

**Village of Ortonville**  
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462  
**Ortonville Village Council Meeting**  
**July 25, 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: Champion, Baker, Peters, Waters, Eschmann, Skornicka, Wills

Absent:

**Also Present:** Village Manager – Larry Brown, Village Clerk – Heidi Barckholtz, Brandon Township Fire Chief – Dave Kwapis, Rowe Engineering Representative – Scott Hemeyer, Village residents Glennis Hubbard and John Richard and one other person.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**\*Motion by Trustee Champion, seconded by Trustee Eschmann, to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor, the Motion carried.**

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:**

**A. Minutes of the Village Council Meeting – June 27, 2011**

**\*Motion by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Skornicka, to accept the Village Council meeting minutes of June 27, 2011.**

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

**B. Minutes of the Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2011.**

**\*Motion by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Peters, to accept the Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2011.**

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

**Acceptance Items**

- A. Treasurer's Report – June 2011
- B. Fire Department Expenditures – June 2011
- C. Brandon Township Meeting Minutes – June 6, 2011
- D. Brandon Township Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2011

**Council Reviewed. Items accepted.**

**Disbursements:**

Clarification sought for the following invoice(s):

**#6 (Brandon Township)** – Questioned and received clarification on the total cost for the replacement of the Senior Center Roof.

**#16 (Home Renewal Systems)** Questioned and received clarification as to what the marketing fees were for.

**#21 (MI Department of Licensing & Regulatory Control)** Questioned and received clarification as to what the violation was for in which the DPW had been fined.

**#35 (NSP - Terminix)** Questioned and received clarification why a new home would need a termite treatment.

**\*Motion by Trustee Champion**, seconded by **Trustee Baker**, to pay the bills in the amount of \$27,427.35.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:**

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

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

Glennis Hubbard – Village Resident

Noted that the Village has contributed \$700 a year to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Show for the past several years and questioned if this budget could be increased so to contribute a larger amount to next year's show.

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

**A. Oakland County Revolving Fund**

Manager Brown presented to the Council four properties that are in tax foreclosure through Oakland County Revolving Fund. The Village has the opportunity to purchase these properties for the amount of back taxes before being put up for auction through Oakland County in the coming weeks. Brown explained the process and noted if the homes are not sold at auction the Village would be charged for their portion of back taxes. After a second auction the properties could be transferred to the Village. The overall consensus of the Council was that of not purchasing said properties. No action taken at this time.

**B. 2011 Road Construction Bids – Scott Hemeyer**

Scott Hemeyer from Rowe Engineering presented the bid results for the paving of Pond, Varsity, and James Street to the Council noting Florence Cement Company was the lowest bidder. He explained the process in which Pond Street would be resurfaced and answered questions from the Council concerning the entire job. Lastly, Hemeyer noted Rowe has checked the references for Florence Cement Company and received only positive feedback.

**\*Motion by Trustee Eschmann**, seconded by **Trustee Skornicka**, to accept the road re-construction bid from Florence Cement Company in the amount \$203,819.00.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:**

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

**C. Joint Operating Agreement for Brandon Township Fire Department**

Chief Kwapis presented the Joint Operating Agreement to the Council that tracks changes from the last agreement that was approved in 2001. Minor changes were made that included corrections from the last edition along with incorporating current budget practices. The agreement calls for an annual joint meeting between the Village Council, the Brandon Township Board, and the Fire Authority. The joint meeting is set for August 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brandon Township Library.

**\*Motion by Trustee Champion**, seconded by **Trustee Skornicka**, to adopt the Joint Operating Agreement for the Brandon Township Fire Department as amended.  
**All in favor, the Motion carried.**

#### **D. Halloween 2011**

The hours of Halloween for 2011 were discussed along the continuance of the Village bonfire with cider and doughnuts. Trick or Treating will take place on October 31, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It was also noted that the street closers will remain the same as last year with Church being closed from Mill to Oakwood, Cedar from Mill to Ball Street and Ball Street from Church to Cedar Street.

**\*Motion by Trustee Champion**, seconded by **Trustee Peters**, to keep Trick or Treating exactly as it is from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, October 31, 2011 followed by a bonfire with cider and doughnuts.  
**All in favor, the Motion carried.**

#### **E. Old Town Hall ADA Polling Location Grant**

Brandon Township Clerk Jeanie McCreery provided for the Old Town Hall, several sets of replacement doors for Council to choose and approve in conjunction with the ADA grant for polling locations that the Township is administering.

**\*Motion by Trustee Baker**, seconded by **Trustee Skornicka**, to approve the door design E2G9.  
**All in favor, the Motion carried.**

#### **F. 190 Oakwood Road Drive**

John Richard, owner of 190 Oakwood Road, described the ongoing issue with his driveway. After the DPW years prior installed culverts along Oakwood for potential sidewalks, the pipe installed across his driveway heaved upward causing a hazard entering and exiting his driveway. The Village in 2009 was set to repair the job but Oakland County ceased the work order citing the need to change over 250 feet of plastic pipe with metal pipe. Council along with Manager Brown noted for Richards that they would continue research with Oakland on the direction to go with this issue. No action taken at this time.

#### **G. Special Permit for Park/Parade Use – Crop Walk**

**\*Motion by Trustee Baker**, seconded by **Trustee Waters**, to approve the permit for the Crop Walk on October 4, 2011 as presented.  
**All in favor, the Motion carried.**

#### **H. Special Permit for Park/Parade Use – Brandon Homecoming Parade**

**\*Motion by Trustee Peters**, seconded by **Trustee Baker**, to approve the permit for the Brandon Homecoming Parade September 30, 2011 as presented.  
**All in favor, the Motion carried.**

#### **Items from the Manager:**

Manager Brown noted the Planning Commission will meet August 2, 2011 for a final review of the Zoning Ordinance re-write at which time a date for the public hearing will be set. The new skate park rules have been posted at the park and the next Parks Committee meeting will take place on August 3, 2011. Lastly Brown noted that he did look into the concerns of Village resident, Laura Douglas, regarding additional ordinances regulating political demonstrating. At this time the Village does not have an ordinance controlling political activity and the Sheriff's Department handles demonstrating on a case by case incident.

**Items from Trustees:**

- Trustee Skornicka:** Questioned what bills and invoices are still owed with the NSP program – Manager Brown noted very little. Also questioned if anyone from the Village had checked with the Brandon School District to see if while Varsity was being paved, the school would want to pave their parking lot?
- Trustee Champion:** Noted that the flowers in the Village look great and her recent visitors noted how charming the entire Village is.
- Trustee Peters:** Noted people will be very happy about the upcoming road improvements and he will continue to dialogue with Manager Brown about the repair work at 190 Oakwood Road.
- Trustee Baker:** Noted the DDA project leveling the sidewalks in the Village is completed and the brickwork in progress in near completion. This week's BB&E is Kid's night with a free bounce house.
- Trustee Waters:** As an FYI for the Village Council the DDA will not be sponsoring Creekfest in 2012 due to budget cuts. She would be open to alternative funding and sponsorship ideas.
- President Wills:** At the August 26, 2011 BB&E the Village will host a farewell and thank you to Larry Brown and welcome John Lyons as the new Village Manager.

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Barckholtz  
Village Clerk