

Village of Ortonville
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462
Ortonville Village Council Meeting
March 28, 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: Skornicka, Waters, Baker, Champion, Eschmann, Wills
Absent: Peters

Also Present: Village Manager – Larry Brown, Village Clerk – Heidi Barckholtz, Brandon Township Fire Chief, Dave Kwapis, C.E.R.T. representative - Lee Stewart, Village Resident - Glennis Hubbard, and two other people.

**Trustee Peters enters the meeting at 7:04 p.m.*

Approval of Agenda:

***Motion by Trustee Eschmann**, seconded by **Trustee Champion**, to approve the agenda as presented.

All in Favor, the Motion carried.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

A. Minutes of the Village Council Meeting – February 28, 2011

***Motion by Trustee Champion**, seconded by **Trustee Baker**, to accept the minutes of the February 28, 2011 meeting as presented.

All in favor, the Motion carried.

Acceptance Items

- A. Treasurer's Report – February 2011
- B. Fire Department Expenditures – March 2011
- C. Fire Department Monthly Report – January 2011
- D. Brandon Township Regular Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2011
- E. Brandon Township Special Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2011
- F. Brandon Township Special Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2011
- G. Brandon Township Regular Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2011

Council Reviewed. Items accepted.

Disbursements:

Clarification sought for the following invoice(s):

15 (Kobel Plumbing) Questioned and received clarification whether the Village or the homeowner chooses the contractor for the CDBG Emergency Minor Home Repair Program.

5 (DDA) Questioned and received clarification on whether the DDA does a quarterly budget review.

#12 & 15 (Harrison Hoe & Kobel Plumbing) Questioned and received clarification as to how a private resident meets the grant qualifications for the Emergency Minor Home Repair Program.

#26 (Road Commission for Oakland County) Questioned and received clarification on whether the traffic signal is at Grange Hall, Mill Street, and M-15 is solely the Village's responsibility or is it divided three ways between the Village, Groveland and Brandon Townships.

***Motion by Trustee Champion**, seconded by **Trustee Peters**, to pay our bills in the amount \$43,942.57 for March 28, 2011,

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

Absent:

All in favor, the Motion carried.

Public Comments (Agenda Items Only):

Glennis Hubbard – Village Resident

Commented the Village should not assume that things have gotten better for the neighbors with the presence of a skate park monitor. A committee should talk directly with the neighbors to see how things were before the monitor was implemented versus how they are now, noting things have not changed. Hubbard also questioned the fact that with the rules being posted at the park and a monitor being present would the liability then fall on the Township and Village.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

A. C.E.R.T. Team Update – Lee Stewart

Lee Stewart gave an overview of what the C.E.R.T. program does. He noted that they provide community aid during emergency situations and support at Community Events. He also presented specifics on their goals, purpose, background, structure, responsibilities, possible deployments, training plans and team needs.

B. Brandon Township Fire Department 2011 Full-Time Employee Benefits – Dave Kwapis

***Motion by Trustee Champion**, seconded by **Trustee Eschmann**, to approve the Brandon Fire Department 2011 Full-Time Employee Benefits as presented.

All in favor, the Motion carried.

C. Brandon Township Fire Department 2011 Part-Time Employee Benefits – Dave Kwapis

***Motion by Trustee Baker**, seconded by **Trustee Peters**, to approve the Brandon Fire Department 2011 Part-Time Employee Benefits as presented.
All in favor, the Motion carried.

D. Skate Park – Larry Brown

Manager Brown reviewed the hours of operation, when the park was opened last year, potential monitors, and complaints received last year. Council members noted their continued concern with the park opening, discussed potential moves and the possibility of amended hours.

***Motion by Trustee Champion**, seconded by **Trustee Waters**, to open the skate park on April 1, 2011 and operate in the same manner as last year.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Peters, Champion, Waters, Baker

Nays: Skornicka, Eschmann, Wills

Motion carries with a 4 to 3 vote.

E. Cable Station Relocation – Larry Brown, Kathy Thurman, Greg Normand

Manager Brown reviewed the potential move of the Cable Station from the High School to the lease location of 433 Mill Street owned by Dave Bonner. He noted that the Brandon Township Attorney has reviewed the proposed lease and is recommending minor changes. At which time the changes are completed, approval will be sought by the Village Council for the proposed move and lease agreement. Council members questioned the septic capability, specific items on the lease and liability issues. No action taken at this time, item to be placed on the April 25, 2011 Village Council agenda.

F. Doggie Pick Up Stations – Liz Waters

Trustee Waters presented the idea of doggie pick up stations after receiving numerous complaints about animal feces being left on the sidewalks by people neglectful of cleaning up as they walk their dogs. Depending on the model, these stations could include plastic bags dispensers and trashcans for easy disposal of the excrement. Pictures and quotes were presented that included different styles and sizes. Discussion occurred on possible locations for placement throughout the Village. The item will be placed on the April 25, 2011 Village Council agenda.

Manager Update:

Manager Brown noted that the on April 8, 2011 the Oakland County Road Commission will be visiting the Village Office to give an update on Oakland County Roads. The Village Council is invited.

Items from Trustees:

Trustee Baker:

Noted that the DDA won four awards at the Oakland County Main Street Event. Pam Belding received Board Member of the Year; Creekfest received Event of the Year; Volunteer Appreciation received Program of the Year; and Debbie Baker received Volunteer of the Year. The DDA, 's "A Night at the Races", on March 26, 2011, went very well. Eighty people attended this year versus last year's attendance of twenty five. Lastly noted,

Advocacy Day in Lansing is April 13, 2011 and the Council is invited to attend.

Trustee Peters: Noted concern with several streets in the Village and questioned if there is a possibility of re-locating money to repair streets. A large concern for him is Varsity Drive noting the condition of that road is very poor.

President Wills: Noted the Personnel Committee continues to work on the Personnel Manual and have an upcoming meeting.

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

All in favor, the Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Barckholtz
Village Clerk