

**Village of Ortonville**  
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462  
**Ortonville Village Council Meeting**  
**September 27, 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: Skornicka, Champion, Batten, Eschmann, Quisenberry

Absent: Nivelt (with notice), Green (with notice)

**Also Present:** Village Manager – Larry Brown, Village Clerk – Heidi Barckholtz, Brandon Township Fire Chief, Dave Kwapis and four other people

**Approval of Agenda:**

**\*Motion by Trustee Eschmann, seconded by Trustee Skornicka, to accept the agenda as presented.**

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

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:**

**A. Minutes of the Village Council Meeting – September 13, 2010**

**\*Motion by Trustee Eschmann, seconded by Trustee Champion, to accept as presented the Sept 13, 2010 meeting minutes.**

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

**Acceptance Items**

A. Treasurer's Report – August 2010

B. Fire Department Expenditures – September 2010

C. Cable Bank Account Detail

**Council Reviewed. Items A & B Accepted, Item C deferred until next meeting.**

**Disbursements:**

Clarification sought for the following invoice(s):

**# 6 (General Motors)** Questioned what property General Motors used in the Village. Manager Brown noted that he would find out and let the Council know.

**#10 (Mann Construction)** Questioned and received clarification on what specifically the wood chipper was used for.

**#3 (Detroit Edison)** Questioned why this bill was so high. Manager Brown noted he would look into this.

**\*Motion by Trustee Champion, seconded by Trustee Skornicka, to pay our monthly bills in the amount of \$4,267.62**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:**

**Absent:** Nivelt (with notice), Green (with notice)

**All in favor, the Motion carried**

**DPW UPDATE**

Manager Brown presented the DPW update noting completed work included tree trimming, cleaning the bricks in the town square that had asphalt left on them from the resurfacing project, the replacement of the sod planted around the pavilion with top-soil and seed, and the mowing of Village property.

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

None

**Unfinished Business**

**A. Letter of Intent regarding NSP Income**

Manger Brown presented the Letter of Intent regarding the NSP income and answered questions from Council members. The income generated from the sale of the two homes would not be enough to start and complete a new rehab project and noted that income funds not used by NSP communities would be dedicated for use in the NSP Oakland County Homebuyer's Program.

**\*Motion by Trustee Champion**, seconded by **Trustee Eschmann**, to return the NSP program income to Oakland County as originally agreed.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:**

**Absent:** Nivelt (with notice), Green (with notice)

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

**New Business:**

**A. Insurance Renewal**

President Quisenberry presented the policy noting a slight increase due to insuring the new vehicle and the NSP homes.

**\*Motion by Trustee Eschmann**, seconded by **Trustee Champion**, to accept the 2011 insurance proposal from the Michigan Township Participating Plan for the amount of \$8,879.00.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:**

**Absent:** Nivelt (with notice), Green (with notice)

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

**B. CDBG Emergency Minor Home Repair Program Approval**

Manager Brown noted this project is for the 2010 Program year and needs Council approval to administer. It consists of four \$1,000.00 grants that would be used to help a Village homeowner with emergency repairs that would affect the immediate “health and safety” of the home.

**\*Motion by Trustee Eschmann, seconded by Trustee Skornicka, to approve the Emergency Minor Home Repair Program for the 2010 CDBG year as presented.**

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

### **C. Halloween**

Discussion occurred concerning the street closures for Halloween. Dave Kwapis, Brandon Township Fire Chief, noted that in terms of safety the best direction to go would be either close the streets completely or leave them open. He further noted a partial shut creates confusion for kids because they think the streets are closed and do not stay aware of traffic passing through.

**\*Motion by Trustee Champion, seconded by Trustee Skornicka, to hold Trick-or-Treating from 6:30 to 7:30 on Sunday, October 31, 2010, completely close the streets indicated and continue with the candy collection and distribution program as well as bonfire and with cider and doughnuts.**

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

### **D. Request for Al Serra to distribute Halloween Candy.**

Al Serra is requesting permission to park a new truck promoting Al Serra on Mill Street during Trick-or-Treating. It was noted by multiple Council members that this request be tabled until the next meeting for further discussion.

**\*Motion by Trustee Skornicka, seconded by President Quisenberry, to table the approval for Al Serra to distribute candy from their truck to the next meeting on October 13, 2010.**

### **Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Skornicka, Batten, Quisenberry

**Nays:** Eschmann, Champion

**Absent:** Nivelt (with notice), Green (with notice)

**Motion passed with a 3 to 2 vote.**

### **E. Request from St. Anne Catholic Church to hang a banner advertising the haunted forest event.**

Kim Zernec, Youth Director for St. Anne’s Catholic Church, presented the request for a banner to be hung at South Street at M-15. She noted it was for the annual Haunted Forest and was 3’ x 10’ in size and would include the event name, the location, and the date and time. It would go up October 18, 2010 and be taken down on November 1, 2010. Manager Brown noted the DPW would hang the sign.

**\*Motion by Trustee Eschmann, seconded by Trustee Skornicka, to approve the request to hang a banner as presented.**

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

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

None

**Items from trustee:**

**Trustee Eschmann**

Noted that Septemberfest was well done and attended and heard good comments regarding the event.

**Trustee Skornicka**

Noted Septemberfest was very nice as well.

**Trustee Champion**

Noted the Village looked good for Septemberfest and Bob Hauxwell worked very hard and did a great job the day of the event.

**Trustee Batten**

Noted Septemberfest was very nice. Questioned whether the broken portion of sidewalk damaged during the demolition of 21 Church Street was going to be repaired. Manager Brown noted money had been withheld from final payment until this repair is completed.

**President Quisenberry**

Noted the Village looked nice for Septemberfest.

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

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Barckholtz  
Village Clerk