

**St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 12, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 6:55 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: Donald Ackerman, Hartmann Aue, Scott Crofoot, Robert Hoffa, Mitch Jacquain, John Olson and Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit.

There were was one adjustment to the agenda. The day of the meeting should have read Wednesday instead of Tuesday.

Motion by Harris, second by S. Theile to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

John Olson updated Council on the projects Spicer has been working on for the Village. Olson went over the Village's storm water asset management plan.

Motion by Dennis, second by L. Theile to approve the December 7, 2021 Village Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by S. Theile to accept and file the Commission and Committee reports from the Downtown Development Authority, January 7, 2022 and Planning Commission, December 16, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis, second by L. Theile to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$242,742.24. Motion carried.

Aue presented the MDHHS Low Income Household Water Assistance Program Memorandum of Understanding between MDHHS and the Village of St. Charles. This participation agreement would allow for poverty-stricken constituents of the Village to participate in and accept payments from MDHHS on behalf of residents who are seeking assistance with their water bill. There is no cost to the Village as funding is administered through local MDHHS offices and Community Action Agencies statewide until September 30, 2023, unless depleted prior to that date.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to approve Memorandum of Understanding between MDHHS and Village of St. Charles. Motion carried.

As a part of the budget process and the water asset management plan the Village Council voted to look at and amend the water and sewer rates on a yearly basis. With the upcoming water main projects, the increases are necessary. Even with the slight increases proposed the Village is still comparable and even under what other surrounding communities are charging their residents for their services.

Motion by L. Theile, second by Dennis to approve Resolution 22-1 to Amend Water Rates. Roll call vote; Dennis-yes; Harris-yes; Hoerner-yes; Neumann- abstain; Nesbit-yes; L. Theile-yes and S. Theile-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis, second by L. Theile to approve Resolution 22-2 to Amend Sewer Rates. Roll call vote; Dennis-yes; Harris-yes; Hoerner-yes; Neumann- abstain; Nesbit-yes; L. Theile-yes and S. Theile-yes. Motion carried.

Aue presented the 2021 Annual Report for the St. Charles Planning Commission. As a part of the Redevelopment Ready Community guidelines there are many items that Aue must complete to go after the grant money available for the ordinance rewrite. If obtained this grant would pay for the \$1500-\$2300 a month payment the Village pays to Rowe Engineering for the rewrite. This Annual Report is an overview of what he and the Planning Commission have completed for 2021.

Aue updated Council on the Mid Michigan Waste Authority's proposed Request for Proposals (MMWA RFP). At the January 10, 2022 the MMWA approved that they will be taking bids on who is best for each service: recycling, trash and yard waste. This should be a better deal both financially and the level of service offered. The vote for the services will take place later in the Spring, first as a branch of the MMWA and then as a community.

Aue will have the budget draft for Council at the February 2022 meeting with a roundtable meeting later in February to discuss. Aue asked Council if they had any wish list items, they were currently thinking of. L. Theile said she would like to see another part-time police office and Neumann stated she liked the idea of a skating rink at Waterfowl Park as mentioned in the DDA minutes.

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

There was no public comment.

Motion by Dennis, second by Harris to adjourn meeting at 7:47 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk