

**St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
July 10, 2019**

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

Members present: S. Theile, Kutz, Neumann, Hoerner, McPhail, Dennis and L. Theile.

Members absent: None.

Others present: Dennis Collison, Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit, John Meehleder, Don Ackerman, John Olson, Brian Berg, Luanne McNally, Jean Fowler, Zach Theile, Jeanne Marcello, Paul Krzyzaniak, Victoria Devereaux, Ernie and Joanie Dinninger, Mark Weslock, Adrian A.A. Cervini III, Chuck Bussinger.

There were no adjustments to the agenda and was accepted as presented.

During public comment resident Paul Krzyzaniak spoke to the council about the improvements the Youth Baseball Association has completed at Coal Miners' Park as an organization through the help of donors, fundraisers and volunteers. Just some of them include the annual park cleanup, getting the concession stand up to code to be able to serve hot food for the games, put up new signage, added bat stands, painted and built new bleachers, build new dugouts and built catch basins by the drinking fountains. He also updated council on the improvements the Village has helped them to make which makes the park a more user-friendly place which was replacing some boards on the bleachers that were in need of repair, added stone crete under the new bleachers and a path of stone crete to the concession stand, new sign and hot water heater for the concession stand and also allowed the umpires to use the pool house to change and store their equipment in.

John Olson went over his Spicer Engineering Report with Council updating them on the status of the projects that Spicer is working with the Village to complete. The main areas he focused on were reminding Council that the Wastewater and Stormwater Asset Management Plans need to be submitted to the MDEQ by November 1, 2019 and that the revised lagoon permit is to be issued by Fall 2019. Olson also advised Council that the Village did not receive the MDOT grant for the Downtown Streetscape Improvements, but if this is something the Village would like for Spicer to pursue in the future they can. He will also try to have the Saginaw County Public Works/Drain Commissioner come to the August council meeting to discuss the county drain issues that have been an issue on Chesaning Street/Sharon Road and what would need to be done to make improvements.

Olson also mentioned that the new water tower in town is up for inspection this year and inquired if Council wanted to do something with the old water tower. Council agreed that they wanted to keep it so Olson did recommend that there should be a structural inspection on it while the new water tower is being inspected.

Motion by Dennis, second by Kutz to approve the June 12, 2019 Village Council Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Theile, second by Neumann to approve the June 26, 2019 Village Council Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Communications from the Saginaw County Parks & Recreation Commission Play in the Parks Schedule, Act 51 Sec. 10K Noncompliance and Review Magazine were all accepted and filed.

Motion by Dennis, second by Neumann to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$220,546.31. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by McPhail to approve the contract from AKT Peerless for the environmental cleanup at the Village Office in the amount of \$95,099 and authorized Dennis Collison to sign said contract. Roll call vote: L. Theile- yes; Kutz- yes; Neumann-yes; Hoerner-yes; McPhail-yes; Dennis-yes; S. Theile-yes. Motion carried.

Police Chief John Meehleder updated Council that one of the full-time officers has decided to go down to part-time effective June 21, 2019 and that he would like to fill the full-time slot with one of our part-time officers currently employed by the Village. After much discussion, the majority of the Council decided that the new Village Manager should be the one to hire the new full-time officer, but that this will be reviewed on a month to month basis until the new Village Manager is hired.

Motion by McPhail, second by Neumann to review the need for an additional full-time police officer on a month to month basis until a new Village Manager is found. Motion carried.

Police Chief John Meehleder also spoke to Council asking them to approve the repairs needed to the 2015 Ford Taurus that was damaged while responding to a backup call for the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department. He obtained 2 quotes one from Ric Ford and one from St. Charles Auto Collision. The quote from St. Charles Auto Collision was a better price and would be nice to keep the business in St. Charles.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to approve the repair of the Ford Taurus police vehicle and to use the estimate obtained at St. Charles Auto Collision for the repairs. Motion carried.

Collison asked for Council's advice on adjusting the description on a piece of property that is currently held partially in the Village with the remainder solely lying in the township. The parcel in question is 24-10-3-07-1002-000 the owner is questioning if it is possible to adjust the legal description by adding land that is in the township description into the village description. Ultimately his goal is looking at possibly splitting up parts of this parcel to allow the neighboring parcels to have access to the lake. Council agreed they would like more information before making a recommendation.

Collison updated Council that the approved lease was back from the State of Michigan for the Secretary of State suite in the Goodrich Building, but that he needed Council to appoint him as the DDA Executive Director so that he could sign the lease and get it back to them as requested.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to adopt Resolution #19-11 Appointment of Dennis Collison, Interim Village Manager, as DDA Executive Director.

Collison and DPW Superintendent Don Ackerman presented Council with the two qualified bids the Village had received to remove some trees that are needing to be cut down. Ackerman explained that we received three bids from local companies, but one of the bids did not include everything that needed to be done. This was an item that was in the budget and Ackerman is recommending to Council to use the lowest bid from Monk's Tree Service in Hemlock.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to approve the bid from Monk's Tree Service in the amount of \$3,800 for the removal of various trees as budgeted.

Olson spoke with Council that they would still need to discuss the water and sewer rate studies as those need to be finalized to be able to submit the AMP report to the MDEQ by November 2019. He brought to Council the Water Distribution System Improvements USDA-RD Funding Application contract with Spicer Group for approval to get the process started for bonding for Phase I of the future water/street projects. With this contract Spicer will also be teaming with Rural Communities Assistance Program (RCAP) on portions of the USDA-RD application in order to leverage their no-cost services for the Village.

Motion by Neumann, second by McPhail to approve the Water Distribution System Improvements USDA-RD Funding Application contract with Spicer Group. Roll call vote: L. Theile- yes; Kutz- yes; Neumann-yes; Hoerner-yes; McPhail-yes; Dennis-yes; S. Theile-yes. Motion carried.

Accepted and Filed Department Reports from DPW, Police, Building Inspector. There were no Code Enforcement reports.

During public comment Victoria Devereaux expressed her concerns with the bathrooms in the park wanting clarification on when they are cleaned and the issue of when they are locked and unlocked. DPW Superintendent Don Ackerman confirmed they are cleaned each morning Monday-Friday and are unlocked at 8 AM. They are locked each night by the police officer on duty. With the bathrooms being unattended during the day it is hard to keep them clean all day.

Also, during public comment resident Mark Weslock voiced his concerns over the condition of Main St and the amount that the City of Saginaw is raising their rates to the outlying communities. He requested Council to send a letter to the City of Saginaw to voice the Village residents' concerns over the 8% water rate increase each year for the next 3 year that the City of Saginaw is passing along to its wholesale customers. Collison agreed that he would send a letter on behalf of the Village and its residents.

Motion by Neumann, second by S. Theile to adjourn meeting at 9:02 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk