

**St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 10, 2016**

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

Members present: McPhail, Dennis, White, Roe, Theile, and Kutz.

Members absent: Neumann.

Others present: Matt Lane, Deanna Koehler, Patrick Mishler, Steve Powlus, Ken Kutz, Charles Bussinger, Matt Simcox, and Kyle Harris.

Motion by White, second by Theile to approve the Village Council Minutes from July 13, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

Commission and Committee Reports were accepted and filed from Parks & Recreation July 20, DPW Committee August 2, and Police Committee August 2.

Motion by Dennis, second by Theile to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$67,182.89. Motion carried.

Matt Lane updated the council on Little Free Library. Michele Bell and her husband have been on vacation and hope to complete our two libraries and have one installed at Coal Miners' Park and one by the kiosk downtown.

Diana Kutz updated the council on the DPW Committee Meeting held on August 2nd. The Committee is looking into a company that provides insurance for homeowners on their portion of the water and sewer lines. This is an optional program for homeowners and Matt will check with other communities and DPW employees to determine if it has been a benefit, prior to the council recommending the program to our residents. This program has been endorsed by the National League of Cities.

Jim McPhail updated the council on the Police Committee meeting from August 2nd. The Committee has agreed to a 30-day trial of body cameras to be worn by the Police Department and Matt Lane has implemented an Administrative Policy regulating the use and records. Upon completion of the 30-day trial, Council will review the policy and possible implementation.

Motion by McPhail, second by Kutz to approve the appointment of Steve Powlus and Stefan Beeler to the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Matt Simcox, the Operations Supervisor for Saginaw County Parks, updated the council on the maintenance issues with the rail/trail. They have maintained the equestrian trail, trimmed up to 10' on overhanging branches, mowed the sides, and re-sealed half of the 9-mile trail. The other half of the trail should be re-sealed next May.

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

Ken Kutz questioned the portion of his township taxes that goes to Mosquito Control and the methods they use to spray in his neighborhood. Council is considering inviting a representative to attend a future meeting to address his concerns.

Diana Kutz would like to see the council implement a more restricting Dog Ordinance. Matt Lane will bring our ordinance and samples to the next meeting.

Diana Kutz would also like Matt to find training through Michigan Municipal League for our newly appointed Planning Commission members.

Motion by Theile, second by Kutz to adjourn at 8:07 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Koehler, Village Clerk