

St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
April 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Holem with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: McPhail, Neumann, Roe, Holem, Theile, Dennis, and White.

Others present: Matt Lane, Deanna Koehler, Barry Dobis, Patrick Mishler, Jim Palmer, Marybeth Smith, Steve Powlus, Mandilee Hecht, Sylvio Borrello, Andre Borrello, Dr. Joseph Kline, Mike Woodrow, and Katie Woodrow.

Jim Palmer updated the council on the Museum's activities. They have purchased an antique Aero Craft Toboggan and are continuing to work on the WWI exhibit. They have an Antique Appraisal Fair scheduled for April 23rd.

Andre Borrello introduced himself as a candidate for Circuit Court Judge in the upcoming election.

Motion by Neumann, second by Roe to approve the March 9, 2016 Village Council Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis, second by Theile to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$164,661.69. Motion carried.

Communications were received from Keep Michigan Beautiful, the St. Charles Area Health Center, Review Magazine and the Saginaw County Parks Event Calendar.

Motion by Neumann, second by Roe to increase the amount of the annual contribution to the Health Center by \$995.00. Motion carried.

Motion by White, second by McPhail to join the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to adopt the Three Year Strategic Plan for FY 2016/17 - 2018/19. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Roe to table the adoption of the Values, Mission and Vision Statement until the May Village Council Meeting. Motion carried.

Council decided after much discussion to send the ordinance to allow Fowl inside the Village Limits to the Planning Commission for review and revision.

Dr. Kline updated the council on the requirements necessary to maintain and keep waterfowl in the observatory at Waterfowl Park. The exhibit requires a Class B permit from the USDA.

Motion by Neumann, second by White to table further discussion by the Council on the Waterfowl Park exhibit permit until the May Village Council Meeting to determine more specific costs and requirements. Motion carried.

The council rules will include the name and address of anyone that addresses the council is required and the time limit for addressing the council will be amended. The council rules will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Department reports from the DPW, Police, and Building Inspector were accepted and filed.

Sylvio Borrello inquired about the safety of kayaking on the Bad River. Dr. Kline responded that common sense and normal safety precautions make river activities perfectly fine.

Katie Woodrow asked the council if village residents were going to be converted to the larger "dumpster" type trash containers. Tom White informed her that Mid-Michigan Waste Authority had decided not to convert due to costs but that the size limit on containers had been increased to 35 gallon.

Dr. Kline gave input on the three general principles of keeping chickens: 1) Protect human health; 2) Protect poultry industry; 3) Be a good neighbor.

Katie Woodrow opined that if the council adopts their vision, mission, and strategy that includes any type of sustainability it would have to allow the growing of food.

Mike Woodrow stated that currently the State of Michigan free ranges fowl, cervidae, and other various species on his property without a permit or his permission. He also stated that he feels he moved to St. Charles to pay taxes and nothing else. He stated his support for allowing chickens and urban farming within the Village.

Doug Holem submitted his letter of resignation as Village President. Mr. Holem has sold his home and is no longer considered a Village resident. We wish him well and he will be missed.

Motion by Dennis, second by Neumann to adjourn at 9:43 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna L. Koehler, Village Clerk