

**St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 14, 2015**

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

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

Members absent: Theile and White.

Others present: Hal Mead, Deanna Koehler, Barry Dobis, Jim Palmer, and Jim McPhail.

Jim Palmer updated council on the Museum's efforts to get Saginaw County Parks and Recreation to extend the rail/trail down past the museum. The caboose has been wired for sound and the museum is collecting recollections of the town history from various residents.

Motion by Breidinger, second by Neumann to approve the December 10, 2014 Village Council Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes from the DDA January 9, 2015 meeting were accepted and filed.

Communication was received from Keep Michigan Beautiful thanking the Village for our annual donation.

Motion by Dennis, second by Neumann to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$76,145.89. Motion carried.

Hal Mead brought a list of possible projects for the upcoming budget including a new roof on the office, removal of underground storage tank, purchase and install 100 water meters, purchase a pick-up for the DPW and a vehicle for the Police Department, and a used trailer mount air compressor. These and other projects will be included in the budget workshop if possible. There was also discussion for utilizing the pool area and roller rink in the park.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to change the Employee Handbook to allow full-time and part-time to contribute to the ICMA 457 fund if they choose to. Motion carried.

Mead updated the council on the DNR property the Village would like to use for a bridge connecting Lumberjack Park to Waterfowl Park. The DNR has indicated that we will need to negotiate a lease with the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Mead will pursue a long-term lease.

Council was updated on the ORV Ordinance. MDOT has accepted our permit application and is waiting for additional information. We will submit the requirements and hopefully be able to adopt the ordinance in the next few months.

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

Motion by Dennis, second by Breidinger to adjourn at 8:04pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deanna L. Koehler, Village Clerk