**Village of Cement City**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

April 12, 2018                   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: 12 Citizens present.  Members present:  Mel Cure, Cathy Senkewitz, Jeff Cratsenburg, Patty Buvia and Zachery Karnaz. Clerk Carol Ladd and Treasurer Chari Cure were present.

**Departments**
Police:  Chief Elwell reported on police activity including cooperation with RHINO to address criminal activity. Fire:  None.

**Guest Speaker-**Mel Cure spoke on behalf of the Lenawee Community Foundation and their commitment to National Volunteer Week and the encouragement to promote public service.

**Minutes Reviewed**- Regular Meeting minutes of the 3-8-18 meeting were reviewed.  Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Cratsenburg to accept the Regular minutes.  Ayes all, motion passed.

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

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

**Staff Progress Reports-**Zoning:  None.

Building:  Mel reported on DPW in Tim’s absence. Blinds have been replaced in the hall. Preparing for Spring Clean Up. Looking for a speaker for the Memorial Day Parade. Looking for a vendor to do necessary road work. Lenawee County Road Commission is not interested in doing our roads at this time. Tim is looking at other possibilities. The tornado siren passed the state-wide test.

Planning: The next meeting is planned for Monday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. The commission is researching Home Rule vs. General Law. The Michigan Municipal League has been invited but we’re still waiting on an answer based on current needs. The commission met on March 12 to consider the zoning application to renew the business use-Body Shop on Potter St. The building has been used for the same purpose for decades. The commission recommended that the council accept the conditional use request.

**Old Business** –Bridge inspection is complete and recommendations passed on to Tim Wheaton.

**New Business** – Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Cratsenburg to approve the Conditional Use Permit to allow the garage at Potter St. to operate as a Body Shop business. Roll call vote: Cratsenburg, yes; Senkewitz, yes; Karnaz, yes; Buvia, yes. All ayes, motion passed.

Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Cratsenburg to amend the zoning ordinance section C-1, conditional use, to include open recreational vehicle storage. Roll call vote: Cratsenburg, yes; Senkewitz, yes; Karnaz, yes; Buvia, yes. All ayes, motion passed.

**Public Participation**JoAnn Bahlau thanked the Village and the Council for supporting their endeavor. Dave Vescelius thanked the Bahlau’s for the fine upkeep of their village properties. Council added a thanks to Jerry Dorr for helping “roll” some our grounds.

**Good & Welfare**
Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Cratsenburg to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk Approved by Mel Cure, President