

**St. Charles Village Council**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**April 14, 2021**

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

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

Members absent: None.

Others present: Hartmann Aue, Donald Ackerman, Donna Ackerman, Julie Church, Scott Crofoot, Jean Fowler, Jeanne Marcello, LuAnne McNally, Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit.

A moment of silence was held for Ricardo Gauna.

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

During public comment, Aue informed Council that the MDOT approved ORV signs will be installed. Also, Little League had their park cleanup this past weekend and it went very well.

Aue addressed questions on the Spicer Engineering Report. The Drinking Water Asset Management grant applications are under review by EGLE. 301 applications totaling \$137,145,490 were received.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to approve the March 10, 2021 Village Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to accept and file the commission and committee reports from April 9, 2021 Downtown Development Authority, March 17, 2021 Parks & Recreation Committee and March 18, 2021 Planning Commission minutes as presented. Motion approved.

The Review Magazine was accepted and filed.

Motion by Dennis, second by Nesbit to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$157,883.48. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis, second by Harris to approve four reappointments to consecutive committees, for a three-year term, as well as appoint Victoria Devereaux to the vacant D.D.A. position, a four-year term. Motion carried.

Aue informed Council that MERS is now allowing municipalities the option of managing their OPEB investments on their own if they so choose. If the Village chooses to not take on the fiduciary responsibility MERS will continue to manage the Village's investments.

Included in the Council packets was a set of handouts for the Ordinance Review Kickoff Meeting with Rowe Engineering taking place on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at the Planning Commission meeting. The meeting will be hybrid, virtual and in person.

Aue a possible, onetime Hazard Pay Bonus for the DPW employees. Other municipalities are beginning to do this, and Aue felt the DPW crew worked hard during the pandemic, not only keeping water flowing, regular routine maintenance, but also the numerous hours they spent with the 2020 flood and watermain breaks around town. They were in close proximity risking their health to make sure the work got done and everything was taken care of. Aue recommended \$500-\$1,000 for each of the crewman. All seven Council members agreed that \$1,000 onetime hazard pay was fair for the DPW crewman.

Aue declined the funds, but Council agreed he should be included.

Motion by Dennis, second by Harris to approve a onetime hazard pay bonus of \$1000 to the full time DPW and administrative Village employees that worked during the height of COVID. Roll Call Vote- Dennis-yes; Harris-yes; Hoerner-yes; Nesbit-obtain; Neumann-yes; L. Theile-yes; S. Theile-yes. Motion carried.

Farmers Market dates were set as follows for 2021, Tuesdays from 3-7 PM running from July 13- September 28, 2021 with the possibility of a special Saturday market.

Motion by Neumann, second by Harris to accept and file the departmental reports from DPW, Police and Building Inspector/Code Enforcement. Motion carried.

Aue as well as Chief Church pointed out that they would like to add a full-time police officer to the police department and that it was budgeted for in this Fiscal Year.

Motion by Sarah Theile, second by Nesbit to approve the promotion of Ethan Thompson to a full-time police officer position effective immediately. Motion carried.

During public comment Aue mentioned that Saginaw County extended the order allowing virtual and hybrid meetings to continue for public bodies.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Neumann to close open session at 8:08 PM pursuant to 15.2 Section 8 (a) for Village Manager Evaluation. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris, second by Neumann to open closed session at 8:09 PM pursuant to 15.2 Section 8 (a) for Village Manager Evaluation. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Nesbit to close closed session and resume open session at 8:39 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Nesbit to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk