

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

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance by President Hoerner.

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

Members absent: Dennis.

Others present: Donald Ackerman, Hartmann Aue, Kenneth Berthiaume via WebEx, Scott Crofoot, Jean Fowler, Jeanne Marcello, John Olson, Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit and Sue Tanney.

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

There was no public comment.

John Olson updated Council that the village was awarded \$397,083 by EGLE for a Drinking Water Asset Management grant to complete the Water System Asset Management and Distribution System Materials Inventory. The first item is to bid out the vacuum excavation services to excavate the distribution systems inventory. Olson also advised Council that Phase I of the Water System Improvements' design work is 50% complete and Neil would be meeting with the DPW to review the preliminary design and review markups of the draft plans.

Motion by Neumann, second by S. Theile to approve the June 9, 2021 Village Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by S. Theile to accept and file the committee and commission reports from Downtown Development Authority, June 11, 2021 and Planning Commission, June 17, 2021. Motion carried.

Communications from Saginaw County Parks and Recreation- Play in the Parks and The Review Magazine were accepted and filed.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Harris to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$234,405.83. Motion carried.

Kenneth Berthiaume from Berthiaume and Company presented Council via WebEx the Village's FY 2020-2021 audit. The audit went smoothly with no differences or difficulties and the audit was submitted with a standard unmodified opinion which is the best statement that can be placed in an audit. Overall, the net position of the Village increased about \$400,000 largely due to an increase in property tax revenue and reduction of expenses. Currently the Village has no long-term debts, a good fund balance and although the OPEB liabilities of the Village are at 15% funded the pension liabilities are 60-70% funded.

Motion by Neumann second by L. Theile to accept the FY 2020-2021 audit as presented by Berthiaume and Company. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by S. Theile to authorize Hartmann Aue to vote for the MML trustees on behalf of the Village of St. Charles. Motion carried.

Aue started the discussion of the future of the pool house in the park and if Council had any ideas of what should be done with it. As it stands the building is not able to be used for storage and is a liability on the Village's insurance policy. If the building were to remain it will eventually need a new roof among other maintenance costs. A few ideas discussed were: to demo the building, turn it into a pavilion, concession stand for the disc golfers to

use during tournaments or bad weather. Council would like to get a quote on the second idea of turning it into a pavilion.

Aue also shared the discussion he had with Nick Kerkau from the St. Charles Haunted House Association. The board of the St. Charles Haunted House Association had some concerns when they discussed purchasing the building at their last meeting which included: parking for employees and customers, the current zoning of the building as residential although it is a business, as well as fire suppression for liability insurance. Aue was looking to obtain Council's blessing to offer to sell the Haunted House building to the association for \$1 which would also reduce the liability insurance the Village would have to carry on this property.

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

During public comment Sue Tanney asked who owned the drain behind her home at 920 Flint Street. Aue and Ackerman both said they would confirm ownership and be in touch with her the following business day. Aue also announced the Lions Club would be holding their annual Music in the Park on June 27th at 6 PM in Coal Miners' Park.

Motion by Harris, second by S. Theile to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk