

**St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 11, 2015**

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

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

Members absent: Theile.

Others present: Hal Mead, Deanna Koehler, Mike Decker, Louis Butko, Steve Powlus, Jim McPhail, Rick Beeler, and Deward Beeler.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to approve the St. Charles Village Council Minutes of January 14, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

DDA Minutes of February 6 were accepted and filed.

A thank you from Keep Michigan Beautiful was accepted and filed.

Motion by Dennis, second by Neumann to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$57,202.97. Motion carried.

Mike Decker, the Superintendent of St. Charles Community Schools, did a presentation explaining the updates to the school that are proposed on the upcoming February 24 School Millage request. The millage will cover: technology and security upgrades, a community center, an athletic complex, new buses, and facility improvements.

Motion by Neumann, second by Breidinger to adopt Resolution #15-1 Amending the Trash Rate to \$135.17 per household for the upcoming tax season. Motion carried.

Mead highlighted the upcoming proposed budget which includes: a new roof on the Village Office, underground storage tank removal, trying to obtain the point property from the DNR, a new police car and DPW truck with a plow, a new roof on the waterfowl observatory, engineering for Beaver Road, lift station improvements at the Industrial Park, completion of fencing at the sewer lagoons, 100 new water meters, and a 1.7% Cost of Living Increase. The final budget will be presented at the March 11th meeting.

Discussion was held on the possibility of extending the rail/trail south from Lumberjack Park to H Julien Road. Mead will try to get a cost for obtaining the property and/or putting the trail along Chesaning Street and report back to the Council.

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

Tri-Township Fire Department updated the council on new members, members in training, and the number of runs for the month.

Motion by Dennis, second by Breidinger to adjourn at 9:20 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna L. Koehler, Village Clerk