**Village of Cement City**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

November 14, 2013     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 Pledge of Allegiance.  Attendance:  12 Citizens present.  Members present:  James Ellis, Mel Cure, Dave Vescelius, and Bill Bendele.  Clerk Carol Ladd and Treasurer Chari Cure were present.

**Departments**Police:  Sgt. Niles reported on police activity.  He reported on the recent fire on Perrin Street stating there is nothing suspicious regarding the case and a State Police Fire Marshall has investigated. Ellis asked Niles to drive by the school property as a pickup truck has been sited on the premises.

Fire:  No Fire Report.

**Guest Speaker-** Philip Rubley, Auditor, spoke before the council and citizens in regards to the audit report. He extended an Unqualified Opinion on the Report, the highest rating which means the village has been given a “clean” opinion with no reservations. He commended the village on a sound budget and orderly documentation.

**Minutes Reviewed**-Regular Meeting minutes of the 10-10-13 meeting were reviewed.  Motion made by Cure, second by Vescelius to accept the Regular minutes as presented.  Ayes all, motion passed.

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

**Presentation of Existing Bills**- Motion made by Cure, second by Vescelius to pay all of the bills with late addition.  Ayes all, motion passed.

**Staff Progress Reports-**Zoning:  No Report.

DPW:  Tim Wheaton updated council on activity including priming and painting of salt spreader, DOT inspection on truck, delivery of berm gravel for the roadways, and the follow up with JCRC on the fog sealing. Wheaton found a cost savings by switching vendors (LCRC) for the salt/sand mixture ($24/ton). Wheaton presented a quote of $500 for the proposed shut off valve between the garage and fire barn for safety. Motion made by Vescelius, second by Bendele to approve the addition of a water shut off valve to the fire barn. All ayes, motion passed. Motion made by Vescelius, second by Ellis to accept the bid from Milo Electric in the amount of $3354.97 for the electrical upgrade to 200 amp service at the garage. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Wheaton updated the council on a successful open house for the museum. A show of hands declared a liking for the suggested name, Cement City Historical Museum. And so it shall be named.

**Old Business**Ellis updated the council on the finding of the court in regards to the Hickman home where a court order states that residents are to vacate the premises within 30 days and the structure is to be torn down. The village attorney will send an order to vacate if the residents do not vacate on their own.

Vescelius asked James Irwin the status of the dog issue asking if he has 2 dogs. Irwin stated he did not wish to answer. Vescelius stated that a follow-up with the lawyer is in order.

**New Business**None.

**Good & Welfare**Motion made by Ellis, second by Vescelius to adjourn.  Ayes by all, motion carried.  Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk

Approved by James Ellis, President