

**Village of Ortonville**  
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462  
**Ortonville Village Council Meeting**  
**June 14, 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, Eschmann, Skornicka, Nivelt, Batten, Champion, Quisenberry

Absent:

**Also Present:** Village Manager, Acting – Larry Brown, Village Clerk – Heidi Barckholtz, and other 1 other person.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Remove Item B “Proposed Black Smith Shop” under New Business.

**Motion** by **Trustee Batten**, seconded by **Trustee Champion**, to approve the agenda with the correction.

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

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:**

**A. Minutes of the Village Council Meeting – May 24, 2010**

Corrections: Page 3 – Under New Business item A - change rain date from April to August.

**Motion** by **Trustee Green**, seconded by **Trustee Skornicka**, to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2010 Village Council Meeting with the correction.

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

**B. Minutes of the Special Village Council Meeting – May 24, 2010**

Corrections: None

**Motion** by **Trustee Eschmann**, seconded by **Trustee Nivelt**, to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2010 Special Village Council Meeting.

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

**C. Minutes of the Special Village Council Meeting – June 2, 2010**

Corrections: None

**Motion** by **Trustee Champion**, seconded by **Trustee Skornicka**, to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2010 Special Village Council Meeting in draft form.

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

**Acceptance Items**

- A. OTV Monthly Board Report- June 2010
- B. Fire Department Expenditures – June 2010
- C. Brandon Township Minutes – May 3, 2010

**Council Reviewed. Items Accepted**

**Disbursements:**

Clarification sought for the following invoice(s):

**#3 Bedrock Express** – Questioned and received clarification regarding supplies purchased being for NSP or DDA.

**#5 Central Alarm** – Questioned and received clarification on whether the office alarm has recently been tested.

**#21 Thompson’s Hardware** – Questioned and received clarification regarding the bug spray purchased being distributed to the public at Creekefest.

**Motion by Trustee Champion**, seconded by **Trustee Nivelt**, to approve the expenditures for June 14, 2010 in the amount of \$11,955.52.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:**

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

**DDA Update:**

Pam Belding presented the DDA update to the Council. She noted she has been passing out the Beats Beats and Eats Newsletters through out the Village containing information on the DDA art contest. She further noted that for the first BB&E on June 18, 2010, McPhees will be serving the meal and the CERT will be selling pop and water. She extended an invitation to the entire Council to attend BB&E.

**DPW Update:**

Acting Manager Brown presented the DPW update for the Council. He noted during the past weeks the DPW has filled pot holes, continued painting crosswalks and parking spaces through out the Village, completed drain work on Mill Street, continued mowing Village property, and maintained the plants and flower beds. Upcoming work includes bringing in American Sewer to clean out more storm sewers and drains and the continued planning for the large drain projects slated for the fall at the ball fields and Myron and Narrin Streets.

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

None

**Motion by Trustee Green**, seconded by **Trustee Champion**, to temporarily adjourn the regular Village Council meeting.

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

**Regular Village Council meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. (to be re-opened after Public Hearing**

**Public Hearing Regarding the Millage and Budget for 2010/2011 Fiscal Year**

**President Quisenberry called the Public Hearing to order at 7:15 p.m.**

**Public Comments:**

None

**Council Discussion:**

**President Quisenberry** led the discussion regarding the 2010/2011 fiscal year budget noting the 11% cut in operating costs was anticipated and the proposed budget is set to match the decreased revenue.

**Trustee Skornicka** questioned whether the purchases of laptops for the Council to go paperless were included in the proposed budget and requested pricing for said laptops. Manager Brown noted that it was not currently included and he would work on getting prices.

**Trustee Eschmann** questioned if the Planning Commission was going to re-write the Zoning Ordinance because the \$5,000 budgeted last year was not spent. He also questioned that due to the money for re-writing not being spent the previous year, could the \$5000 proposed for the 2010/2011 budget be used elsewhere. Manager Brown clarified that the Planning Commission continues to work on the re-write and it will then be sent to a professional company for completion.

**Motion by Trustee Green**, seconded by **Trustee Nivelt**, to adjourn the Public Hearing.  
**All in favor, the Motion carried.**

**Public Hearing adjourned at 7:24 p.m.**

**Regular Village Council Meeting recalled at 7:24 p.m.**

**Unfinished Business:**

**A. Village Manager**

President Quisenberry noted during previous discussions the Council has decided to hire Larry Brown as Village Manager.

**Motion by Trustee Eschmann**, seconded by **Trustee Skornicka**, to hire Larry Brown as Village Manager at the bi-weekly rate of \$1730.00.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** Green

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

**New Business:**

**A. Movie Permit – “Road Kill a Love Story”**

Raphael Buechel, producer and co-owner of Leahpar Productions located in Clarkston, presented to the Council his request for permission to film a movie within Village limits. He noted filming would begin August 2010 and take place in both Brandon Township and the Village. "Road Kill a Love Story" is a feature-length psychological thriller that would be rated "R". Buechel also noted that cast and crew would not be using weapons or require traffic control at the time of filming and they would be seeking release/agreements with property owners that were included in filming.

**Motion by Trustee Nivelt**, seconded by **Trustee Champion**, to allow Leahpar Productions to film in the Village as outlined in the letter of Intent and schedule as presented provided that the release/agreements with property owners are signed and given to the Village Office.

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

**B. Chamber of Commerce Request for support of Fireworks**

Manager Brown advised Council of past contributions for the local fireworks. He is seeking support from Council to contribute \$700.00 on behalf of the Village for the fireworks.

**Motion by Trustee Eschmann**, seconded by **Trustee Skornicka**, to contribute \$700.00 to the Great Ortonville Area Chamber of Commerce to support the Ortonville Fireworks 2010 fund.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:**

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

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

None

**Items from trustee:**

**Trustee Nivelt –** Noted the Citizen posted the incorrect time of 7:30 p.m. for the Village Council meeting and asked that the Office call to correct. She also noted that she spoke with Brandon School Board President, Beth Nuccio, regarding the tennis courts on Varsity drive being used for the skate park. The school is maintaining all of the courts to run larger tournaments and the possibility of moving the skate park to the courts is no longer in consideration. Asked that Larry write something for the website introducing himself as the new Village Manager.

**Trustee Green –** Noted that voting no to hire Larry Brown was nothing personal rather she is not comfortable with Larry working 32 hours versus 40 hours for the salary offered.

**Trustee Champion –** Questioned if the Skate park numbers are down this year. Manager Brown did note that numbers are down.

**Trustee Skornicka –** Questioned if there have been any major incidents at the skate park this year. Manager Brown noted there have been a few. Also questioned and received clarification as to what the health card was needed for that Justin Donajkwoski just received. She also commented that she recently drove

by the Heritage Garden and thinks it looks terrible noting there is no definition or color.

**Trustee Eschamnn** – Commented that the flowerbeds in the Village look nice and is very glad that 21 Church Street is finally demolished.

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

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Barckholtz  
Village Clerk