**Village of Cement City**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

July 10, 2014 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: 6 Citizens present. Members present: James Ellis, Mel Cure, and Bill Bendele. Vescelius and Babinger asked to be excused. Clerk Carol Ladd and Treasurer Chari Cure were present.

**Departments**

Police: Sgt. Niles reported on police activity.

Fire: Bendele gave an update on training that has taken place at the training center.

**Guest Speaker-** No guest speaker.

**Minutes Reviewed**- Special Budget Meeting minutes of the 6-12-14 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Cure, second by Ellis to accept the minutes as presented. Ayes all, motion passed. Regular Meeting minutes of the 6-12-14 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Cure, second by Ellis to accept the minutes as presented. Ayes all, motion passed.

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

**Presentation of Existing Bills**- Bendele questioned the legal fee in regards to personal property tax. Ellis stated he asked for advice regarding the matter. Motion made by Cure, second by Ellis to pay the bills with audit of lawyer fees from Dale Smith. Ayes by all, motion passed.

**Staff Progress Reports-**

Zoning: Trumble was absent. No report. Wittenberg cited several problem areas in the village that need zoning attention. He also requested times and mileage on zoning report for accurate payroll.

DPW: Wheaton reported on storm clean-up activity stating that 32 loads of brush were removed. The chip seal project is completed to satisfaction. Wheaton reported he is collecting tree quotes for limbs that are close to emergency status. Motion made by Cure, second by Ellis to pre-approve tree trimming quotes up to $1,000. All ayes, motion passed.

**Old Business**

Ellis read portions of the Consent Agreement between the Village and Irwin. Citizens stated they are currently witnessing loose/stray dogs from the Irwin house.

**New Business**

Motion made by Cure, second by Ellis to transfer 25% of major street funds to the local street funds account. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Wittenberg made a recommendation to accept the request to put up a fence in the front yard on Jackson Street. Motion made by Ellis, second by Cure to accept the variance as presented. Roll call vote: Bendele, yes; Ellis, yes; Cure, yes. Motion passed.

Council agreed to a $100 fee for variance as the form that was presented to the applicant stated $100 and the family is experiencing hardship at this time.

Council was informed that the demolition project was complete on Woodstock Street. Mr. Lucas stated that a lien is filed against the property that is charted to go to auction on August 4, 2014.

Bendele discussed Noxious Weed Ordinance stating it is too specific and would like to see open fields as exempt. Ellis asked Bendele for a rebuttal statement before the vote next month. The ordinance will be on file for viewing for at least 30 days after publishing and will be due for a vote at the next meeting.

**Public Participation-**

None.

**Good & Welfare**

Motion made by Ellis, second by Cure to adjourn. Ayes by all, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk

Approved by James Ellis, President