

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

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

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

Members absent: Breidinger and Holem.

Others present: Hal Mead, Deanna Koehler, Mandilee Loomis, Jim Palmer, and Jim McPhail.

Clerk Koehler swore in the newly elected trustees, Neumann, White, and Dennis.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to approve the October 8, 2014 Village Council Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Minutes of October 2 were accepted and filed.

Communication was received from Hometown Decoration & Display. We are in the final year of a three-year contract for Christmas decorations and will have to select future decorations soon.

Motion by Dennis, second by Theile to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$82,641.23. Motion carried.

Mead updated the council on the possibility of purchasing or acquiring the point of the DNR property for the future construction of a bridge linking Lumberjack Park to Waterfowl Park. The property was purchased with federal monies for the DNR and we will now have to negotiate with the US Fish & Wildlife Department. Mead will continue the pursuit.

Mead informed the council that the DEQ has performed soil borings at the Village Office where two gas tanks were previously located and determined contaminants still exist. The DEQ is recommending a clean-up of the area at the northeast corner of the building. Hal is going to have additional soil borings performed by an environmental company to determine the scope of the area and whether it needs to be cleaned or if it can just be recorded on the deed. More information will be provided to the Council as we receive it.

Mead also has heard from the Saginaw County Road Commission that a stop sign will not be placed on Beaver Road. The State Police has determined that in the case of signage, less is better and the speeding problem on Beaver Road is a police enforcement issue.

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

Jim Palmer updated the council that the caboose has been purchased and is on its way to the museum.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to adjourn at 7:26 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna L. Koehler, Village Clerk