

Village of Ortonville
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462
Ortonville Village Council Meeting
June 13, 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: Waters, Peters, Baker, Skornicka, Eschmann, Champion, Wills

Absent:

Also Present: Village Manager – Larry Brown, Village Clerk – Heidi Barckholtz, Village Treasurer - Beth Forys, and Village Resident – Glennis Hubbard.

Approval of Agenda:

Changes: Remove Item #12 “Public Comments (Items Not on Agenda)” as it was added in error.

***Motion by Trustee Skornicka, seconded by Trustee Eschmann, to accept the agenda as amended. All in Favor, the Motion carried.**

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

A. Minutes of the Village Council Meeting – May 23, 2011

***Motion by Trustee Champion, seconded by Trustee Waters, to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2011 Village Council meeting as presented.**

All in favor, the Motion carried.

B. Minutes of the Village Council Special Meeting – May 23, 2011

C. Minutes of the Village Council Special Meeting – Budget Workshop – May 31, 2011

***Motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Baker, to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop of May 31, 2011 and the Village Council Special meeting of May 23, 2011.**

All in favor, the Motion carried.

Acceptance Items

A. Brandon Fire Department Expenditures – May 2011

B. Brandon Township Minutes – May 2, 2011

C. DDA Board Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2011

D. Brandon Groveland Youth Assistance Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2011

Council Reviewed. Items accepted.

Disbursements:

Clarification sought for the following invoice(s):

#1 (Ace Asphalt) – Questioned and received clarification as to whether the DPW had already used the 2.4 tons of cold patch listed on this invoice.

#17 (McKenna) – Questioned and received clarification on the balance owed to McKenna Professional Planners for the Village Zoning Ordinance re-write.

#22 (Sherman Publications) – Questioned and received clarification if the amount listed on the invoice reflected a credit for the mistake the Citizen made with the posting of the Village Manager position.

***Motion by Trustee Baker**, seconded by **Trustee Waters**, to approve the disbursements of June 13, 2011 in the amount of \$10,950.67.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

All in favor, the Motion carried.

***Motion by President Wills**, seconded by **Trustee Eschmann**, to adjourn the regular Village Council Meeting and go into the Public Hearing.

All in favor, the Motion carried.

Regular Village Council meeting temporarily adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Public Hearing Regarding the Millage and Budget for the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year.

Public Hearing called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Public Comments (Millage/Budget Only):

None

Council Discussion:

Multiple areas of concern regarding the budget were discussed and questions from the Council were answered by Manager Brown.

***Motion by Trustee Champion**, seconded by **Trustee Skornicka**, to adjourn the Public Hearing and re-open the Regular Village Council Meeting.

All in favor, the Motion carried.

Public Hearing adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Regular Village Council Meeting recalled at 7:27 p.m.

Public Comments (Agenda Items Only):

Glennis Hubbard – Village Resident

She urged Council members that have not done so to spend time in the neighbor's backyard to the skate park to gain a different perspective and understanding of what the neighbors go through on a daily basis.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

A. Skate Park – Helmet Requirement

Discussion opened with the Village requiring helmets to be worn at the skate park and the potential liability assumed by the Village if this requirement was put into play. Manager Brown noted that after checking with the Village's Insurance agent, if the Village did move from "skate at our own risk" to helmets as a "mandatory requirement", the liability for the Village would increase if not enforced properly. Multiple issues were discussed concerning this issue including the commencing of the Parks Committee headed by Peter Burkette. It was noted for the record that the first Parks Committee meeting would be held at the Village Office on Thursday, June 16, 2011 at noon in which the helmet requirement would be discussed.

***Motion by Trustee Champion**, seconded by **Trustee Baker**, to table the issue of helmets for the skate park till the Village Council meeting of June 27, 2011.

All in favor, the Motion carried.

Trustee Waters presented to the Council the idea of extending an Olive Branch to the neighbors of the skate park shortening the hours of operation on Saturdays from 12 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to 12 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

***Motion by Trustee Eschmann**, seconded by **Trustee Waters**, to change the hours of the skate park on Saturday only to run from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

All in favor, the Motion carried.

B. Ditching Project – 58 Church Street

Ken Quisenberry of 58 Church Street asked that this particular ditching issue be put on the agenda. He noted that on Church Street, between 58 N. Church and 80 N. Church Street, there is a storm sewer catch basin that was designed to remove excess rain water. An underground sewer pipe of around 150' empties the water into a ditch between these two properties. The said ditch is not moving the water as quickly as it should be due to ditch becoming shallow over a period of years. Mr. Quisenberry is asking that the Village clear the ditch so the water properly drains into the stream behind the property, helping to alleviate the amount of water in the backyards of said homes. Manager Brown noted this work would have to be outsourced due to needing special equipment that could maneuver the swampy area at an approximate cost of \$2000 to \$5000.

***Motion by Trustee Skornicka**, seconded by **Trustee Eschmann**, to allow the Village Manager to request competitive bids for the ditching at 58 Church Street and report the results back to the Council.

All in favor, the Motion carried.

C. Resolution Approving the 2012-2014 Oakland County CDBG Cooperation

This Resolution is standard every three years so to continue participation with the Oakland County CDBG program.

***Motion by Trustee Eschmann**, seconded by **Trustee Champion**, to adopt the resolution to participated in Oakland County's CDBG programs as presented.

All in favor, the Motion carried.

Items from Trustees:

- Trustee Baker:** The first BB&E starts this Friday, June 17, 2011, showcasing the Art Contest with O'Malley's Galley as the food vendor. Next week is Kid's Night which will include a comedian and Papa Bella's as the food vendor.
- Trustee Peters:** Noted that the DDA project of leveling the sidewalks is going very well and they look really nice. The process in which they do this is fascinating.
- Trustee Eschmann:** Noted a point of concern with the water coming out of the side of the road on Mill Street near Crescent Hill. Cars are veering out and around the water causing a traffic hazard. Although this is not an immediate issue for repair this should be a future agenda item.
- Trustee Champion:** Noted the Historical Society is concerned with the E-coli levels of Kearsly Creek as they consider installing steps in at the garden near the Old Mill for easy entry into the creek. Manager Brown noted that the Village will start periodic testing of the levels for the Creek through the Oakland County Health Department.
- Trustee Waters:** The Creek Clean Up has been rescheduled for July 16, 2011 which will run from the Old Mill to Narrin Park. Also noted were several catch basins that are not collecting water properly that include the basin near Coats Funeral Home on South Street, the basin near Allan and Church Street, and the basin at Eastridge and Church Street.
- President Wills:** There is catch basin on Mill Street near his home that does not drain properly. He also questioned when the Doggie Clean Up stations would be installed. Manager Brown noted the DPW has that on their list of upcoming projects. The Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to collect money at Beuche's for the 2011 Fireworks this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Lastly the DDA is looking for direction regarding sewer and water in the Village and noted that this topic of discussion will be put on the agenda for June 27, 2011.

***Motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Waters, to adjourn the Village Council meeting.
All in favor, the Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Barckholtz
Village Clerk