

**St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 11, 2020**

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

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

Members absent: S. Theile.

Others present: Hartmann Aue, Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit, John Olson, Ken Kutz, Luanne McNally, Jean Fowler, Donald Ackerman, John Olson, Troy Freed, Scott Crofoot, Jeanne Marcello and Julie Church.

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

There was no public comment.

John Olson updated Council that a pre-bid meeting for the Fulton and Hosmer Street Water Main Replacement & Pavement Resurfacing was held on March 10, 2020, at Spicer, and of the 6 contractors that were solicited 5 were in attendance. Bids will be accepted on March 24th, and the contract will be awarded at the April Village Council meeting. The only question asked was, where the Ithaca Road culvert drained to? The culvert drains south to the river.

Motion by Neumann, second by McPhail to approve the February 12, 2020 Village Council Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis, second by Kutz to approve the February 24, 2020, Village Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kutz, second by L. Theile to accept and file the Parks & Recreation Committee minutes from February 19, 2020, Planning Commission minutes from February 20, 2020 and the DDA minutes from March 6, 2020. Motion carried.

Communications from The Review Magazine, Saginaw County Budget Handout and MERS Pension Plan Waiver Approval Letter from the State of Michigan were accepted and filed.

Aue informed Council he received an e-mail that stated the water contract with the City of Saginaw would be completed within two weeks, and that it should be available for the April Council meeting.

Motion by Dennis, second by Neumann to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$89,702.11. Motion carried.

Motion by Kutz, second by L. Theile to adjourn the regular meeting and opened a public hearing for the Truth in Taxation 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Budget at 7:13 PM. Motion carried.

There were zero questions asked by the public during the public hearing.

Motion by Kutz, second by McPhail to close the public hearing for the Truth in Taxation 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Budget at 7:16 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by L. Theile to resume the regular meeting at 7:16 PM. Motion carried.

Kutz questioned if the funds for the baseball dugouts had been included in the budget, and Aue mentioned the Capital Outlay section in the Parks department under the General Fund.

Motion by McPhail, second by Dennis to adopt Resolution #20-1 Amending the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget. Roll call vote: L. Theile-yes; Kutz-yes; Neumann-yes; Hoerner-yes; McPhail-yes; Dennis-yes; S. Theile-absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to adopt Resolution #20-2 Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget. Roll call vote: L. Theile-yes; Kutz-yes; Neumann-yes; Hoerner-yes; McPhail-yes; Dennis-yes; S. Theile-absent. Motion carried.

Aue presented Council with the Capital Improvement Plan that was approved at the Planning Commission meeting from February 20, 2020. Aue updated the CIP Plan to include sidewalks and the concession stand roof in Coal Miners' Park. He did remove the purchase of new tasers from the Police Department since the current tasers are only a few years old and have never been used.

Motion by Neumann, second by Theile to adopt FY 2019/2020 to 2024/2025 Capital Improvement Plan updates as presented. Motion carried.

Employment agreement evaluation for Village Manager Aue was completed in open session. Each Council member gave a summary of how they thought Aue was doing.

L. Theile said she thinks he is doing a great job.

Kutz said that any score lower than a five that was given was just due to the fact that she didn't have enough information to make an informed decision. Although she did state he needed to relax a little and find enjoyment in St. Charles.

Neumann said that she gave him mostly 4's, although she did give him a 5 for being available. She did stress that he needed to get out to meetings and conferences, and meet people from other communities. She would also like to see him to go meetings around town like the Lions Club. Neumann said he did a great job with financial management; but he does need to foresee future needs. She did give him 5's for being energetic and enthusiastic and is doing a great job.

Hoerner stated that he agreed with Neumann on most and gave Aue mostly all 4's and one 3.

McPhail stated that he had a hard time giving Aue anything less than a 4. Aue answers all questions and he hasn't heard anything bad about Aue around town. Still early, but all good marks.

Dennis stated that she thought that Aue was doing a great job. Everything is running smoothly and the communication is great. She mentioned that, public relations are great and wonderful remarks from the people in town. With disputes and complaints, she felt Aue was doing his best in working his way through it. Dennis did state that she thought he should get into the Lions Club that he would get some information there. And she thanked Aue for the Budget Workshop meeting he held she really appreciated it.

Aue presented Council a quote from C & M Contractors out of Linwood that was approved by the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting on February 19, 2020. The original quote was missing the labor so the amount approved by the Parks & Recreation Committee was \$1,000 less than what is being presented to Council. Aue requested that if Council would like to move forward with the roof, he would need Council to approve the \$1,000.

Motion by Neumann, second by L. Theile to approve the quote from C & M Contractors for the replacement of the concession stand roof only in Coal Miners' Park in the amount of \$3,538. Motion carried.

Aue presented Council with the resume of Scott Crofoot who currently works for the City of Saginaw and is looking to expand his duties as a Building and Zoning Inspector. Robert Kehoe our current Building and Zoning Inspector is looking to move into Genesee County and reduce his days to Thursdays only. Aue was given Council's blessing to move forward with the hiring of Scott Crofoot as the Building Inspector to train with and eventually replace Rob Kehoe.

Julie Church, the current acting Police Chief, spoke to Council about the work she has been doing around town and in the police department. She has been going to the school once a week to connect with staff and students. She found individuals to donate supplies for the local art students to paint a mural in the police department to brighten the squad room up a bit. Church also informed Council that she is going to be meeting with the American Legion to build a rapport with them. She will be having a full staff meeting with the entire Police Department, the first in many years.

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

During public comment, Ken Kutz asked if the new Building Inspector would also act as Code Enforcement as well. He stated that the Village needs to go through the codes and ordinances and give a better definition, especially on what blight is. President Hoerner stated that he hopes Crofoot will work with the people that have the code and ordinance violations.

Motion by Kutz, second by Dennis to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk