

**Village of Ortonville**  
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462  
**Ortonville Village Council Meeting**  
**May 10, 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 Skornicka**, 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 26, 2010**

Corrections: **None**

**Motion by Trustee Green**, seconded by **Trustee Eschmann**, to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2010 Village Council Meeting as presented.

**All in favor, the Motion carried.**

**Acceptance Items**

**A. Brandon Township Fire Department Expenditures – March 2010**

**B. Brandon Township Minutes – April 5, 2010**

Council Reviewed. Items Accepted

**Disbursements:**

Clarification sought for the following invoice(s):

**#12 Thompson's All Season Maintenance** – Questioned and received clarification as to whom the job was completed by and the approximate size of the job.

**#6 O.C.E.F.** - Questioned and received clarification on the approval report description given for the O.C.E.F disbursement.

**Motion by Trustee Batten**, seconded by **Trustee Nivel**, to approve the expenditures for April 26, 2010 in the amount of \$6998.37.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:**

**All in favor, the Motion carried.**

**DPW update:**

Acting Manager Brown noted work completed by the DPW during the past two weeks which included cleaning beds and replacing shrubs in and around Crossman Park, laying sod around the new pavilion, painting picnic tables, cutting the grass on Village property, and repairing the yard on Francis Street that was damaged by drainage repair. Upcoming work includes repairing potholes, planting flowers in the DDA zone, repairing sidewalks and the cutting of un-mowed properties in the Village once the Noxious Weed Ordinance is posted. Brown asked that with the Memorial Day Parade approaching the Council let the office know of things needing attention through out the Village.

**Public Comments (Agenda Items Only):**

**Bob McArthur – Schoolhouse Street** – Expressed concern regarding the removal and or change of the traffic signal at Mill and South Street.

**Unfinished Business:**

**A. Traffic Signal at Mill and South Street**

Acting Manager Brown updated the Council on his findings regarding changes to the traffic signal at Mill and South Street. He noted the Village would be able to contract for the maintenance of the signal to an entity other than Oakland County with a thirty-day notice. The Village could also have an outside contractor replace the current signal with a 4-Way Flasher and is currently awaiting a quote from Rauhorn Electric for the purchase and installation of a blinking red light. Brown further commented that the existing light could be turned to a flashing red but was not sure if stop signs would be required if that action was taken. Discussion continued amongst the Council as to the best solution for the intersection. President Quisenberry asked that Brown for the next Council meeting draft three proposals for the traffic signal that would one, do nothing at the intersection, two, turn the current signal to blinking red and three, replace the light with a flashing red signal. No action taken at this time.

**B. Resolution to replace the Ball Street Bridge**

Acting Manager Brown explained that at the April 12, 2010 Village Council meeting Council approved Rowe Engineering to complete a local Bridge Funding Application for the Ball Street Bridge replacement which must be submitted by June 1, 2010. He further noted that a resolution by the Village is required to accompany the application.

**Motion by Trustee Green**, seconded by **Trustee Nivelt**, to approve the resolution to replace the Ball Street Bridge under the bridge replacement program.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Batten, Nivelt, Green, Skornicka, Champion, Quisenberry

**Nays:** Eschmann

**Motion passes with a 6 to 1 vote.**

**New Business:**

**A. West Nile Virus Fund Program 2010 – Resolution**

Acting Manager Brown explained to the Council that the Oakland County Health Division has made \$370.00 available to the Village for controlling mosquitoes to help prevent the spread of

the West Nile Virus. The Village will purchase larvicide pellets that will be dropped in storm drains and standing water and repellent wipes and spray to be distributed to the general public. Brown further noted that the larvicide pellets and repellent could be purchased at Thompson's Hardware and he would like to offer the wipes and spray for distribution at DDA outdoor events.

**Motion** by **Trustee Nivelt**, seconded by **Trustee Eschmann**, to approve the resolution regarding the West Nile Virus Fund Program as presented.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Eschmann, Green, Batten, Nivelt, Skornicka, Quisenberry

**Nays:** Champion

**Motion passes with a 6 to 1 vote.**

**B. DDA Update**

Pam Belding, DDA promotions chairperson, presented a brief overview of upcoming events in the Village. She noted the Speed Matching event on May 20, 2010 at the Old Town Hall and listed participating businesses and organizations that would be attending; Creekfest is June 5, 2010, which includes the VFW breakfast at 9:00am, yacht races, and a diaper derby. She further noted that Beats Beats and Eats starts on June 18, 2010 and will run until September 3rd. She gave a special thank you to the Village DPW for doing such a great job putting in mulch and plants around the Village.

**Public Comments (Items not on Agenda) :**

None

**Items from trustee:**

**Trustee Skornicka –**

Noted she would like the skate park added to the next agenda so to continue the ongoing discussion of possible cost sharing options between Brandon Township and the Village.

**Trustee Champion -**

Questioned what could be done to clearly mark the area in front of her South Street driveway so people would not block her in. Acting Manager Brown stated he would check with the DPW on this matter. She also questioned and received clarification as to the status of 21 Church Street and noted that the fountain that was located at South and Mill Street has been moved to the consignment shop on South Street and looks very nice.

**President Quisenberry –**

Noted that the DDA is strongly in favor of changing the traffic signal at Mill and South Street.

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

**All in favor, the Motion Carried.**

**\* Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Barckholtz – Village Clerk