

St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
July 13, 2016

President Roe requested a moment of silence prior to the meeting in recognition of the loss of life in Dallas Texas and Michigan for fallen Police Officers and Bailiffs.

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

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

Others present: Matt Lane, Deanna Koehler, Patrick Mishler, Ken Kutz, Mark Weslock, and Tom Begin.

Mark Weslock commended the council on the instigation of blight enforcement. He acknowledged that we have a long way to go but it seems to be off to a good start. He also requested someone from the council attend the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation monthly meetings to ensure that the lack of maintenance on the rail/trail does not continue. Matt Lane will request the new director attend a council meeting to address our concerns.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to approve the June 8, 2016 Village Council Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The June 15 Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes were accepted and filed.

Communications were received from MML the Review Magazine and Saginaw County Parks Event Calendar.

Motion by Dennis, second by Neumann to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$88,727.42. Motion carried.

Motion by Theile, second by Neumann to close the regular meeting and open a public hearing for Ordinance #16-1 30 Year Electric Franchise with Consumers at 7:40 pm. Motion carried.

Tom Begin highlighted the contents of the franchise agreement and asked for any questions.

Ken Kutz asked Tom Begin to address his concerns over the way Consumers trims trees.

McPhail asked how a different electrical system could be put through Consumers' lines and Neumann inquired about the replacement of poles throughout the Village.

Tom Begin will also check on the LED Streetlight replacement project.

Motion by Neumann, second by Theile to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting at 7:58 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to adopt Ordinance #16-1 30 Year Electric Franchise with Consumers. Roll call vote: McPhail, yes; White, yes; Dennis, yes; Roe, yes; Neumann, yes; Theile, yes; Kutz, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kutz, second by McPhail to instruct Matt Lane to pursue negotiations for a property swap with the DNR allowing the Riverfront Project to be started. Motion carried.

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

Ken Kutz voiced his concern over the lack of a response from the Consumers Energy Representative regarding tree trimming during a public hearing for the electrical franchise.

Diana Kutz cautioned the council regarding allowing council authority to be given to a non-council member representing the village at other board meetings within the county.

Diana Kutz also requested monthly Planning Commission meetings to correct discrepancies and omissions in the Ordinances.

Matt Lane updated council on the update of the Master Plan for the next budget as a priority to the ordinances. Once the Master Plan has been updated, the ordinances will be done.

Motion by McPhail, second by White to adjourn at 8:36. Kutz abstained. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Deanna L. Koehler, Village Clerk