

**St. Charles Village Council  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
March 12, 2014**

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

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

Members absent: Breidinger.

Others present: Hal Mead, Deanna Koehler, Barry Dobis, Dennis Howe, Jim McPhail, and Mandee Loomis.

President Holem congratulated Hal Mead on the birth of his fourth grandchild today.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to approve the February 12, 2014 Village Council Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The DDA Minutes of the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted and filed.

Motion by Dennis, second by Theile to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$115,900.42. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to decline with regrets the bequest of Josephine Manzoni's estate to give her home and property to the Village for a pocket park. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Theile to adjourn the regular meeting and open a public hearing for Resolution #14-1 Amending the 2013/2014 Annual Budget. Motion carried.

The previous year's annual budget was discussed. The only amendment was to the DDA for the Bridge Lighting Project and transfers into Major Streets to postpone the paving until it can be determined that a Rural 7B Task Force Grant can be obtained.

Motion by Neumann, second by White to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting at 7:13pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Roe to adopt Resolution #14-1 Amend the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year Budget. Roll call vote: Roe, yes; Neumann, yes; Holem, yes; Theile, yes; Dennis, yes; White, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Roe to to adjourn the regular meeting and open a public hearing for Resolution #14-2 Adopting the 2014/2015 Annual Budget. Motion carried.

Health Insurance costs were discussed. Mead informed the council that we are taking a step down in coverage due to the Affordable Healthcare Act, and there are increases in co-pays and institutes a \$1000 per person per year deductible for the employees. Mead told the council this is the only plan that is available to the Village due to the retirees that we cover and the hard cap instituted by Governor Snyder.

Motion by Neumann, second by Roe to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting at 7:26 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Theile to Adopt Resolution #14-2 Adopting the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year Budget. Roll call vote: Roe, yes; Neumann, yes; Holem, yes; Theile, yes; Dennis, yes; White, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Roe, second by Neumann to adopt Resolution #14-3 Designating Hal Mead as Street Administrator. Motion carried.

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

Roe expressed concerns over the Christmas decorations rented the previous season. Mead informed her that Consumers has not repaired the electrical outlets on various poles throughout the Village for at least two years. The Village will pursue the repair and investigate changes for next year.

Holem commended the Police Department on the security check report he received upon his return from being out of town.

Holem also shared an article in the Review Magazine regarding the State's Revenue Sharing cuts and the "surplus" in their budget. He would like to see more information get to the public so they can be better informed as to the consequences of these cuts in revenue to communities within the State.

Motion by Theile, second by Dennis to adjourn at 7:44 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna L. Koehler, Village Clerk