

Village of Ortonville
Township Offices – 395 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462
Ortonville Village Council meeting
February 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: Champion, Eschmann, Green, Nivelt, Batten, Kassuba, Quisenberry

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Manager - Ed Coy, Village Clerk – Julie Alexander, Village Treasurer – Larry Brown, General Clerk – Diana Bertapelle and approximately 15 other individuals.

Approval of Agenda:

Added Item E “**Personnel**” (New Business) at the request of Village Manager Coy.

Motion by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Batten, to approve the amended agenda.
All in favor, the Motion carried.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the Village of Ortonville Council meeting on January 26, 2009.

No changes.

Motion by Trustee Champion, seconded by Trustee Eschmann, to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2009 Village Council meeting.
All in favor, the Motion carried.

Disbursements:

Clarification sought for the following invoice(s):

- Brandon Township (franchise fee)
- The Danielson Group (invoice detail)
- Morton Salt (amount of salt)
- MiDeal (membership benefits)

Motion by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Nivelt, to approve disbursements in the amount of \$17,675.70.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Motion approved.

Public Comments (Agenda Items Only):

Kaz Mamon (Mamon Enterprises) noted concern over the company used to handle snow removal during the first weekend of February. Specifically, he indicated that the Village should have used a more local contractor.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

A. Skate Park Activities – Fred Waybrant

Mr. Waybrant presented a flyer for Sherman Park Activities planned for June 2009. He is seeking Council approval so that he may move forward with promoting the Skate Board and Basketball Tournaments. He will also be seeking approval from the Brandon Township Board. Mr. Waybrant will be soliciting volunteers and sponsors. Parks & Recreation will be covering the cost of the portable restrooms. Brochures are scheduled to go out in the next week, if approved. This will be a Brandon Township Parks & Recreation activity.

Motion by Trustee Champion, seconded by Trustee Green, to grant Parks & Recreation the use of Sherman Park to host the outlined athletic events.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Kassuba

Motion passed with 6 to 1 vote.

B. Native Plant Garden Sculpture – Village Manager Coy

Rebekah Roberts has purchased a “bench” sculpture in honor of her late husband. The approved area of the new Brandon Township park where the sculpture will be permanently placed is not ready for the sculpture. Village Manager Coy is requesting approval for temporary placement in the Native Garden next to the Old Town Hall. Mrs. Roberts is willing to pay for the concrete slab needed. Discussion occurred over better options. Fred Waybrant will speak with Mrs. Roberts about temporarily placing the sculpture in Phase I of the new park. No action by Council.

C. Snow Plowing – Village Manager Coy

President Quisenberry referenced snow plowing contractor bids provided by Village Manager Coy in Council packets. Village Manager Coy gathered contractor bids to make the best decision in who should handle emergency plowing services until the DPW is re-established. It was understood by all those who submitted bids that no long-term commitments or contracts were being considered, at this time. Discussion occurred over the Village Manager’s spending authority and how contractor’s would prioritize the Village with their other jobs.

Motion by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Nivelt, to allow the Village Manager to “do his job” by taking care of whatever DPW business needs to be done, for a period not to exceed 60 days.

Clarification was sought over the specific DPW tasks to be addressed by a contractor. It was determined that snow removal, pot-hole filling and any other emergency DPW services should be at the discretion of the Village Manager.

Motion by **Trustee Green**, seconded by Trustee Eschmann, to allow the Village Manager the authority to handle any emergency DPW issue in the next 60 days, especially as it pertains to snow removal, even if the cost exceeds his spending authority limit.

Trustee Green rescinded the earlier Motion made (supported by Trustee Nivelt) that needed clarification.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Motion approved.

There will be a Closed Session at the February 23, 2009 Village Council meeting to discuss the Teamsters Contract.

D. DPW Garage Door Replacement – Trustee Green

The DPW garage door on the west side of the building needs to be replaced. Water is being allowed in and deteriorating the cement flooring, as a result. The door is old and not very secure. Trustee Green recommends replacing the door which should correct the situation. Rotten wood will also be replaced as part of the door replacement. Pioneer Door indicated that door replacement should prevent further water penetration and the cement should not be further damaged.

Motion by **Trustee Eschmann**, seconded by Trustee Kassuba, to replace DPW garage door as outlined in quote from Pioneer Door.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Batten

Motion passed with a 6 to 1 vote.

E. Personnel – Village Manager Coy

Village Manager Coy explained that the union contract allows for the hiring of a part time non-union person. Jim Early's recall rights will expire this week and it is doubtful he will return to work at the Village as he has other employment. Village Manager Coy asked Council to approve the hiring of a non-union part time employee for general DPW related tasks. Discussion occurred and it was decided to table the issue until the scheduled Closed Session on February 23, 2009.

Public Comments (Items not on agenda):

Glennis Hubbard pointed out specific potholes that need to be addressed. She also advised of “glaciers” on Mill Street. Last, Ms. Hubbard questioned the bottle money. She was advised that any bottle money belongs to the Parks & Recreation Department.

Kaz Mamon sought clarification on how the snow plowing will be handled for the remainder of the season. He was advised that the Village Manager will be working with the contractor (s) of his choosing to handle DPW related needs.

Robert Flath suggested rotating what contractor is used for Village needs from the local contractors that submitted bids.

Items from Trustees:

Trustee Eschmann requested an update on ordinance enforcement issues. He was told that the only outstanding issue pertains to 144 South Street. Tim Palulian will be working with the Village to further address the situation. Trustee Eschmann advised Council that the sewer committee has met and arrived at a tentative mission statement. They will be meeting again on 2/10/09.

Trustee Champion advised Council of the Historical Society general membership meeting on March 5th.

Trustee Nivelt mentioned that the Village Manager has already started a list of potholes to be addressed (prior to Council meeting).

Motion by **Trustee Batten**, seconded by Trustee Nivelt, to adjourn the Village Council meeting. **All in favor, the Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Alexander
Village of Ortonville Clerk