

**St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 14, 2022**

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

Members present: Ginderske, Harris, Kendall, McSweyn, Nesbit, L. Theile and Tithof.

Others present: Donald Ackerman, Donna Ackerman, Hartmann Aue, Mary Browne, Terry Browne, Tyler Browne, Chuck Bussinger, Gary Campbell, Julie Church, Scott Crofoot, Jean Fowler, Justin Fulton, Steve Harris, Paul Krzyzaniak, Kevin LaFrance, Kay Lake, Mic Levens, Tim Louchart, Sam Mayer, Luann McNally, Hal Mead, Christine Neumann, Chris Palmer, Bill Rappley, Marie Roe, Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit, Regina Smith, Sue Tanney, Sarah Theile, Zach Theile, Ethan Thompson, Neil Woodgate and other.

Village Attorney Gary Campbell attended and gave an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Village Council highlighting the Open Meetings Act, Robert's Rules of Order and the Freedom of Information Act.

In the absence of the Village President, a president pro tempore presides over the Village Council. Every two years a new president pro tempore is elected among the remaining Council members. Theile motioned for Nesbit to serve as president pro tempore.

Motion by Theile, second by Harris to appoint Michael Nesbit to serve as president pro tempore. Roll call: Ginderske-yes; Harris-yes; Kendall- yes; McSweyn-yes; Nesbit-yes; Tithof-yes; Theile-yes. Motion carried.

Two special hometown hero plaques were given to Justin Fulton and Neil Woodgate for their bravery over Thanksgiving weekend. We thank them for their valor.

Paul Krzyzaniak spoke during public comment as both a resident and a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee. He thanked Hartmann Aue for his support and service these past few years. Krzyzaniak also updated Council that a lot of work has gone into the Parks and Recreation 5-year Plan that will be formally presented at the January 11, 2023 Village Council meeting following the Parks and Recreation Committee Public Hearing at 6:30 PM on January 11, 2023.

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

There was one adjustment to the agenda to move item E. Ithaca Road Sidewalk to the January 2023 meeting as Spicer Engineering was unable to attend the meeting.

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

Motion by Theile, second by Nesbit to approve the November 9, 2023, Village Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Accepted and filed the Parks & Recreation Committee Reports from December 7, 2022, Planning Commission from November 17, 2022, and Downtown Development Authority from December 2, 2022.

Accepted and filed communications from The Review Magazine and Bike MS: Bavarian Breakaway thank you letter. Aue also updated Council that a contingent offer of employment for a DPW Laborer was made to Tyler Browne and that MMWA unveiled 10,000 garbage carts will be delivered by the company CASCADE in 6-8 weeks to the surrounding areas. One last item Aue updated Council on was that the St. Charles District Library has the highest record of recycled lights.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Theile to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$112,567.17. Motion carried.

Aue presented the MDOT TEDF-B #590 Grant Resolution. This resolution formally accepts the \$250,000 grant that Village was awarded to use in conjunction with our Phase I Water System Improvements to replace the roads affected during the construction.

Motion by Theile, second by Nesbit to approve MDOT TEDF-B #590 Grant Resolution. Motion carried.

MDOT is requesting permission from the Village to do a Recreational Impact Section 4(F) Assessment of the Bad River Bridge. MDOT will be replacing the riprap on the bridge which includes: channel excavation, placing slope protection, cleaning, debris removal, guardrail reconstruction, slope restoration and maintaining traffic during their work.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Harris to approve MDOT Recreational Impact Section 4(F) Assessment. Motion carried.

As the owner of 133 N Saginaw Street was not in attendance the discussion of the water at 133 N Saginaw Street was tabled to the January 11, 2023 meeting.

The Parks and Recreation 5- year Plan 2023-2027 was given to the Council for informational purposes only. The formal public hearing for the Parks and Recreation 5-year Plan 2023-2027 will take place on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM prior to the Village Council meeting.

Due to the absence of Mitch Jacquemain from Spicer, Ithaca Road Sidewalk was tabled to the January 11, 2023 meeting.

The discussion of adding another part-time police officer was held. This would bring the police department to 4 officers, two part-time and two full-time.

Motion by Theile, second by McSweyn to approve the search for a part-time police officer. Roll call: Ginderske-yes; Harris-no; Kendall- yes; McSweyn-yes; Nesbit-yes; Tithof-yes; Theile-yes. Motion carried.

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

During public comment Christine Neumann spoke on the importance of the Parks and Recreation Plan. The plan serves as a wish list for upgrades to the Village's parks, but it also allows for the Village to submit grant requests to the DNR. The DNR selects the types of projects they give funding priority to, and in the past the Village was successful in obtaining these grants.

Sam Mayer spoke during public comment on the public-private partnership he has had with Village Manager Aue. Mayer and friends regularly volunteer their time to work on upgrading the disc golf course in Coal Miners' Park and fundraising for new disc golf baskets. When asked for some assistance with the dugout roofs Mayer was able to get the labor and costs donated as a part of this partnership. The two also successfully brought a large "coming home" concert to the Coal Miners' Park for musician Alex Scofield.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk