

**Village of Ortonville**  
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462  
**Ortonville Village Council meeting**  
**March 9, 2009 – 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: Nivelt, Eschmann, Green, Champion, Kassuba, Quisenberry

Absent: Batten

**Also Present:** Village Manager - Ed Coy, Village Clerk – Julie Alexander, Village Treasurer – Larry Brown, Sgt. Pete Burkett and approximately 5 other individuals.

**Approval of Agenda:**

No changes.

**Motion by Trustee Green**, seconded by Trustee Champion, to approve the agenda.

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

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes of the Village of Ortonville Council meeting on February 23, 2009.

No changes.

**Motion by Trustee Champion**, seconded by Trustee Eschmann, to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2009 Village Council meeting.

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

**Acceptance Items:**

**A. Village Ordinance Violation Log for 2009**

Council reviewed.

**B. Minutes of the DDA Board Meeting – January 26, 2009**

Trustee Kassuba questioned who attended the conference in Chicago. President Quisenberry will gather the total cost and how trip was funded.

**C. Brandon Township Board Meeting Minutes from February 2, 2009**

Council reviewed.

**D. Brandon Township Board Meeting Minutes from February 17, 2009**

Council reviewed.

Items accepted.

**Trustee Batten arrived at 7:05 p.m.**

**Disbursements:**

Clarification sought for the following invoice(s):

President Quisenberry – Central alarm \$531.00, questioned amount  
Trustee Green – Rowe Engineering \$788.00, questioned services provided

**Motion by Trustee Champion**, seconded by Trustee Nivelt, to approve disbursements in the amount of \$11,147.55.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Nivelt, Batten, Eschmann, Champion, Kassuba, Quisenberry

**Nays:** Green

**Motion passed.**

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

Glennis Hubbard stated concern over the Skate Park re-opening. She advised Council of concerns over Mr. Roerink's qualifications to supervise the Skate Park. She noted concerns over his smoking and the manner in which he interacts with the youth.

**Unfinished Business:**

**A. Cable Commission Update – Village Manager Coy**

President Quisenberry referenced the Township attorney's concern, as noted in the Manager's report, in respect to the Cable Commission being the best means of overseeing cable revenue. Village Manager Coy has spoke with Kathy Thurman regarding this issue. It was agreed that the Village Council would like to have the specifics on how the money is being spent. Village Manager Coy advised Ms. Thurman that the Council would like to have a joint committee in place. Council noted concerns of not having a Cable Commission or committee in place. Township interest in forming such a committee was questioned. The Township Supervisor indicated to the Village Manager that the Council can be in charge of their own cable revenue. No action taken by Council.

**B. Sewer Committee Update – Village Manager Coy**

Minutes from the Sewer Committee meeting were referenced. The next meeting will be scheduled when information from Genessee County regarding the Kearsley Creek Interceptor is received.  
No action taken by Council.

**C. Weed & Grass Ordinance – Village Manager Coy**

Council reviewed the draft of the Noxious Weed Ordinance provided by Village Manager Coy. Council will further review the draft and readdress this issue on March 23, 2009. Trustee Champion questioned whether the ordinance draft was written with violations being considered a misdemeanor or a civil infraction. Village Manager Coy will discuss issue with the attorney.

**D. IT Policy – Village Manager Coy**

President Quisenberry referenced the proposed policy in Council packets.

**Motion** by **Trustee Nivelt**, seconded by Trustee Batten, to accept the Computer, Internet and E-mail Policy for the Village of Ortonville.

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Nivelt, Batten, Eschmann, Green, Champion, Kassuba, Quisenberry

Nays: None

**The Motion passed.**

**New Business:**

**A. Crime Statistics – Sgt. Burkett**

Sgt. Burkett presented the current crime statistics for the Village of Ortonville. He explained the information, trends, reporting flaws and how to interpret the data provided. Council questioned the ability to identify concerns specific to the Skate Park. The report does not have specific data pertaining to Skate Park incidents.

**B. Skate Park – Village Manager Coy**

The Village ordinance indicates that the Skate Park was to open March 1<sup>st</sup> weather permitting. Council discussed staffing the Skate Park with a Supervisor. Robert Roerink’s performance was discussed. It was decided that a new Skate Park Committee should be formed. Trustee Green, Trustee Champion and Trustee Eschmann will be members of the Skate Park Committee. They will meet prior to the next Council meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. This item will be placed on the agenda.

**Public Comments (Items not on agenda):**

Terry Darnell offered to provide Council any Skate Park information they may need.

Sgt. Burkett stated the need for a Skate Park Supervisor. He suggested hiring someone with a security background.

**Items from Trustees:**

Trustee Kassuba – Questioned whether Michigan Seal Coating is operating illegally within the Village limits. President Quisenberry indicated that he did not believe so. Trustee Kassuba was approached about this issue by a Village resident.

Trustee Batten – Advised Council that while the potholes need filling but he feels the wrong company has been hired for the job.

**Closed Session:**

**Motion** by **Trustee Batten**, seconded by Trustee Green, to move to a Closed session to discuss labor contract negotiations.

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Nivelt, Batten, Eschmann, Green, Champion, Kassuba, Quisenberry

Nays: None

**The Motion passed.**

**Moved to a CLOSED SESSION to discuss union contract negotiations at 8:20 p.m.**

**Motion by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Nivelt, to move to an Open Session.**

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

**Motion by Trustee Batten, seconded by Trustee Champion, to adjourn the Village Council meeting.**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Alexander  
Village of Ortonville Clerk