

**St. Charles Village Council  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
February 12, 2020**

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.

Others present: Hartmann Aue, Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit, John Olson, Jeff Schwartz, Julie Church, Donald Ackerman, Jeanne Marcello, Joseph Kline, Ken Kutz, Scott Crofoot, D. Tohm, Jean Fowler and LuAnn McNally.

Motion by Dennis, second by Neumann to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

During public comment Dr. Joseph Kline spoke to the Council in regards to the new Saginaw County Animal Control center. Kline believes that St. Charles is the best location for the new facility and for the overall welfare of the animals. He also believes that the facility would bring more people and jobs to the area. The county has a budget of \$11.5 million to spend on the new facility with the millage that was passed, but the county commissioners are dead locked on a location. He urged Council that the Village needs to strongly pursue this issue and to please consider attending the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the county commissioners in support of St. Charles becoming the next location for the animal control facility.

John Olson and Jeff Schwartz updated Council on all the projects that Spicer is currently working on for the Village. The Water System Reliability Study and General Plan were approved by EGLE and unless EGLE waives the requirement these will not need to be updated again for 5 years. Olson informed Council that the Preliminary Distribution System Materials Inventory was submitted in December by Village Manager Hartmann Aue and that Spicer and the Village are just awaiting comments from EGLE. He also informed Council that the Scrap Tire Grant was not awarded for roads this year. Schwartz spoke with Council in regards to the Street Asset Management Plan which is about 70% completed and he presented Council with handouts showing the PASER ratings of the Village roads and the estimated maintenance cost of preserving and updating the road system. Olson also presented Council with the preliminary estimate of cost for Fulton and Hosmer Streets pavement improvements as well as the professional services agreement between Spicer and the Village to complete the project.

Motion by Kutz, second by L. Theile to approve the agreement between owner and engineer for professional services with Spicer Engineering for the Fulton and Hosmer Streets paving improvements. Roll call vote: L. Theile-yes; Kutz- yes; Neumann-yes; Hoerner- yes; McPhail- yes; Dennis- yes; S. Theile-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by McPhail, second by Neumann to approve the January 8th, 2020 Village Council Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kutz, second by Neumann to accept and file the February 7, 2020 D.D.A. minutes. Motion carried.

Communications from Beautification Day Committee, Thank you letters to Officer Church, Letter from Village of Clinton, The Review Magazine and Play In The Parks were accepted and filed.

Motion by Dennis, second by L. Theile to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$104,514.36. Motion carried.

The contract for services with Saginaw Future is up for renewal and after some research Village Manager Aue has found that a majority of our surrounding communities are paying much less for Saginaw Future's services and it was not until 2016 that the Village started paying \$1,000. Aue proposed that we renegotiate with Saginaw Future to pay them in the amount of \$500.

Motion by S. Theile, second by Dennis to approve the contract for services with Saginaw Future in the amount of \$500. Motion carried.

Aue presented Council with the Façade Improvement Grant Program that the D.D.A. will be sponsoring. The purpose of the Façade Improvement Grant Program is to promote revitalization of properties in the DDA District by providing financial assistance to building owners for improvement and maintenance to their buildings. This had been a program in the past and for the initial year \$10,000 will be awarded. Council agreed this was a good program for the Village.

There was no motion to move forward with any changes to the Holiday Observation Schedule for Village Employees.

Set Public Hearing for the Truth in Taxation for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year Budget at the March 11, 2020 regularly scheduled Village Council meeting.

Officer Julie Church spoke with the Council about the grant she is working on to obtain funding for a school resource officer. If she is successful in obtaining this grant it would pay for 75% of a full-time officer's salary and benefits for 3 years. This officer would need to spend 75% of their time at the school and/or at school functions, but would be available to the Village as well especially during the summer hours. Church felt this would be a positive thing for the community as it would help build relationships with the students in the school as well as the rest of the community.

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

After the departmental reports were concluded Kutz suggested that there be a separated budget review meeting to go over the proposed budget that was included in this month's council packet. There were questions she had and was wondering if anyone else had questions they would like to ask and felt that there wasn't enough time left at this evening's council meeting.

Set special meeting for Monday, February 24, 2020 at 5:30 PM for Budget Review.

Motion by Neumann, second by S. Theile to adjourn at 8:37 PM. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk