

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance by President Hoerner.

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

Members absent: Dennis and L. Theile

Others present: Don Ackerman, Donna Ackerman, Hartmann Aue, Julie Church, Brent Cox, Sarah Cox, Jean Fowler, Troy Freed, Paul Ginderske, Mitch Jacquemain, Bryan LaFrance, Kay Lake, Kristy Lorencz, Chris Palmer, Jeanne Marcello, Luann McNally, Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit, Regina Smith, Sue Tanney, Ethan Thompson, Edgar Tithof, Karen Wachowicz. Cherrie Yankee and Michael Yankee.

There was one adjustment to the agenda to eliminate H. Annual Surplus Policy and move to the November meeting.

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

During public comment St. Charles Township Clerk Regina Smith addressed those in attendance in regards to the upcoming election. She brought over sample ballots and absentee applications for Village residents to pick up at the Village office. However, the completed application needs to be returned to the Township.

Village Council candidates in attendance were informed their term begins on November 20, 2022.

Sarah Cox spoke to the Council in support of Chief Church and law enforcement.

Paul Ginderske addressed his concerns that the residents' complaints are not heard. He also did not appreciate the closed session portion of the prior meeting coming before the second public comment section of the meeting and having to wait 40 minutes to come back in.

St. Charles Township Treasurer Kristy Lorencz addressed Council saying she was disturbed listening to the prior meeting audio and that is in favor of the School Resource Officer being at the school.

Michael Yankee addressed Council about the storm drainage system over at Miami and East Belle. In a normal year his yard is flooded and it is time to fix it.

Mitchel Jacquemain from Spicer updated Council on projects Spicer is working on for the Village.

Motion by Harris, second by S. Theile to approve the September 14, 2022 Village Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Roe to accept and file the Commission and Committee reports from Parks and Recreation Committee, September 21, 2022, Planning Commission, September 22, 2022 and Downtown Development Authority, October 7, 2022. Motion carried.

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

Motion by S. Theile, second by Nesbit to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$118,131.30. Motion carried.

The St. Charles Area Museum has moved to the Style Trend Building at 103 N. Saginaw St. They have asked if it would be possible to move their flag pole from the old building to the second boulevard by the kiosk. Aue has spoke to Pat Cornford about updating electrical over there. They have also asked about parking their caboose behind their new building and Aue has reached out to Don Hundley at MDOT since the area behind the Goodrich Building is under lease with MDOT for the share and ride parking lot.

An estimate of \$25,650 to purchase Mission Units for the Maple and Walnut Street Pump Stations from Kennedy Industries was presented to the Council from Spicer. The addition of Mission Units to the pump stations will allow DPW to monitor the pump stations' status remotely like that of the water tower. It will inform DPW staff if there is a power outage, which pump is running and pump failure.

Motion by S. Theile, second by Harris to approve the purchase of Mission Units for the Maple and Walnut Street Pump Stations from Kennedy Industries in the amount of \$25,650. Roll call: Dennis- absent; Harris-yes; Hoerner-yes; Nesbit-yes; Roe-yes; L. Theile-absent and S. Theile-yes. Motion carried.

The Village was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation for our Category B grant submission. This will be used in conjunction with the Phase I Water Projects to pave Hosmer, Clinton and West Belle Avenue.

The Village has been a member of the Mid Michigan Waste Authority since 1991 and our current membership is up for renewal December 31, 2022. Resolution 22-11 To Approve Mid Michigan Waste Authority Member Agreement will renew the Village's membership from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2032.

Motion by Harris, second by S. Theile to approve the Mid Michigan Waste Authority Member Agreement. Roll call: Dennis- absent; Harris-yes; Hoerner-yes; Nesbit-yes; Roe-yes; L. Theile-absent and S. Theile-yes. Motion carried.

Aue and DPW Superintendent Don Ackerman spoke to council about starting the process of hiring a full time DPW employee that will train and eventually replace Tito Gauna upon his imminent retirement. Gauna has been with the Village for over 30 years and will be retiring in the next year and now is the time to bring a new DPW employee on board to train with Gauna during the upcoming winter season and Phase I Water Project in the spring.

Motion by Roe, second by Harris to allow Aue to start the process of hiring a full time DPW employee. Motion carried.

Annually the Council sets the suggested Trick or Treating hours for the Village. In the past the hours have been 5:30-7:30 PM.

Motion by S. Theile, second by Roe to set Trick or Treat hours from 5:30 -7:30 PM on October 31, 2022. Motion carried.

This year's Old-Fashioned Christmas is set for Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 with the tree lighting in Coal Miners' Park at 5 PM and parade at 6 PM. Village staff work hard to bring the community together to make this event bigger and better each year. 27 bikes were given away last year due to the generous donations from businesses and residents.

Harris, second by Nesbit to set the time of the Old-Fashioned Christmas tree lighting for 5:00 PM and the parade to begin at 6:00 PM on December 3, 2022. Motion carried.

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

During public comment Troy Freed questioned documentation on the flushing of the water lines on Ithaca. In his opinion, there is something "off" with the water. Has the Village looked at EGLE's rules?

Ackerman replied that it is flushed annually and tested regularly. They will go over and test to verify everything is in order.

Paul Ginderske addressed Council about the replacement of the no parking signs on Chesaning and Vine as well as Water Street. He also addressed his concerns over the trees planted in that area by the Village and the lack of maintenance done.

Cherrie Yankee questioned the river and if a river cleanup will be done after the flooding in 2020.

Aue responded that would be the DNR and not the Village.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk