

**St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
June 17, 2020**

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

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

Members absent: S. Theile

Other present: Donald Ackerman, Donna Ackerman, Hartmann Aue, Julie Church, Scott Crofoot, Jeanne Marcello and Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit.

Aue added Michigan Fitness Grant under Public Comment.

Aue informed Council that on June 13, 2020 the Village was awarded \$10,000 from Michigan Fitness Grant for a walking path and sensory route as part of the safe routes to schools. The grant is for 2020-2021 and opens up the Village to work towards a \$50,000 grant.

When reviewing the May 13, 2020 Village Council Minutes Neumann pointed out two corrections that needed to be made. Both the motions for the Basic Preventative Maintenance Contract with Hubell's Inc., and the purchase of the Xerox B8055H were missing who made the motion and who seconded the motion. Those changes have been made to the official minutes.

Motion by Neumann, second by McPhail to approve the May 13, 2020 Village Council minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Kutz, second by Neumann to accept and file the DDA Minutes from June 5, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis, second by L. Theile to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$91,705.58. Motion carried.

McPhail commented on the articles published in the Review Magazine in regard to the communities that have allowed marijuana to be grown and sold legally. He suggested Council analyze medical v. recreational and what may work best in St. Charles. Neumann stated that she would be more interested in the growing v. the selling aspect. Aue was instructed to collect information on medicinal v. recreational marijuana and the growing facilities v. storefronts.

Communications- The Review Magazine, flyer from Fleis & Vanderbrink and Saginaw County Parks & Recreation Committee Play in the Parks were accepted and filed.

Aue brought to the Council a Meter Testing Policy and Meter Testing Request Form for their review. Many people have been questioning the accuracy of the water meters once they receive their quarterly water bills. This policy requires a \$100 deposit and is within the American Water Works Association's standards of accuracy.

Motion by McPhail, second by Dennis to approve and accepted the Meter Testing Policy that sets the guidelines and responsibilities for both residents and the Village when a resident is requesting their water meter be tested for accuracy. Roll call vote- L. Theile- yes; Kutz-yes; Neumann- yes; Hoerner- yes; McPhail- yes; Dennis- yes; S. Theile- absent. Motion carried.

During the DPW report Neumann pointed out what a great job the DPW crew did during the flooding we had in town. DPW Superintendent Donald Ackerman also wanted to thank his crew for the long hours, Aue for keeping

the Village residents up to date throughout the flooding and for Prairie Grain for the use of a 4-inch pump at no charge.

Interim Police Chief Julie Church updated Council that she was at a Chief's meeting in the morning and that the Prosecutor's Office was still closed and she wasn't sure when the jail was going to open again. Church also stated that the Police Department Facebook page is back up again so they will be socially available and relevant. Neumann asked if the Police were sending letters to the homeowners who had requested house checks with the dates and times the homes were checked. Church stated that they have not done it, but could start in the next year.

Aue informed Council that Scott Crofoot the new Building Inspector/Code Enforcement has been very thorough and has been making rounds working Wednesday morning as well as Saturdays. He has researched language in the ordinance and zoning books, and is believed to be a great hire. Tall grass letters will be shifting from Village Treasurer Marguerite Fowler to Crofoot.

Departmental reports from DPW, Police and Building Inspector/Code Enforcement were accepted and filed.

McPhail asked Council to readdress the chicken ordinance. Council instructed Aue to gather the notes on discussions of allowing chickens in the Village that have been brought up in past, this has been discussed multiple times. Neumann also inquired about removing some of the stop signs around Union Court as it is no longer a route for children to travel to school. Aue will look into this as well.

Motion by L. Theile, second by McPhail to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk