

**Village of Ortonville**  
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462  
**Ortonville Village Council Meeting**  
**January 10, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.**

President Wills called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Peters, Baker, Eschmann, Champion, Skornicka, Waters, Wills

Absent:

**Also Present:** Village Manager – Larry Brown, Village Clerk – Heidi Barckholtz, Planning Commission Chairman, Lee Palshan and two other people.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Manager Brown asked that item A, “Time Line for Ball Street Bridge Replacement Project” under New Business, be deferred until the next Council meeting due to Leann Panduren from Rowe Engineering being unable to attend the Council meeting.

**\*Motion by Trustee Champion**, seconded by **Trustee Peters**, to accept the agenda as amended.  
**All in Favor, the Motion carried.**

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:**

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

**\*Motion by Trustee Eschmann**, seconded by **Trustee Skornicka**, to approve the minutes as presented for the December 13, 2010 meeting.

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

**Acceptance Items**

- A. Fire Department Expenditures – November 2010
- B. Fire Department Expenditures – December 2010
- C. Brandon Township Regular Meeting Minutes – November 1, 2010
- D. Brandon Township Regular Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2010
- E. Brandon Township 2011 Meeting Schedule
- F. Ortonville Planning Commission 2011 Meeting Schedule
- G. Cable Bank Account Detail

**Council Reviewed. Items accepted.**

**Disbursements:**

Clarification sought for the following invoice(s):

**# 15 (Home Renewal Systems)** - Questioned and received clarification on whether the Village is about done with the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and whether the Village will continue to pay the utilities and taxes on both houses. Manager Brown clarified that NSP will continue to reimburse the Village for all expenditures on the homes till at which time they are sold.

# 24 – (Nextel) – Questioned and received clarification whether this bill is for replacement phones or a monthly statement for service.

#5 (Consumers Energy) – Questioned and received clarification if the Village has looked into alternate energy companies in order to save money.

\*Motion by Trustee Champion, seconded by Trustee Eschmann, to pay our monthly bills in the amount of \$14,304.75.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Waters, Skornicka, Champion, Baker, Peters, Eschmann, Wills

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

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

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

None

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business:**

**A. Planning Commission Request to Award a Contract for the Zoning Ordinance Update.**

Commissioner Palshan presented to the Council the criteria used by the Planning Commission for selecting a professional planner for the updating of the Village Zoning Ordinance from the list of submitted bids. Each bid was evaluated on overall cost, timing, experience, clarity of the proposal, reputation, and content of the proposal. The Planning Commission recommends McKenna Associate's proposal at the cost of \$8750.00 plus \$400.00 for public meetings above three because of their overall value.

\*Motion by Trustee Champion, seconded by Trustee Waters, to approve the Planning Commission to award McKenna Associates, Inc. the contract to prepare a Zoning Ordinance Update as per McKenna's executive summary dated 12/21/2010.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Champion, Peters, Eschmann, Baker, Skornicka, Waters, Wills

**Nays:**

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

**Items from the Manager:**

Manager Brown thanked everyone for helping with the luminary distribution. Brown also made note of the flyer he passed out inviting the Trustees to the Town Hall Meeting taking place on January 12, 2011 regarding sewers. Lastly, Brown questioned the availability of Trustees for a Meet and Greet with the Brandon Township Board in February.

**Items from Trustees:**

**Trustee Baker:** Noted the DDA is looking for people to help run "Cruise to Ortonville" on August 7, 2011 and if interested there is a Cruise to Ortonville meeting on

February 28, 2011. Also noted the Council is welcome to attend the DDA's Main Street re-accreditation luncheon on January 18, 2011 at 11:30. Also referenced the Fire Authority meeting she will be attending in February to start the process of updating the Fire Authority Agreement. The first Beets Beats and Eats meeting is January 27, 2011 at the Village Office. She is looking for input as to what people would like to see at BB&E this year. Lastly noted was the Dinner Vendor meeting on February 25, 2011 in case anyone is aware of vendors wanting to serve dinner at BB&E.

**Trustee Eschmann:** Noted that in the proposal presented by Rowe Engineering for the Ball Street Bridge replacement, it gave a range of construction pricing but no engineering or design costs. Questioned if this could be worked up and provided to the Council for the next meeting? Manager Brown noted that it was included in the previous estimate for the bridge grant application several months back and he would again provide this information for the Council. Eschmann also noted that although Rowe Engineering has done a good job, would it be in the best interest of the Village to seek bids for competitive pricing?

**Trustee Waters:** Noted there will be Creekfest meetings held at 117 South Street on January 12, 2011 and February 9, 2011, both at 12:00 p.m., for anyone with ideas or interest in helping with the June 4, 2011 Creekfest event. Further noted, she came across a subdivision during the holiday season that did luminaries with milk jugs and sand provided by the homeowners and thought this might be a cost alternative for future Village luminary displays.

**Trustee Skornicka:** Noted that most of the luminaries were lit upon driving through town on Christmas Eve but questioned how the luminaires on the southern end of South Street got lit. Trustee Champion noted she lit most on that end of the street.

**Trustee Champion:** Noted how nice it was that the luminary bags were placed in such straight lines making it much easier for lighting. Lastly, after looking at previous agendas and taking in to consideration the current economic climate, would the Council consider holding one meeting a month? She no longer sees the need for two meetings a month unless deemed necessary by the Village Manager. Manager Brown noted he would go over the 2011 dates and have a revised date list ready for the next Council meeting for approval.

**President Wills:** Noted his dissatisfaction with the proposed move of OTV out of the Brandon High School because, while serving on the Board of Education, many of the bond issues he was involved with were sold on improvements that included cooperative ventures with the school and the community.

Knowing the history, this proposed move out of the school runs contrary to what the community was told over the years. Wills noted he plans on talking with the School Superintendent about this matter. Lastly, questioned if anyone has had any positive or negative comments on the insertion of the Invocation at the beginning of the meeting? He has received many positive comments on it along with Trustee Champion noting she too has heard good comments.

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

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Barckholtz  
Village Clerk