

**St. Charles Village Council  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
July 13, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 6:58 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance by President Hoerner.

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

Members absent: None.

Others present: Donald Ackerman, Hartmann Aue, Leah Behnke, Julie Church, Scott Crofoot, Jean Fowler, Paul Ginderske, Jayme Kendall, Jeanne Marcello, Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit, Jeff Roy, Dottie Roy, Sue Tanney and Ed Tithof.

There was one addition to the agenda to add Mid Michigan Waste Authority as New Business F.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

During public comment Paul Ginderske addressed Council asking when his concerns over the storm drainage system by his home on Water Street will be addressed.

Jeff Roy, candidate for Saginaw County Commissioner, addressed Council asking for their support in his campaign.

Village Manager Hartmann Aue updated council on projects Spicer is working on for the Village.

Motion by Dennis, second by S. Theile to approve the June 8, 2022 Village Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Communications from Straight Lines was accepted and filed.

Motion by Dennis, second by L. Theile to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$241,748.34. Motion carried.

Leah Behnke from MERS presented a 457 Comparison between the Village's current 457 provider Mission Square and the 457-plan managed by MERS. Not only does MERS take the fiduciary financial liability off the Village it also has lower administrative fees it charges to plan participants with a higher rate of return.

Aue presented to Council the MERS Annual Actuarial Valuation from December 31, 2021. As a reminder when Aue started with the Village in 2019, the Village was only 59% funded in its unfunded liabilities triggering red flags with the state as the Village was considered underfunded. As of this valuation in 2021 the Village is now 70% funded thanks in part to the Annual Surplus Policy the Village adopted in 2019 and the Village is on track to being 100% funded by 2034.

The Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund has one Trustee seat available beginning October 1, 2022. A ballot was mailed to the Village to vote for either the incumbent Lee Kilbourn, Major of the City of Auburn, or if it chooses to write in a candidate, it believes would best serve the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund.

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

Scott Crofoot, the Village's Building and Zoning Inspector, has also taken on the responsibility of Code Enforcement. Aue has surveyed the surrounding areas that Crofoot also serves and they are paying him double. Aue is suggesting a pay raise for Crofoot as he now is doing two jobs, one that will involve even more work once the ordinance rewrite is completed.

Motion by L. Theile, second by S. Theile to authorize \$237 per week for Scott Crofoot as Code Enforcement and Building Inspector. Roll call vote: Dennis-yes; Harris-yes; Hoerner-yes; Nesbit-yes; Roe- yes; L. Theile-yes and S. Theile-yes. Motion carried.

Aue shared the Safe Routes to Schools audit results with Council. The Village hopes to become the pilot area for Safe Routes to Schools and to be successful in obtaining a grant of up to \$660,000. The grant would allow for the Village to update the infrastructure needed to make it safer for children to get to school through the use of sidewalks, roads and lighting upgrades.

The contract with Waste Management is up for renewal through Mid Michigan Waste Authority. Due to nationwide driver shortage Waste Management and other solid waste providers are going to cart services beginning January 1, 2023. The Village has the option to keep the same service level it currently has with weekly solid waste, recycling and yard waste pickup or for a price savings can switch to a weekly trash and yard waste pickup, with a bi weekly recycling pickup. The 96-gallon carts will be provided through Waste Management for both solid waste and recycling, residents will still use their own bags and/or containers for yard waste.

Motion by Dennis, second by L. Theile to authorize the change with MMWA's curbside services beginning January 1, 2023, to cart services with weekly solid waste and yard waste pickup, and bi-weekly recycling pickup. Motion carried.

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

During public comment Sue Tanney asked the number of bags that would fit in the new carts as well as the start date. Aue replied that one cart will equal three regular garbage cans so possibly 3-6 bags of garbage and January 1, 2023 is when the new carts will be put into use.

Motion by Harris second by Nesbit to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk