

**St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 10, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 7 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, Ken Berthiaume, Chuck Bussinger, Julie Church, Scott Crofoot, Jean Fowler, Paul Ginderske, Mitch Jacqmain, Jeanne Marcello, Allyson Ott, Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit, Sue Tanney, Zach Theile, Ethan Thompson and Ed Tithof.

There were two adjustments to the agenda. New Business F. Phase I Resolution 22-10 and G. School Resource Officer.

Motion by Harris, second by S. Theile 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, ditching on East Belle Avenue and Scott Crofoot.

Mitch Jacqmain from Spicer updated Council on projects Spicer is working on for the Village.

Motion by Dennis, second by Nesbit to approve the July 13, 2022, Village Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Nesbit, second by S. Theile to accept and file the Commission and Committee Reports from the Downtown Development Authority, August 5, 2022, Parks and Recreation Committee, July 20, 2022 and Planning Commission, July 21, 2022 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Dennis, second by L. Theile to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$82,667.08. Motion carried.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society are returning for their Bikes MS: Great Lakes Bavarian Breakaway Ride on Saturday, September 24th and Sunday, September 25th, 2022. They would like permission to use Lumberjack Park as a participating rest stop host as they have in the past.

As discussed previously, MERS offers an optional 457 Supplemental Retirement Program that has no cost to the Village. Currently the Village uses Mission Square as its 457 provider, but has found that MERS has out performed Mission Square while taking all fiduciary responsibility off of the Village. Switching would be a benefit to both those who choose this optional retirement savings and the Village.

Motion by Nesbit, second by S. Theile to approved Resolution 22-9 Establishing Authorized Signatures for MERS Contracts and Service Credit Purchase Approvals. Roll call vote: Dennis- yes; Harris- yes; Hoerner- yes; Nesbit- yes; Roe- yes; L Theile- yes; S. Theile- yes. Motion carried.

Ken Berthiaume from Berthiaume & Company spoke to the Council on the Village's FY 2021-2022 Audit. He stated that in the Independent Auditor's Report the Village obtained the best you could receive. The Village is making good progress on the unfunded MERS liabilities and the extra payments that have been applied have helped a great deal.

In 2000, the Village made a lease agreement with Bill Rappley, the owner of the Rustic Inn, AKA Tarberry, for the parking lot behind the Rustic Inn. In the lease it states that the Village is to maintain the parking lot. Behind D's Pizzeria adjacent to the parking lot there is one maple tree that is held together by a chain and it is unsafe. Two bids were received for the removal of the tree one from Monk's in the amount of \$1,400 and the second from Thurston Logging in the amount of \$1,500.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to accept the bid from Monk's Tree Service in the amount of \$1,400 to remove one maple tree in the Tarberry Parking Lot. Motion carried.

Evaluation Forms were handed out to the Council for Village Manager Hartmann Aue's evaluation next month. Aue asked for Council to complete them and bring to the September Council meeting.

Aue, DPW Superintendent Don Ackerman and Mitch Jacqmain from Spicer Group met with Brian Wendling from the Saginaw County Public Works to discuss the possibility of obtaining a 15- or 20-year \$3.6 million loan from Saginaw County to begin work on Phase I Water System Improvements. If the Village were to obtain the loan from Saginaw County there would be less administrative red tape to work through allowing the Village to have shovels in the ground by May or June 2023. The current plan is to go through 2036 with Phase II starting in 2028.

Motion by Nesbit, second by L. Theile to approve Resolution 22-10 Requesting Assistance of the County of Saginaw under Public Act 185 for the Acquisition, Construction and Financing of Water System Improvements. Roll call vote: Dennis- yes; Harris- yes; Hoerner- yes; Nesbit- yes; Roe- yes; L Theile- yes; S. Theile- yes. Motion carried.

St. Charles Water Supply System Improvements Contract with Saginaw County was presented. Under Act 185 of 1957 the Village and County are able to enter into a contract for the acquisition, construction, financing and operation of the water system improvements for not more than a 40-year loan with interest. In order for the county to be able to finance the acquisition and construction and to issue bonds it is necessary for the Village to enter into this contract.

Motion by S. Theile, second by Nesbit to approve the St. Charles Water Supply System Improvements Contract for submittal to Saginaw County. Roll call vote: Dennis- yes; Harris- yes; Hoerner- yes; Nesbit- yes; Roe- yes; L Theile- yes; S. Theile- yes. Motion carried.

Aue and Chief Church worked out an agreement for a School Resource Officer for Superintendent Mark Benson to take to the St. Charles Community School Board members. The agreement is for one year for a part-time police officer to work a minimum of 4 hours a day/ 4 days a week. The officer will work as a school liaison (School Resource Officer); however, they will be available for any emergency calls in the Village. For this one-year contract the Village will be solely responsible for the costs incurred, but the school district is committed to becoming fiscally responsible for the School Resource Officer.

Motion by L. Theile, second by Roe to approve the School Resource Officer Agreement with St. Charles Community Schools for one year. 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 8:07 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk