

**St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 14, 2024**

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

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

Members absent: None.

Others present: Don Ackerman, Austin Alexander, Hartmann Aue, Ken Berthiaume, Mary Browne, Tyler Browne, Scott Crofoot, Jean Fowler, Dennis Guzy, Steve Harris, Mitch Jacqmain, Kevin Kilbourn, Pat Kinsey, Brian LaFrance, Julie LaFrance, Lucretia Leitz, Jeanne Marcello, Luann McNally, James McPhail, Jenny Rosser-Nesbit, Jason Oliver, Cassy Peak, Marie Roe, Phil Siazik, Regina Smith, Bud Sovia, Deanna Sova, Mark Wesolek, and others.

One adjustment to the agenda, add under new business G. Fishing Pier – Bench Kit.

Public Comment – Marie Roe, Kevin Kilbourn and James McPhail all spoke about the ditching on Ithaca Rd.

Ken Berthiaume from Berthiaume and Company presented the financial statements and audit findings for FY 2023.

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

Motion by Harris, second by Kendall to approve the July 10, 2024 Village Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Nesbit, second by McSweyn to accept and file the Commission and Committee Reports from Downtown Development Authority August 2, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by McSweyn, second by Kendall to accept and file the Commission and Committee Reports from Parks & Recreation Committee July 17, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to accept and file the Commission and Committee Reports from Planning Commission Committee July 18, 2024. Motion carried

The Review Magazine was accepted and filed.

Motion by Kendall, second by McSweyn to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$197,079.85. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to accept the quote from Mr. Asphalt in the amount of \$2,990.00 to repave part of Jay Steet. Roll call vote: Freed-yes; Ginderski-yes; Harris-yes; Kendall-yes; McSweyn-yes; Nesbit-yes; Tithof-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nebit, second by Kendall to accept the School Resource Officer Agreement with St. Charles Schools. Motion carried.

Motion by Kendall, second by McSweyn to allow the St. Charles Library to use Coal Miners Park on July 25, 2025 for their Summer Reading Party. Motion carried.

Motion by Kendall, second by Nesbit to purchase a Flail Mower from Card Bros. in the amount of \$11,790.00. Roll call vote: Freed-yes; Ginderski-no; Harris-no; Kendall-yes; McSweyn-yes; Nesbit-yes; Tithof-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to approve hiring Spicer Group Inc. for professional services on the TMF Grant. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris, second by Freed to have Berthiaume & Company perform the village audit for years 2025-2027. Roll call vote: Freed-yes; Ginderski-yes; Harris-yes; Kendall-yes; McSweyn-yes; Nesbit-yes; Tithof-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to contribute 50% (\$1,079.00) for Benches on the Fishing Pier with DDA covering the other 50%. Roll call vote: Freed-yes; Ginderski-yes; Harris-yes; Kendall-yes; McSweyn-yes; Nesbit-yes; Tithof-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kendall, second by McSweyn to purchase an ADA park swing for Cole Miners Park. The cost is \$446.00 with the DDA agreeing to pay the shipping cost. Roll call vote: Freed-yes; Ginderski-yes; Harris-yes; Kendall-yes; McSweyn-yes; Nesbit-yes; Tithof-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ginderske, second by McSweyn to table the discussion on the Ithaca road ditching. Roll call vote: Freed-no; Ginderski-yes; Harris-no; Kendall-no; McSweyn-no; Nesbit-no; Tithof-no. Motion failed.

Motion by Harris, second by Kendall to leave the ditches on Ithaca road as is. Roll call vote: Freed-yes; Ginderski-yes; Harris-yes; Kendall-yes; McSweyn-yes; Nesbit-yes; Tithof-yes. Motion carried.

Reviewed departmental reports.

Public Comment – Marie Roe thanked Aue for the great audit, all the grants he has secured and for the new trees around the village. She also congratulated the Police on their new truck.

James McPhail inquired about the new Police truck.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia Leitz, Village Clerk