

**St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 11, 2023**

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

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

Members absent: Ginderske, Kendall and Theile.

Others present: Don Ackerman, Donna Ackerman, Hartmann Aue, Tyler Browne, Jean Fowler, Rick Fowler, Steve Harris, Mitch Jacquemain, Jeanne Marcello, Luann McNally, Joe McNaughton, Kacey Norfleet, Jason Oliver, Butch Smith, Mark Weslock, Tammie Wolfe.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to accept unamended agenda. Motion carried.

No Public Comment.

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

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to approve the September 13, 2023 Village Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Nesbit, second by McSweyn to accept and file the Commission and Committee reports from Parks and Recreation Committee, September 20, 2023 and Downtown Development Authority, October 6, 2023. Motion carried.

Communications from The Review Magazine was accepted and filed.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Harris to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$91,429.36. Motion carried.

Motion by Nesbit, second by McSweyn to approve Resolution 23-15 – Vacate Jay St. Undeveloped Access Way. Roll call vote: Ginderske-absent; Harris-yes; Kendall-absent; McSweyn-yes; Nesbit-yes; Theile-absent; Tithof-yes. Motion carried.

The village has accepted donations of \$3,600 to be used for new disc golf baskets in the park. The total cost of the baskets will be \$6,829. Village residents have volunteered to pick up the baskets to avoid shipping costs and to help install them.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to pay \$3,229 from parks fund to purchase new disc golf baskets for the park. Roll call vote: Ginderske-absent; Harris-yes; Kendall-absent; McSweyn-yes; Nesbit-yes; Theile-absent; Tithof-yes. 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 Harris, second by McSweyn to set Trick or Treat hours from 5:30 -7:30 PM on October 31, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Nesbit, second by McSweyn to approve Resolution 23-16 – To establish the intent to apply for funding through the Michigan State Revolving Fund for improvements to the Village's Waste Water System. Roll call vote: Ginderske-absent; Harris-yes; Kendall-absent; McSweyn-yes; Nesbit-yes; Theile-absent; Tithof-yes. Motion carried.

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

During public comment Joe McNaughton asked the board to consider the idea of having chickens inside of the village. Joe also expressed how much he used to enjoy the public pool and would like the board to consider adding a new one.

Butch Smith addressed the Council and apologized for an issue that he brought to the Village concerning a call with the police. He had misinterpreted the information that was relayed to him about the phone call.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia Leitz, Village Clerk