

**St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 9, 2020**

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

Members present: Harris, Hoerner, Nesbit, Neumann and L. Theile.

Members absent: Dennis and S. Theile.

Others present: Donald Ackerman, Hartmann Aue, Julie Church, Scott Crofoot, Adam Flory, Jeanne Marcello, Eric McGlothlin, John Olson, Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit and Brian Wendling.

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

There was no public comment.

John Olson from Spicer spoke with Council in regards to the grant they will be submitting to the State of Michigan through the MI Clean Water program on behalf of the Village. The grant is similar to the SAW grants; however, it does not require any matching funds. If received the funds would be used to prepare a Drinking Water Asset Management Plan that would inventory water services and unknown material mains as well as update the GIS and the Water System Asset Management Plan. This would be very helpful with water main replacements to know what water services are out there, plus it would assist the Village with the Distribution System Materials Inventory that is due in 2025.

Motion by Neumann, second by L. Theile to enter into agreement with Spicer Engineering for professional services to prepare our Drinking Water Asset Management Plan contingent upon receiving a grant from the State of Michigan. Roll call vote: Harris- yes; Hoerner- yes; Nesbit- yes; Neumann- yes; L. Theile- yes; Dennis – absent and S. Theile- absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Harris to approve and accept the November 11, 2020 Village Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Harris to accept and file the December 4, 2020 Downtown Development Authority minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The Review magazine was accepted and filed.

Motion by L. Theile, second by Neumann to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$269,920.33. Motion carried.

Mid Michigan Waste Authority has sent over the yearly confirmation of house counts and refuse service levels for 2021. The Trustee and Alternate Trustee to the Mid Michigan Waste Authority also need reappointment for four-year terms. Currently this is the Village Manager and Village Treasurer. There are no changes to the house count or service levels.

Motion by Neumann, second by Harris to reappoint Village Manager Aue as Trustee and Treasurer Fowler as Alternate Trustee to the Mid Michigan Waste Authority to serve a four-year term to December 31, 2024. Roll call vote: Harris- yes; Hoerner- yes; Nesbit- yes; Neumann- yes; L. Theile- yes; Dennis – absent and S. Theile- absent. Motion carried.

Brian Wendling from the Saginaw County Drain Commission spoke with Council in regards to the complaints his office has received on the Benton Street Relief Drain. The drain is a 1977 tile drain that empties into the South

Branch of the Bad River and then crosses M-52. This drain has had no maintenance and is causing stagnant water all year long in the low empty area between M-52 and Flint Street. Currently it is in Chapter 20 meaning, if there were to be a special assessment to repair this drain it would fall upon the entire Villages' taxes as there is no drainage district for this drain. If the Village were to assume jurisdiction and control of the drain and then re-petition the Saginaw County Drain Commission to go into Chapter 3/4 before the Board of Review there is a chance a drainage district could be established, and only those who benefit from the drain would have the special assessment.

Motion by Neumann, second by L. Theile to authorize the assumption of jurisdiction and control of the Benton Street Relief Drain to the Village of St. Charles. Roll call vote: Harris- yes; Hoerner- yes; Nesbit- yes; Neumann- yes; L. Theile- yes; Dennis – absent and S. Theile- absent. Motion carried.

Eric McGlothlin from Dickenson Wright spoke with Council in regards to one of the requirements the Village must do in order to obtain funding for the water main replacement projects through USDA-RD. A resolution authorizing publication of notice of intent to issue bonds must be passed and placed in a newspaper that has general circulation in the Village of St. Charles.

Motion by Neumann, second by Nesbit to authorize the publication of notice of intent to issue bonds to finance improvements to the Village's water supply system. Roll call vote: Harris- yes; Hoerner- yes; Nesbit- yes; Neumann- yes; L. Theile- yes; Dennis – absent and S. Theile- absent. Motion carried.

Adam Flory from Smith Bovill along with Aue spoke to Council in regard to the COVID-19 MiOSHA Emergency Rules and MDHHS Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253, and how the Village is working to follow these orders. Village staff is limiting their interactions not only with each other, but with the general public, and working remotely, except for the instances where the work simply cannot be done from home.

Motion by L. Theile, second by Harris to adopt the Village of St. Charles COVID-19 Employment Policy pursuant to MiOSHA emergency rules and November 15, 2020 MDHHS emergency order under MCL 333.2253. Roll call vote: Harris- yes; Hoerner- yes; Nesbit- yes; Neumann- yes; L. Theile- yes; Dennis – absent and S. Theile- absent. Motion carried.

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

Aue informed Council that an offer of employment was made for the DPW Laborer position and the Christmas parade is still a go for Saturday, December 12, 2020. Aue also thanked all those who donated towards the purchase of 8 children's bikes.

Motion by Neumann, second by L. Theile to adjourn at 8:33 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk