

Village of Ortonville  
Township Offices - 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462  
Village Council Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

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

**Roll Call:** Present: Kassuba, Batten, Green, Champion, Nivelt, Eschmann, Quisenberry  
Absent: None

**Also Present:** Village Manager, Ed Coy, and Approximately 15 Residents

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion** by Green, seconded by Kassuba, to approve the agenda.

**All were in favor, the motion carried.**

**Approval of Council Minutes:**

**Motion** by Kassuba, seconded by Green, to accept the Minutes of the December 10, 2007 Regular meeting as corrected.

**All were in favor, the motion carried.**

**Motion** by Green, seconded by Eschmann, to accept the Minutes of the December 10, 2007 ZBA Regular meeting.

**All were in favor, the motion carried.**

**Disbursements**

**Motion** by Batten, seconded by Nivelt, to approve the disbursements in the amount of 9,698.70.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Kassuba, Batten, Green, Champion, Nivelt, Eschmann, Quisenberry  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Motion approved.**

**Correspondence**

- Minutes of Ortonville Planning Commission – January 8, 2008
- Brandon Fire Department Expenditures – December, 2007
- Brandon Fire Department, Fire Runs – December, 2007

**Public Comments for Agenda Items only**

- None

**Unfinished Business**

- None

**New Business**

**A. Clerk and Treasurer Recommendations – President Quisenberry**

**Motion** by Champion, seconded by Green, to hire Larry Brown to fill the position of the Village of Ortonville Treasurer.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Kassuba, Batten, Green, Champion, Nivelt, Eschmann,  
Quisenberry  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Motion approved.**

**Motion** by Green, seconded by Nivelt, to hire Julie Alexander to fill the position of the Village of Ortonville Clerk.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Kassuba, Batten, Green, Champion, Nivelt, Eschmann,  
Quisenberry  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Motion approved.**

**Motion** by Eschmann, seconded by Kassuba, to accept the described pay scale for the Treasurer and Clerk positions as it relates to a step-up process in 30 and 60 days, to peak out at \$17 per hour after that time period.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Kassuba, Batten, Green, Champion, Nivelt, Eschmann,  
Quisenberry  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Motion approved.**

**B. Appointment of Tim Palulian to DDA Board – President Quisenberry**

**Motion** by Green, seconded by Eschmann, to appoint Tim Palulian to the DDA board.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Kassuba, Batten, Green, Champion, Nivelt, Eschmann,  
Quisenberry  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Motion approved.**

**C. Main Street Program – Bob Donohue**

Bob Donohue, Oakland County Main Street Program, gave the board a presentation on the benefits of the Main Street Program for the Village of Ortonville.

**No action taken.**

**D. Sheriff Department Parking in the Village Lot – Sgt. Pete Burkett**

The issue was previously resolved. Sgt. Pete Burkett was introduced to the board.

**No action taken.**

**E. Repair to Case Backhoe – Ed Coy**

**Motion** by Green, seconded by Champion, to table the issue.

**All were in favor, the motion carried.**

**F. Performance Resolution for MDOT R/W Permit – Ed Coy**

**Motion** by Champion, seconded by Nivelt, to adopt the Performance Resolution for Governmental Bodies as presented.

**All were in favor, the motion carried.**

**G. DPW Staffing – President Quisenberry**

**Motion** by Nivelt, seconded by Champion, to downsize to a two-man DPW staff.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Champion, Nivelt, Eschmann, Quisenberry

Nays: Kassuba, Batten, Green

Absent: None

**Motion approved.**

**Motion** by Champion, seconded by Green, to eliminate the supervisor in the DPW Department.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Kassuba, Batten, Green, Champion, Nivelt, Eschmann,  
Quisenberry

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion approved.**

**H. Training Seminars - Nivelt**

Nivelt discussed attending a seminar for new and reelected officials. She was informed that there are monies set aside in the budget for training and seminars, and she should give the registration form to Ed Coy.

**No action taken.**

**Citizen's Comments**

- **Bob McArthur** said that these officials were elected and appointed to improve the village, and they need to follow through with the decisions they make. They have made important decisions tonight that affect people's lives, and he understands the decisions and hopes they were the right ones.
- **Bob McArthur** said that the board needs to have a system to get equipment repaired without having to come before the board for every part that needs to be fixed. Fix things so everyone can operate correctly in the village.
- **Bob McArthur** noted that there are two cell towers existing in the township, which hopefully will be set up for wireless service when Oakland County sets up the service that they've been talking about.

- **Robert Flath** asked about the status of sewers in the village. (He was told that they are researching the issue.)
- **Glennis Hubbard** spoke of the snow plowing in the village and how she has witnessed the laying of salt, and then the plowing of the street minutes later. This is not efficient. She also spoke of observing the DPW supervisor in the passenger seat of a truck, driven by summer help, which was plowing the parking lot of Jet's Pizza at 3:00 in the afternoon December 27. She questioned the efficiency of the department. (President Quisenberry said that he would look into the issue.)

### Council Comments

- **Kassuba** said that the timing is not right to lay off a good employee. This should be investigated more.
- **Batten** had no comments.
- **Green** noted that the DPW vote was four to three, but she does not feel that any of them do not have the best interest of the village in mind. They all want the same outcome for the village, though they all approach it differently.
- **Quisenberry** said that no one is a bad guy, they are all different and differing opinions are encouraged.
- **Eschmann** said that they expect that Manager Ed Coy will tell them if he is falling short of manpower.
- **Champion** said that she had three people call her after the last meeting commenting on the low volume of the broadcast. (Greg Normand explained the cable system, and that the Village Council meeting takes place on the same night as the school board meeting, which is using a good portion of his equipment. He is unable to cover two meetings at the same time with the amount of equipment he has and buying more equipment is cost prohibitive at this time. He is using a bigger microphone on this camera and hopes that will help.)
- **Nivelt** said that she has ideas for improving the placing the luminaries more efficiently next year.
- **Eschmann** welcomed Larry and Julie to the Village Offices. The CERT Team is meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Belinda S. Fenton  
Recording Secretary

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