

**ST. CHARLES VILLAGE COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Pro-Tem Dennis with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Members absent: Roe and White.

Others present: Matthew Lane, Deanna Koehler, John Olson, Jeanne Marcello, Dale Fowler, Michelle Eickholt, Bonnie Holubik, Joe Harger, Charles Bussinger, Orrin Jackson, Joy Theile, Rick Theile, Craig McNally, LuAnn McNally, Jean Fowler, Susie Tanney, Ken Kutz, Ron Hasse, Sue Hasse, Gary North, Sue North, Sarah Theile, Zachary Theile, Louis Butko, Tim Louchart, and others.

Inserted a Spicer Engineering Update as item A under New Business.

Motion by Theile, second by McPhail to approve the agenda with the adjustments. Motion carried.

Louis Butko inquired about the environmental assessment report that the Village had paid for in August of 2017. This is an agenda item under New Business letter E.

Motion by Neumann, second by Kutz to approve the December 13, 2017 Village Council Minutes with the addition of a motion by McPhail second by Neumann to amend the Dog Ordinance Amendment removing the number of dogs to be owned by village residents. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Minutes of December 13 were accepted and filed. Council suggested that the Park Committee hold another public hearing for the Park Plan since it was edited after the last public hearing.

The Review Magazine and Beautification Day thank you were accepted and filed.

Motion by Dennis, second by Theile to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$100,991.64. Motion carried.

John Olson from Spicer Engineering presented an update on all of the current projects. The televising of the wastewater and storm water systems has been completed by Corby Energy. A problem area on Chesaning Street was determined to be a county drain and will be needing attention. The Water Asset Management Plan has been submitted to the DEQ. The Street Asset Management Plan has been pushed out to spring awaiting a new DPW Superintendent. The Industrial Park Project will have a bid opening on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by Kutz, second by Neumann to adopt resolution #18-1 recognizing the St. Charles Area Youth Baseball as a non-profit organization for charitable gaming. Motion carried.

Motion by McPhail, second by Theile to close the regular meeting and open a public hearing for amendments to the Dog Ordinance at 7:35 pm. Motion carried.

Tim Louchart asked what is reasonable control. Lois Theile inquired what is the definition of a kennel. Ken Kutz asked whether there would be violation warnings. Louis Butko inquired who would be enforcing the violations. Tim Louchart also inquired who is liable and what are the fines associated with violations pertaining to dogs at large. These questions were addressed and explained.

Motion by Kutz, second by McPhail to close the public hearing at 8:06 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Theile to resume the regular meeting at 8:06 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Kutz, second by Theile to Adopt Resolution #18-2 Amendments to Article II of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of St. Charles as presented. Roll call vote: Theile, yes; Neumann, yes; Dennis, yes; McPhail, yes; and Kutz, yes. Motion carried.

The AKT Peerless Environmental Assessment Report for the Village Office was discussed. The building itself does not have any carcinogen contamination, but the soil under the parking lot where the storage tanks were removed will have to be mitigated. The report will be made available on our website. Diana Kutz requested a printed copy of the report along with previous environmental assessments to review and compare. Copies of the reports are also available at the Village Office.

Matt Lane presented the council with preliminary budget items and a Budget Workshop has been scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

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

Ken Kutz suggested blocking off and creating an ice rink on the river to give locals something to do in the winter.

Tim Louchart voiced his concerns over the effects of gossip within our community.

Sara Theile questioned the proposed purchase of body cameras for our Police Department and suggested the money could be better utilized.

Motion by Kutz, second by Neumann to adjourn at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna L. Koehler, Village Clerk  
Village of St. Charles