

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
MAY 4, 2006

1. Call to order -7:03PM

2. Roll call-Garry Patrick, Jim Samann, Charlie Viele, Tom Williams and Doug Kelsey-President. Kay Marsh, Treasurer and Clerk Shirley Harmon were also present. Audience-Sandy Ponsetto, Theresa and Monte O'Dell, Gene Fisher, Wilbur Marsh and Mark Jorgensen. Absent-Don Martin and Beverly Sue Villanueva

3. Pledge to flag

4. Public Comment

Mark-youth football only made 10.00 on Sunday of Maple Syrup Festival parking motorcycles on ball field one and he wondered if there is no rain next year could they park cars there too. Refer to B&G Committee.

Gene would like to see parking opened up on South Main next year.

Mark brought up the need for more handicapped parking at the museum.

Garry posed the question of legal responsibility of having handicapped parking on public grounds.

5. Consent Agenda Items

All matters listed under item 5, Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the Village Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

A. Minutes - 4-6-06

B. Treasurer's report for April

C. Bills for approval 4-7-06 thru 5-5-06

\*\*Motion to approve consent agenda items as presented.

Motion by Tom Williams to approve the bills and Treasurer's report. Seconded by Garry Patrick, all ayes (Patrick, Samann, Viele, Williams and Kelsey). The minutes were removed to New Business below.

6. Reports from Council Committees

None

7. DPW Report

\*Monte gave a report on Asset Management.

\*The wells have been tested and Well #3 needs work done on it-Monte will get best price for the repair.

\*Catch basins will be cleaned this month-2 bids received- \$1,985.00 from a Hastings firm and \$3,700.00 for a Kalamazoo firm.

\*Blacktopping will start next week.

8. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

Job description for Planning/Zoning Officer-Planning Commission and ZBA will work on for next month ZBA needs letter of intent from Jason Sheridan. Clerk to remind him. Also, the ZBA needs to advertise for open position.

9. Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

May report

Letter from Nikki outlining where Manufactured housing is allowed for in the Master Plan and commercial signage in residential districts.

#### 10. Unfinished Business

Special meeting to be held on May 16th will be held at the Congregational Church for more room. The Planning Commission is to have the Task Force changes reviewed by that meeting.

Letter received from Bob Deitrick concerning the ABBA Bonding and Wingspread situation. He is requesting permission to release the three checks received for payment to subcontractors from ABBA Bonding. Tom Williams moved to allow the release of the checks to subcontractors, seconded by Jim Samann. All ayes.

Three bids have been received from law firms, after some discussion, Doug called for a vote. Robt. Deitrick-none, Melvin McWilliams-none and Mika, Meyers, Beckett & Jones-5 ayes (Viele, Samann, Patrick, Williams and Kelsey).

Doug called for motion to request for bids on a rotating basis every three years, engineering firms next year, then CPA the next and lawyers the next. Jim Samann moved to approve, seconded by Tom Williams, all ayes.

#### 11. New Business

Mail - letter from Mika, Meyer, Beckett & Jones concerning the new changes in the Zoning laws in Michigan by July 1st. Copies will be given to Council, Planning and ZBA.

At the suggestion of the Village Auditors, Walker, Fluke & Sheldon, we need to update our Capital Outlay Policy. Charlie Viele moved to change from \$200.00 for equipment to \$500.00 and \$400.00 for Capital Improvements to \$1,000.00. Seconded by Jim Samann, all ayes.

Meeting dates need to be set for the Lion's Club Calendars. Jim Samann moved to approve meeting dates thru August 2007, seconded by Garry Patrick, all ayes.

Minutes of 4-6-06 need correction of stating that Jim Samann and Garry Patrick were absent for that meeting. Clerk directed to correct and bring said minutes to June meeting for approval.

#### 12. Public Comment

Bob Fickes present to express concern for the campfire permit that was issued to his neighbor that got to big during Syrup Festival. He was told to call the Fire Dept. again if there is a next time, so as records can be kept as backup for any denial of permit.

Theresa Spagnuolo-O'Dell asked about the new Zoning Maps and was assured by Doug that they are being printed at this time.

Clerk working on Mayor Exchange and will keep the council updated.

Garry mentioned something about a sign on Fourth and South Main about Adult Entertainment, Code Enforcement Officer to look into.

Jason Sheridan requested to give update from Planning Commission but was told that council had already talked about planning and would be going over the ZTF recommendations on the 16th .

#### 13. Adjournment

Motion by Jim Samann, seconded by Garry Patrick. All ayes.

Adjourned at 8:20pm