

St. Charles Village Council
Summary of Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 13, 2021

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

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

Others present: Donald Ackerman, Hartmann Aue, Scott Crofoot, John Kaczor, Jeanne Marcello, John Olson and Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit.

There were no adjustments to agenda.

There was no public comment.

John Olson updated Council that the grant for the Drinking Water Asset Management Plan was submitted on December 22, 2020, and now we wait to see if it is awarded. Aue has been working with Paula Gromak, USDA-RD Area Director gathering the requested information for the Village's USDA-RD application.

Motion by Dennis, second by L. Theile to approve the December 9, 2020 Village Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris, second by S. Theile to accept and file the January 8, 2021 Downtown Development Authority minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Saginaw County Parks & Recreation- Play in the Parks was accepted and filed.

Aue advised Council that he and DPW Superintendent Don Ackerman met with Sam Mayer who would like to donate his time, equipment and access to personnel to help clean up Coal Miners' Park especially the disc golf course.

Motion by Dennis, second by L. Theile to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$87,817.31. Motion carried.

John Kaczor from Municipal Analytics spoke with Council in regards to the water and sewer rates for the Village of St. Charles. Based on the rate models he has run for the Village, Kaczor strongly suggests that the Village raise both the water and sewer rates to pay for capital needs and to build up the cash balances to pay for the needed water projects. Kaczor reminded the council the Village did not raise rates for 15 years and are now seeing the effects of unfunded mandates by the state.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to approve Resolution 21-1 to amend water rates with rates to be reviewed yearly. Roll call vote: Dennis-yes; Harris- yes; Nesbit- yes; L. Theile-yes; S. Theile- yes; Neumann- yes; Hoerner- yes. Motion carried.

Motion by L Theile, second by S. Theile to approve Resolution 21-2 to amend sewer rates with rates to be reviewed yearly. Roll call vote: Dennis-yes; Harris- yes; Nesbit- yes; L. Theile-yes; S. Theile- yes; Neumann- yes; Hoerner- yes. Motion carried.

Aue on behalf of Chief Church spoke with Council about adding another part-time police officer, with the recent retirement of Officer Richard Crooks.

Motion by Neumann, second by Harris to approve adding a part-time police officer. Motion carried.

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

There was no public comment.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk