

Village of Ortonville
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462
Ortonville Village Council Meeting
September 26, 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, Skornicka, Eschmann, Peters, Champion, Baker, Wills

Absent:

Also Present: Village Manager – John Lyons, Village Clerk – Heidi Barckholtz, Village Treasurer – Beth Forys, Village Resident – John Richards, and one other person

Approval of Agenda:

***Motion by Trustee Waters, 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 – August 22, 2011

***Motion by Trustee Champion, seconded by Trustee Waters, to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2011 Village Council Meeting
All in favor, the Motion carried.**

B. Minutes of the Village Council Joint Fire Board Authority Meeting – August 15, 2011

***Motion by Trustee Eschmann, seconded by Trustee Baker, to approve the draft minutes of the August 15, 2011 Joint Fire Board Authority Meeting with the Village Council and Brandon Township Board.
All in favor, the Motion carried.**

Acceptance Items

- A. Treasurer's Report – August 2011
 - B. Fire Department Expenditures – August 2011
 - C. Ortonville Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – August 2, 2011
 - D. Brandon Township Meeting Minutes – August 1, 2011
 - E. Brandon Township Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2011
 - F. Brandon Township Meeting Minutes – August 15, 2011
- Council reviewed. Items accepted.**

Disbursements:

Clarification sought for the following invoice(s):

#25 (McKenna Associates) Questioned and received clarification on how many installment payments were left for McKenna Associates.

#8, #24, & #35 (Corelogic, Kratt, Brusitori) Questioned and received clarification as to who catches the double tax payments that were made on multiple properties and how this happened.

#33 (Platinum Builders) Questioned and received clarification as to what happened to the new NSP house at 174 Ball Street to warrant repair.

***Motion by Trustee Eschmann**, seconded by **Trustee Skornicka**, to pay the bills in the amount of \$18,260.96.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

All in favor, the Motion carried.

Public Comments (Agenda Items Only):

None

Unfinished Business:

A. 190 Oakwood

Manager Lyons gave a brief update on the status of the proposed repair in regards to the drainage pipe underneath the driveway at 190 Oakwood. Lyons noted he does have a bid of \$8300.00 from Curbco and will continue to work on getting the issue resolved and brought to Council prior to the start of winter. No action taken at this time.

New Business:

A. 2011 Ortonville Zoning Ordinance Re-Write Consideration

The revised 2011 Ortonville Zoning Ordinance was presented to the Council for review. Approval is set for the October 10, 2011 Village Council Meeting in which a McKenna Associate will be present to answer any questions posed by the Council. No action taken at this time.

B. Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Proclamation

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, to raise awareness of the disease and help in the progress of developing treatments and early detection tools, has asked that the Village issue a proclamation supporting the observance of November 2011 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

***Motion by Trustee Champion**, seconded by **Trustee Peters**, to approve the 2011 Pancreatic Awareness Month Resolution.

All in favor, the Motion carried.

C. Charter Cable

The current Charter Cable agreement no longer includes cable service for municipalities free of charge. The fee to continue basic service for the Village is \$39.99 per month.

***Motion by Trustee Baker**, seconded by **Trustee Waters**, to approve the service agreement with Charter Cable to provide basic cable service to the Village Office for \$39.99 a month.

All in favor, the Motion carried.

D. 2011 Biennial Bridge Inspections

The Biennial Inspections are required by MDOT for all bridges over 20' in length. This will include three bridges in the Village and two creek crossings. McKenna presented the quote of \$1200.00 which includes the inspections and reporting costs.

***Motion by Trustee Eschmann, seconded by Trustee Champion, to approve the payment to Rowe Professional Service Company a total of \$1,200.00 for all bridges in the Village requiring inspection and reporting services including the two creek crossings**

All in favor, the Motion carried.

Items from the Manager:

Manager Lyons updated the Council on the following:

*The proposed ditching project at 58 Church Street has received no bids, ideas, or suggestions on how to remedy the drainage issue. Noted he will continue to research and likely proceed further with it next spring.

*Received a request from a resident on Timberwood Trail to amend the Village Ordinance to prohibit bow and arrows and cross bows within the Village limits. – Further discussion of the Council concluded no future action would be taken and to defer future complaints and concerns to the DNR.

Items from Trustees:

Trustee Peters:

Noted the Village looked good for Septemberfest and complimented the DPW on a job well done. Questioned if the Village was compensated by the Township for DPW's labor in assisting with and getting ready for Septemberfest? Manager Lyons along with multiple Council members thought it should be considered a joint effort due to the fact it brings people and positive attention to the Village.

Trustee Eschmann:

Noted the Septemberfest was very nice and thanked the Village Staff and DPW for their hard work in getting ready for it.

Trustee Skornicka:

Thanked everyone for their hard work at Septemberfest.

President Champion:

Thanked everyone for their hard work at Septemberfest. Also noted that the Historical Society is looking for new members and they meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Each month features a guest speaker with October's speaker being retired Judge McNally. He will be speaking on the history of the change from the Justice of the Peace to District Court Judges.

Trustee Waters:

Proposed the possibility of doing electronic packets versus the paper packets to save on paper.

President Wills:

Thanked Trustee Waters for her foresight on the doggie pick up stations noting he has seen a lot of people using them. Also thanked Trustee Baker for her efforts with this year's BB&E. It was a successful event that actually profited and promoted good community fun and the opportunity to interact with and meet new people.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Barckholtz
Village Clerk