

**St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 13, 2023**

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

Members present: Ginderske, Harris, Nesbit, and Tithof.

Members absent: Kendall, McSweyn and Theile.

Others present: Don Ackerman, Donna Ackerman, Hartmann Aue, Mary Browne, Terry Browne, Tyler Browne, Jean Fowler, Rick Fowler, Dennis Harris, Cameron Haskall, Mitch Jacqmain, Ken Kutz, Lucretia Leitz, Michelle LeMieux-Diem, Jeanne Marcello, Kris Mattie, Luann McNally, Jason Oliver, Butch Smith, Kurtis Temple, Allison Wenzel, Mark Weslock.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to approve agenda.

Kris Mattie and Cameron Haskall presented the village with \$3,000.00 to go towards new baskets for the disc golf course in the park.

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

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to approve the August 9, 2023 Village Council minutes with one correction. The Old Fashion Christmas will be held on Saturday December 2nd, tree lighting at 5:30pm and parade at 6:30pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to accept and file the Commission and Committee Reports from Downtown Development Authority September 8, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Harris to accept and file the Commission and Committee Reports from Parks & Recreation Committee August 16, 2023. Motion carried.

The Village has partnered with ReLeaf Michigan to plant 20 trees. The tree planting will take place on Saturday September 30th. Volunteers can meet at Waterfowl Park.

Hometown Days will be held on Sunday October 1st from 11:00am – 3:00pm. There will be a Lamp Post decorating fundraiser, Vendors, Food Trucks and more.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Harris to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$97,396.40. Motion carried.

Motion by Ginderske, second by Nesbit to order a new Police Truck. Roll call vote: Ginderske-yes; Harris-yes; Kendall-absent; McSweyn-absent; Nesbit-yes; Theile-absent; Tithof-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to approve a three year Police Academy Sponsorship Agreement. Motion carried.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Ginderske to approve Resolution 23-13 – Charitable Gaming License for the Athletic Association. Roll call vote: Ginderske-yes; Harris-yes; Kendall-absent; McSweyn-absent; Nesbit-yes; Theile-absent; Tithof-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Harris to approve Resolution 23-14 – Supporting Safe Routes to School Grant Application. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to allow the St. Charles Library to hold a Foam Party in the Park. Motion carried.

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

During Public Comment Denny Harris explained whom to contact at Mosquito Abatement for issues with mosquitos.

Questions previously presented by M. Weslock pertaining to different things happening in the village were reviewed and commented on.

K. Kutz commented on ongoing issues on main street.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Ginderske to close open session pursuant to 15.2 Section 8 (a) for Village Manager Evaluation at 8:45 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to open closed session pursuant to 15.2 Section 8 (a) for Village Manager Evaluation at 8:46 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to close closed session pursuant to 15.2 Section 8 (a) for Village Manager Evaluation at 9:18 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Harris to resume open session at 9:18 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Ginderske to extend Village Manager, H. Aue contract until April 1, 2026. Roll call vote: Ginderske-yes; Harris-yes; Kendall-absent; McSweyn-absent; Nesbit-yes; Theile-absent; Tithof-yes., motion carried.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Harris to adjourn meeting at 9:20 PM, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia Leitz, Village Clerk