**Village of Cement City**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

December 10, 2020                   7:00 p.m.                                Village Hall                 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Cement City Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.  Attendance: 2 Citizens present.  Members present: Mel Cure, Cathy Senkewitz, and John Weber were present.  Jeff Cratsenburg and Zach Karnaz were absent. Treasurer Chari Cure was present and Clerk Carol Ladd left at the beginning of the meeting for a family emergency.

**Oath of Office**Welcome new councilmembers: Cathy Senkewitz (83 votes), Carrie Shafer (78 votes), and Zachery Karnaz (78 votes). Senkewitz will hold a 4 year term. One councilman will hold a 4 year term, the other a 2 year term by straw vote to be decided at the next meeting. Senkewitz took the oath of office. Shafer and Karnaz were not in attendance. Cathy Senkewitz was chair of the meeting.

**Departments**
Police:  Interim Chief Niles emailed the report.

Mel Cure reported on dry hydrant project stating that a survey must take place of the area at a cost of $800-$1000. Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Weber. All ayes, motion passed.

**Guest Speaker**-none. Good and welfare: Thank you to Mel Cure for your service and leadership to the Village of Cement City. We look forward to your continued volunteerism and support.

**Minutes Reviewed**- Regular Meeting minutes of the 11-12-20 meeting were reviewed.  Motion made by Weber, second by Senkewitz to accept the Regular minutes.  Ayes all, motion passed.

**Receipt of Treasurer’s Report**-Report reviewed by all.  Motion made by Weber, second by Senkewitz to accept the November Report subject to audit.  Ayes by all, motion passed.

**Presentation of Existing Bills**- Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Weber to pay existing bills. All ayes, motion passed.

**Staff Progress Reports-
DPW:** Wheaton submitted a report. Seasonal lighting and décor is up throughout the village. Ceiling fans in the garage are operational. Salt is purchased with Lenawee County Road Commission and is ready for winter. There was some vandalism in the village clock area.

**Zoning:**  Terry Earley is recovering from a medical procedure and will check in periodically. The village will appoint help as needed.

**Planning:**  No report. Next meeting is set for 2-8-2021. Council to review appointments in the upcoming months. Due in April.

**Old Business** – Cares Act Grant will be forfeited if not certified and purchased soon. Some quotes were presented to council for consideration on how to improve communication from a distance during orders to shut down. Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Weber to purchase 6 Chromebooks, one for each councilman and one for the treasurer and to purchase a phone for the clerk to use. All ayes, motion passed. The amount of the relief fund that was deposited in August was $1519.00

**New Business** –The Village Election is certified. Senkewitz is sworn in this evening. The other officers can connect with the clerk at a decided time A.S.A.P. Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Weber to remove Mel Cure from the accounts as he is no longer on the council and to add Cathy Senkewitz to all accounts at the following banks: County National, Comerica, and American 1 Federal Credit Union . Ayes by all, motion passed.

Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Weber to transfer funds from Intergovernmental in the amount of $20,000 for deposit to General Fund. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Weber to have Fred Lucas draw up a 30 day warning letter to 203 Perrin Street, 329 Parker Street, 319 Perrin Street, and 416 Perrin Street to clean up the property blight or receive a ticket. Ayes by all, motion passed. Lucas to copy Interim Chief Niles on the subject.

335 Peninsula was reissued and owners can work on house but cannot live there yet.

101 Jackson Street fire is officially unknown per Interim Chief Niles.

**Public Participation-** A citizen commented on blight problem in the village.

**Good & Welfare** Motion made by Cratsenburg, second by Senkewitz to adjourn at 7:41.  Ayes all, motion passed.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk

Approved by Cathy Senkewitz, Acting President