

**VILLAGE OF ST. CHARLES**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**JULY 12, 2017**

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

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

Others present: Matt Lane, Deanna Koehler, Patrick Mishler, Allen Rabideau, Dale Fowler, Michelle Eickholt, Luann McNally, Craig McNally, Jean Fowler, Joseph Gardner, Philip Tanner, Charles Bussinger, Chris Savage, Stefan Beeler, Joe Fowler, Mary Fowler, Sue Hensel, Jim Palmer, Ken Kutz, Bill Wood, Bonnie Holubik, Bruce Adams, and Kyle Harris.

Jim Palmer updated the council on the Museum's World War II Medal of Honor display, which will also honor Lewis Gould who passed away this week.

Craig McNally questioned a 10-day notice he received regarding the operation of the unlicensed kennel he and his wife Luann are operating on Hanchett Street. Matt Lane explained that kennels are not allowed in an R-1 Zoning District and the Village had received numerous complaints of dogs barking in the middle of the night and an odor of feces. In addition, it was discovered that they were breeding the dogs and selling the puppies.

Joseph Gardner gave a "Thank You" to the DPW and Hydration and Maintenance Specialists for their extra effort during the preparation and continued maintenance of the Beautification Day Improvements.

Motion by Theile, second by McPhail to approve the Village Council Minutes of June 14, 2017 with the correction to the motion approving the May 10, 2017 Village Council Minutes correction of the motion to finalize the recommendation to the council on the Personnel Handbook and Manager's Evaluation. The correction should have been to remove any recommendation to the Personnel Handbook and move the Manager's Evaluation to August. Motion carried.

Commission and Committee Reports from the Parks & Recreation June 21, Planning Commission June 22, and DDA June 23 were accepted and filed.

Saginaw County Parks schedule for the summer was accepted and filed.

Motion by Dennis, second by Neumann to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$127,274.26 (which included duplicate bills from June 9<sup>th</sup> and should have been in the amount of \$111,468.26). Motion carried.

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

Ken Kutz is looking for a grant or Village Program to help with the cost of filling in all of the ditches within the Village to make it more reasonable for homeowners to maintain. Kris Neumann explained that the drainage on Main Street was started by previous employees without the knowledge or consent of the Village Council thirty years or more ago and the project was never completed. The installation

and maintenance of culverts and ditches on private property are not the responsibility of the Village and homeowners in other areas of the village have installed and maintained their own.

Kyle Harris gave some County Commissioner updates. The County is going to take out a 30-year bond to build a new jail facility, looking into turning the Road Commission into a Road Department, and the County Animal Control's request for addition millage.

Jim McPhail requested the manhole on South Saginaw Street be repaired again. It is not sitting flush and makes noise as people drive over it. Pat Mishler informed him that the DPW had worked on it and thought they had a solution, but realized today that it was still not functioning and will try again.

Sue Hensel requested that tree limbs be trimmed in front of the Road Narrows sign on M-52 by the curve coming into town. Patrick Mishler will take care of it.

Craig McNally inquired as to how long dog ordinances have been in place within the Village. Diana Kutz responded that the current dog ordinance is being worked on by the Planning Commission and the previous update did not include the complete ordinance or the changes the Commission had made to it, but a Dog Ordinance has been in the Village Ordinances for a long time. The process for updating ordinances requires more time and will not take place within the timeframe required by Mr. McNally.

Michelle Eickholt suggested people turn on a fan or produce other white noise as a solution to barking dogs.

Dale Fowler inquired about a leash law within the Village. There has always been a leash law within the Village, but a leash is not required on private property if the dog is under the reasonable control of its owner.

Tom White pointed out that in the United States we are governed by a Majority and Councils and Committees are not always able to help individuals and also thanked Patrick Mishler for his many years of service to the Village and wished him well.

Ken Kutz again inquired about grants or other funding for filling in his ditch. Marie Roe advised that the Village did not include money within the budget for that.

Jean Fowler inquired whether or not there was an ordinance regulating ditches. She was advised that the Village would look into it.

Ken Kutz also requested the Village fill in all of the ditches located within the Village for the homeowners.

Diane Dennis asked about the Employee Handbook updates and if that should be done prior to hiring a new DPW Superintendent. The new handbook will supersede the old with any changes.

Motion by Dennis, second by Neumann to adjourn at 9:13 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna L. Koehler, Village Clerk