

Village of Ortonville
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462
Ortonville Village Council meeting
February 23, 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, Batten, Eschmann, Green, Champion, Quisenberry
Absent: Kassuba, with notice.

Also Present: Village Manager - Ed Coy, Village Clerk – Julie Alexander, Village Treasurer – Larry Brown, Leanne Panduren -Rowe Engineering and approximately 6 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 9, 2009.
No changes.

Motion by Trustee Champion, seconded by Trustee Nivelt, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2009 Village Council meeting.
All in favor, the Motion carried.

Acceptance Items:

- A. Summary of Brandon Township Fire Alarms for January 2009**
- B. Brandon Township Board Meeting Minutes from January 5, 2009**
- C. Brandon Township Board Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2009**

Items accepted.

Disbursements:

Clarification sought for the following invoice(s):

- Todoroff Brothers for \$390 (frequency of service)**
- CB Glass for \$148 (cause of breakage)**

Motion by Trustee Champion, seconded by Trustee Eschmann, to approve disbursements in the amount of \$3,694.60.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Nivelt, Batten, Eschmann, Green, Champion, Quisenberry
Nays: None.

Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – January 2009

Council reviewed Treasurer's Report.

Motion by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Nivelt, to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2009.

All in favor, the Motion carried.

Public Comments (Agenda Items Only):

None.

Unfinished Business:

A. Cable Commission Update – Village Manager Coy

Village Manager Coy advised Council that he has met with Kathy Thurman, Bob McArthur and Larry Brown regarding the Cable Commission purpose and need for re-establishment as franchise fees are still being collected twice annually. According to the Ordinance, a Cable Commission consisting of two Township, two Village, 2 School and one library representatives should be formed. Village Manager Coy recommended the Village Treasurer be one of the Village representatives, along with a Trustee. Trustee Nivelt volunteered. The other Cable Commission members will be in place soon.

Motion by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Eschmann, to appoint Larry Brown- Village Treasurer and Trustee Nivelt to the Cable Commission.

All in favor, the Motion carried.

B. Sewer Committee Update – Village Manager Coy

Village Manager Coy advised Council of 2/24/09 meeting by the Genessee County Drain Commission that will discuss a sewer line coming into the area. Leanne Panduren from Rowe Engineering will attend the meeting, along with other members of the Sewer Committee to gather details. The Committee has spent time reviewing past activities by similar committees and will meet again in early March. Village Manager Coy will provide an update to Council at the next meeting on March 9th.

No action taken by Council.

C. Ordinance Revision Updates – Village Manager Coy

Village Manager Coy is waiting for Michael Gildner, the Village Attorney, to provide details on misdemeanors vs civil infractions. Tim Palulian is also reviewing the ordinance revisions made by Mr. Gildner. Village Manager Coy will update Council at the next Council meeting.

No action taken by Council.

New Business:

None.

Public Comments (Items not on agenda):

None.

Items from Trustees:

Trustee Nivelt questioned whether or not there was a computer use policy for the Village office. She provided a copy of a draft to the Village Manager. Trustee Nivelt also questioned how South Street was chosen for paving using federal funds. She was advised that engineering work was completed on South Street, as required. Finally, Trustee Nivelt questioned the status of pothole repairs. She was advised by Village Manager Coy that pothole repairs will begin tomorrow.

Trustee Champion stated that she has been contacted by area residents dissatisfied with the snowplowing method used recently. Designated parking spots on South Street have not been plowed. Village Manager Coy will address this issue with CM Construction.

Trustee Eschmann questioned the status of the Ordinance violations at 144 South Street. He was advised that the homeowner has moved the large trailer that was at the curb. Any further concerns pertaining to this property will be addressed with Tim Palulian. Trustee Eschmann noted that while the snowplowing needs to be refined, CM Construction has done a good job overall.

President Quisenberry congratulated the Village Treasurer and Village Clerk on one year of service.

Closed Session:

Motion by Trustee Batten, seconded by Trustee Nivelt, to move to a Closed session to discuss union contract negotiations.

All in favor, the Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION to discuss union contract negotiations at 7:47 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 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Alexander
Village of Ortonville Clerk