

**St. Charles Village Council  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
August 13, 2014**

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

Members present: Neumann, Breidinger, Holem, Dennis, and White.

Members absent: Roe and Theile.

Others present: Hal Mead, Deanna Koehler, Jim Palmer, Jim McPhail, Kyle Brown, and others.

Jim McPhail gave the council an update on the removal of the remainder of a red oak that had fallen in the park. He offered a section of the mature downed tree to Hartley or the museum.

Jim Palmer updated the council on the fundraising for the caboose purchase. They have raised over \$20,000 so far.

Louis Butko requested the Village lower the speed limit on Beaver Road to 25 mph out to the Village limits. Hal Mead indicated he would talk to the county about adding an additional stop sign at Beaver and Townline in the hopes it will slow down the speeding drivers on Beaver Road. Discussion was heard on trying to rent an electronic speed limit sign.

Kyle Brown gave an oral reporting of Tri-Township's run log for the month including their assistance with the accident on Spruce Street that required the killing of a massive bee hive in the walls of the home that was struck by the vehicle.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to approve the July 9, 2014 Village Council Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee Minutes of July 23, 2014 were accepted and filed.

Communications from Girl Scout Troop 50360 to use the park next year and a thank you from the St. Charles Library were accepted and filed.

Motion by Dennis, second by Neumann to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$67,399.64. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Breidinger to accept the Auditor's Letter of Engagement for a five year term engaging Berthiaume & Company as the Village Auditor through 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis, second by Neumann to remove the river fountains rather than repair or replace the damaged motors. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Breidinger to adopt Resolution #14-7 MERS Defined Benefit Plan for New-Hire Employees. Motion carried.

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

Kyle Brown inquired on the repair of the fence in Coal Miners' Park at the new Dawg Park that was damaged from a falling tree. Mead has requested a quote for the repair of the fencing.

Motion by Dennis, second by Breidinger to adjourn at 7:53 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna L. Koehler, Village Clerk