**Village of Cement City**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

July 9, 2015 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: 5 Citizens present. Members present: Patty Buvia, Mel Cure, and James Ellis. Larry Babinger was absent without excuse. Treasurer Chari Cure, Clerk Carol Ladd and DPW Tim Wheaton were present.

**Departments**

Police: Chief Elwell reported on police activity and upcoming events including State Fair and ORV hearing in Lenawee County.

Fire: No fire report.

**Guest Speaker-** Bill Bradley, Maintenance Supervisor, Columbia Schools spoke before the council in regards to article in the Exponent about Miller Elementary. Bradley apologized for any negative reflection the article had on Cement City and explained the events leading up to a busy season that left manpower low. Since the article, clean up efforts have taken place and a commitment to maintain playground equipment was pronounced.

**Minutes Reviewed**-

Regular Meeting minutes of the 6-11-2015 meeting were read. Motion made by Cure, second by Buvia to accept the Regular minutes. Ayes all, motion passed.

Special Meeting minutes of the 6-25-15 meeting were read. Motion made by Cure, second by Buvia to accept the Special meeting minutes. Ayes all, motion passed.

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

**Presentation of Existing Bills**- Motion made by Cure, second by Buvia to pay existing bills. Ayes by all. Motion passed.

**Staff Progress Reports-**

Zoning: Trumble was not in attendance. Cure stated that he had spoken with Trumble earlier in the week and updated council with issues concerning mowing and new construction. Ellis referenced a letter to the editor that criticized the village for looking shabby. Ellis stated that the Zoning Inspector is not doing his job and recommends hiring a new inspector. Cure asked if he had anyone in mind. Ellis suggested placing an ad in the paper. Cure said he would talk to Trumble and would take the suggestion into consideration.

Building: Tim reported on building and grounds progress with mowing and will continue to look at some trees that need attention to see if they are in village right-of-way.

Planning: Wittenberg stopped in briefly to submit a draft of the updated village ordinance. He will submit a digital copy to the clerk. He suggested that the council proof read the document and present it again in 30 days. Ellis thanked Wittenberg for dedicating time and resources to the update. The next Planning Commission meeting is July 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Vescelius asked council to recognize Bill Bendele for 30 years of service. Wheaton to look into the purchase of a plaque.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Public Participation**

None.

**Good & Welfare**

Motion made by Cure, second by Buvia to adjourn. Ayes by all, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk

Approved by Mel Cure, President