

**St. Charles Village Council  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
September 9, 2015**

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

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

Others present: Deanna Koehler, Barry Dobis, Hal Mead, Ken Berthiaume, Adrian Cervini, Jim Palmer, Pat Mishler, Steve Powlus, Charlie Brocker, Louis Butko, Jim McPhail, Mandilee Loomis, and Lewis Gould.

Jim Palmer updated the council on the Museum's upcoming activities. They are having a "Creepy Caboose" as part of the October 1<sup>st</sup> 30 year anniversary of the St. Charles Haunted House Association. Jim also informed the council that the Museum Board will try to continue Cecil Szepanski's legacy and determination with his passing.

Motion by Neumann, second by Roe to approve the August 12, 2015 Village Council Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Keep Michigan Beautiful correspondence was accepted and filed.

Motion by Dennis, second by Theile to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$88,313.68. Motion carried.

Ken Berthiaume presented the March 31, 2015 Audit to the council. The Village received an unmodified opinion again this year. Mr. Berthiaume highlighted the upcoming GASB68 changes to the financials that will include the OPEB items as a liability rather than a note in the 2017 audit.

Motion by Neumann, second by White to accept the 2015 Village Audit. Motion carried.

A letter of recognition was prepared for Gary Breidinger in recognition of his tenure on the Village Council.

Council interviewed and discussed the four candidates for the vacancy on the Village Council left by the resignation of Gary Breidinger. Charlie Brocker, Adrian Cervini, Jim McPhail, and Steve Powlus submitted letters of interest and were interviewed.

Motion by Roe, second by Theile to appoint Jim McPhail to the village council vacancy. Roll call vote: Roe, yes; Neumann, no; Holem, yes; Theile, yes; Dennis, no; White, no. Motion failed.

Motion by White, second by Neumann to appoint Steve Powlus to the village council vacancy. Roll call vote: White, yes; Dennis, no; Theile, no; Holem, no; Neumann, yes; and Roe, no. Motion failed.

Motion by Dennis, second by Neumann to appoint Charlie Brocker to the village council vacancy. Roll call vote: Roe, no; Neumann, yes; Holem, no; Theile, no; Dennis, yes; White, no. Motion failed.

Motion by Roe, second by Theile to appoint Jim McPhail to the village council vacancy. Roll call vote: Roe, yes; Neumann, no; Holem, yes; Theile, yes; Dennis, no; White, no. Motion failed.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to appoint Adrian Cervini to the village council vacancy. Roll call vote: White, no; Dennis, yes; Theile, no, Holem, yes; Neumann, yes; Roe, no. Motion failed.

Motion by Roe, second by Theile to appoint Jim McPhail to the village council vacancy. Roll call vote: Roe, yes; Neumann, yes; Holem, yes; Theile, yes; Dennis, no; White, no. Motion carried.

Holem, Theile, and Dennis will ride in the new DPW truck for the Homecoming and Haunted House Parades.

Motion by Neumann, second by Roe to hire Spicer Engineering's Dennis Collison to start a manager search for approximately \$3,500. The starting wage range will be \$55,000 - \$65,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Theile to make a memorial donation of \$500 to the St. Charles Area Museum in Cecil Szepanski's name. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Theile to wait until the next budget workshop to incorporate the Police Committee's recommendation to increase the 30-hour per week part time wages for police officers that have worked for the village for three years or more to \$17.55 per hour. Motion carried.

Mead updated the council on the MMWA contract. Negotiations are continuing and he should have the new contract available at the next council meeting.

Mead attended a meeting with the Rural Task Force regarding the paving project money for Beaver Road. The costs have increased to approximately \$520,000 and Hal will get budgeting numbers and project details in the upcoming months.

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

Louis Butko questioned whether or not the new Village Manager needed to be a Village resident. The new manager does not.

Louis Butko expressed his concerns over the upcoming assessment for the paving of Beaver Road and thinks the Village should pursue a millage rather than just assess the residents that live on Beaver Road.

Motion by Theile, second by Neumann to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna L. Koehler, Village Clerk