

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

Other present: Hartmann Aue, Terry Bailey, Julie Church, Scott Crofoot, Paul Ginderske, Jayme Kendall, Bryan LaFrance, Jeanne Marcello, John Olson and Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit.

There was one adjustment to the agenda to add New Business C. Saginaw Valley Rail Trail Run Michigan Cheap Series.

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

There was no public comment.

John Olson from Spicer updated Council on projects Spicer is working on for the Village.

Motion by Harris second by S. Theile to approve the August 10, 2022 Village Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Theile, second by Dennis to accept and file the Commission and Committee reports from Parks and Recreation Committee, August 17, 2022 and Planning Commission, August 18, 2022.

The communications from the Rebel Co. Fall Market 2022 and Alex Schofield On the Run Concert were accepted and filed.

Motion by Dennis, second by L. Theile to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$291,835.81. Motion carried.

Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church had a substantial leak at their cemetery on Spruce Street this year. When the water was turned on for the year the caretaker was informed and thought he was able to fix the leak. Apparently, this was not the case and when the church received the bill, they were very surprised. The water has been turned off, but the church is requesting payment arrangements for their \$4,133 bill.

Motion by S. Theile, second by Nesbit to approve a two-year payment plan for the Mary of the Immaculate Conception water bill at the cemetery on Spruce St. Motion carried.

Village Manager Aue, who serves on the finance committee for the Michigan Municipal League, is asking for Council's permission to remain neutral on Senate Bills 1106 & 1107 for the Village of St. Charles. The bills introduced would enact the "Solar Energy Facilities Taxation Act" and amend the General Property Tax Act and if passed would have negative, fiscal impacts on local governments.

Motion by S. Theile, second by Nesbit to approve Aue to remain neutral on Senate Bills 1106 & 1107. Motion carried.

The Run Michigan Cheap Series is requesting to permission to use the parking lot at Lumberjack Park on October 30, 2022 from approximately 8 AM to noon for its event on the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail. Upward of 20 participants

would park at the rail trail head, run to VanWormer Road and then return back. Hopefully while they are in town they would frequent the restaurants and/or shops in town.

Motion by Harris, second by Dennis to allow the Run Michigan Cheap Series to use the parking lot at Lumberjack Park on October 30, 2022 from 8 AM until approximately noon. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Nesbit, second by L. Theile to close open session pursuant to 15.2 Section 8 (a) for Village Manager Evaluation at 7:49 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Theile, second by Roe to open closed session pursuant to 15.2 Section 8 (a) for Village Manager Evaluation at 7:50 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris, second by S. Theile to close closed session pursuant to 15.2 Section 8 (a) for Village Manager Evaluation at 8:49 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Theile, second by Harris to resume open session at 8:49 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Thiele, second by Roe to approve to cap pay for the Village Manager at \$75,000, continue yearly evaluations, with merit pay possible after 5 years have passed. Roll call- Dennis-yes; Harris- yes; Hoerner- yes; Nesbit- yes; Roe-yes; L. Theile-yes and S. Theile-yes. Motion carried.

During public comment Bryan LaFrance spoke to Council on his request for a sidewalk down Spruce St./Ithaca Rd. for those traveling by foot from the apartment complex into town.

Paul Ginderske addressed Council stating that he had still no answers from his previous inquires.

Motion by S. Theile, second by Harris to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk