



VILLAGE OF CARLETON REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2017

The regular scheduled meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at 1230 Monroe Street, Carleton MI 48117.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by President Buckingham at 7:00pm

2. Roll Call

Members present: President Larry Buckingham, Councilmen Todd Yoas, Dennis McCormick, Chuck Collert, Tom Reiser, Glenn Goodnight, Don Marcero, Clerk Lenora Buckingham, Treasurer Cathy Coleman. Guest – Senator Dale Zorn, Representative Joe Bellino, CSX Police Department – Special Agent Don Egan, Special Agent Dave Veschak, Special Agent Brian Bolash, and Special Agent Paul Brady.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by McCormick to accept the minutes of the regular meeting dated October 2, 2017. Motion supported by Marcero. **Voice vote all in favor, motion passed.**

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by McCormick to approve the agenda, supported by Yoas – **Voice vote all in favor, motion passed**

5. Approval of Bills

Motion by Yoas to approve the bills in the amount of \$78,993.79, supported by McCormick – **Voice vote all in favor, motion passed.**

6. Correspondence

a. September 2017 Police Stats – Chief Johnson presented to the council the stats for the month of September.

b.

7. Unfinished Business



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- a. Reviewing and Approval of Code of Ordinances – Yoas states that Attorney Osment and himself have reviewed the Code of Ordinances and it is fine with him but need to check with Osment for final approval.
- b. Ordinance 197 Application – Buckingham – Need to have applications for the Ordinance – Yoas states that should have the applications ready by the middle to end of November.
- c. Steve Wyzgoski from F&V – Gave an update on the sewer plant, oxidization ditch has been cleaned, worked well with the DPW and President Buckingham. Things are running very well at the plant. Yoas brought up that in the bills saw one for the gas detection monitor has that been installed. Advised that it will be installed when they come in to fix other issues at the plant.

8. New Business

- a. Gene Taylor – CSX Police Award – Award presented to Officer Taylor from the CSX Police Department – Special Agent Don Egan, Special Agent Dave Veschak, Special Agent Brian Bolash, and Special Agent Paul Brady.
- b. Gene Taylor – Award presentation from Chief Johnson – Certificate of Valor, Senator Dale Zorn – Life Saving Award Michigan Rail Road Association (Silver Spike) – Representative Joe Bellino – Special Tribute from the State of Michigan – President Larry Buckingham – Certificate of Commendation (Life Saving)
- c. Planning Commission – 12525 Mill St. – Planning Commission recommendation to the Village Council to approve the use of the property at 12525 Mill St. for Porta John storage, needs to clean up property and put up a 6-foot privacy fence. – Motion by McCormick to approve the Planning Commission recommendation, supported by Yoas – **Voice vote, all in favor Motion Passed.**
- d. ZBA Members – Buckingham – Has been brought up that the Village is in violation of ZBA ordinance, Buckingham to check with Village Attorney and get back with the Council at next meeting.
- e. Planning Commission Members – Has been brought up that the Village is in violation of Planning Commission ordinance, Buckingham to check with Village Attorney and get back with the Council at next meeting.

9. Council Comments

- a. Goodnight – Fence at Star Towing – Advised that they have started to repair the fence.



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- b. McCormick – Wants the time sheet for Ash Park he gave to council put on the agenda for next meeting.
- c. McCormick – Wants brought up about citations issued by blight officer and building inspector placed on the agenda for next meeting.
- d.

10. Public Comments – Limit to 3 Minutes

- a. John Jones – Marijuana ordinance he is opposed to the ordinance
- b. James Smith – How do the citizen’s appeal this ordinance – Advised that President Buckingham would get back to him after checking with the attorney on what citizens would have to do to repeal.
- c. Ron Lambrix – Advised that the Council is taking 10 steps back with the passage of this ordinance, our vision for 10 years has been to make this a nice Village, putting something like that in here is 10 steps back. A lot of hard work was put in to get a vision don’t turn it around.
- d. Danny Wasaya – The Village already has 10 to 20 properties in Carleton growing marijuana, would be better to make it legal and have control over it.
- e. James Donovan – I am one of the young families in Carleton, building a house on Kent and Hand street, I have lived in Ypsilanti and saw the same thing happen there, increase in armed robberies, b & E’s and more crime in general. I do not want that in Carleton.
- f. Sean Gibson – I live in Carleton, I am a custom inspector and see people flashing medical cards all the time trying to stop from further checks as they are trying to smuggle this into the country, this is the type of people that you will bring into our community, we do not need that here, I am against this ordinance.
- g. Joseph Dunne – What reason would we have to adopt this ordinance, the numbers don’t support the adoption of this ordinance. Just because people are doing this illegally is not a good reason to adopt this ordinance.
- h. William Gaoud – Wanted to correct the numbers, if the Village opts in and they charge \$5000.00 as most do that would be \$25,000.00 for the Village.
- i. Sue Kennedy – I am member of the Village and I am angry, disappointed and appalled that the Council would adopt this ordinance, I want to see this repealed and I will do everything possible to see this repealed.



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- j. David Jones – I am a property owner in the community, have served on the planning commission, ZBA, and other committees. I love this community but I do not like what is happening here, I am in strong opposition to this, this is a family friendly community and this is not family friendly, this is not the image you want for your community. The residents do not want this, you were elected to represent the residents, I don't know who is pushing this but this is not what we want and you are not representing the residents, this is not what we want.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm by McCormick and supported by Collert. **Voice vote all in favor, motion passed**

Respectfully submitted,
Lenora Buckingham, Clerk
Village of Carleton