeting would be. Noted that major construction on the Pavilion in Crossman Park is completed and there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 24, 2010 at 9:00am. He also set a Special Village Council Meeting on May 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Brandon Township Office to discuss the Manager position. He further noted he would like to hold a Special Village Council meeting near the middle to end of May for the upcoming budget.

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

All in favor, the Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Barckholtz
Village Clerk