

**St. Charles Village Council  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
March 9, 2016**

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

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

Others present: Matt Lane, Deanna Koehler, Barry Dobis, Patrick Mishler, Jason Swede, Steve Powlus, Jennifer Lepeak, Jim Palmer, and Don Schlucter.

Jason Swede suggested the Village close the boulevard downtown and host a flea market/swap meet to bring people into the downtown area.

Jim Palmer updated the council on the museum. They are continuing to update and are implementing a World War I display.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to approve the February 10, 2016 Village Council Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis, second by Theile to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$68,402.69. Motion carried.

Motion by White, second by Theile to adopt Resolution #16-3 1-Year Standard Lighting Contract with Consumers for Street Lighting. Motion carried.

Motion by McPhail, second by White to adopt Resolution #16-1 to Amend the 2015/16 Fiscal Year Budget. Roll call vote: McPhail, yes; Neumann, yes; Roe, yes; Holem, yes; Theile, yes; Dennis, yes; and White, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Theile, second by Dennis to close the regular meeting and open a public hearing for the 2016/17 Fiscal Year Budget at 7:26 pm. Motion carried.

The 2016/2017 Fiscal Year Budget was discussed. The additional expense for BS & A Software was added to the General Fund, the expense for a new tractor was increased to \$39,000 in the Equipment Fund, and the Water Fund income was increased up to a 20% increase to offset the increase in cost from the City of Saginaw.

Motion by Dennis, second by White to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting at 7:29 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by White to adopt Resolution #16-2 Adopting the 2016/17 Fiscal Year Budget. Roll call vote: Neumann, yes; Roe, yes; Holem, yes; Theile, yes; Dennis, yes; White, yes; McPhail, yes. Motion carried.

Lane updated council on the Strategic Planning Session that was held on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. A consolidation of the notes will be posted on the website and Facebook. The meeting was well attended and a lot of positive communication was shared.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to decline to support the Saginaw County Road Millage to be put on the November ballot. Motion carried.

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

Matt Lane was directed to talk to Frank's Supermarket regarding his lot maintenance.

Jim Palmer updated the council on the museum joining the Michigan Historical Society.

Tom White advised that the Wolfe Creek Drain Project has started and that Dr. Klein had indicated that the Children's Zoo in Saginaw is looking for placement of some birds that would work in Waterfowl Park's Observatory. Dr. Klein will present a proposal at a future council meeting.

Jason Swede indicated there are non-profit organizations that would rebuild and recycle old computers to low-income people if we were to get any during our blight/trash removal events in the upcoming year.

Doug Holem asked the council to reconsider and give some thought to allowing fowl inside the Village for urban farming. We will take proposals at a future meeting.

Matt Lane will contact the Haunted House Association and ask them if they have any ideas on what we could do to the roller rink in the park to utilize the space.

Motion by Dennis, second by McPhail to adjourn at 8:47 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna L. Koehler, Village Clerk