**Village of Cement City**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

September 12, 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:  14 Citizens present.  Members present:  James Ellis, Mel Cure, Dave Vescelius, Larry Babinger, and Bill Bendele.  Clerk Carol Ladd and Treasurer Chari Cure were present.

**Departments**Police:  Chief Elwell reported on police activity.  The report included an update on zoning ordinance regarding junk cars.  The village has established a zoning email address to improve communication within the zoning department.

Fire:  No Fire Report.

**Guest Speaker-** No guest speaker.

**Minutes Reviewed**-Regular Meeting minutes of the 8-8-13 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 August Report subject to audit.  Ayes all, motion passed.

**Presentation of Existing Bills**- Discussion took place regarding lawyer bill.  Bendele and Vescelius stated they would like to pay all of the bills except the lawyer bill.  Babinger asked for feedback.  Vescelius stated protocol had not been met since the council was not informed of the hiring.  Motion made by Cure, second by Babinger to pay all of the bills.  Roll call vote was taken.  Cure, yes; Babinger, yes; Ellis, yes; Bendele, no; Vescelius, no.  Motion Passed.

**Staff Progress Reports-**Zoning:  Trumble was absent due to bereavement.

DPW:  Tim Wheaton updated council on street activity.  Mowing, painting, and culvert cleanup have been on the work order.  Speed limit and street signs have been ordered.

Motion made by Vescelius, second by Cure to host a dedication for the Museum on Saturday, October 12th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  All ayes, motion passed.  Citizens will be asked to submit suggestions for naming the museum at the event or to the Clerk prior to Oct. 12th.

**Old Business**Ellis informed the council that a pretrial conference regarding the Woodstock Street house is scheduled in court on Monday, December 2 at 1:30 p.m. before Judge Noe.

Discussion took place regarding the cleanup of the trailer fire on Potter Street.  Ellis explained that monies likely would not be recouped due to process of properties on the auction list.  He cited other local municipalities facing the same type of expenditure.  Motion made by Bendele, second by Vescelius to spend up to $900 for DPW to clean up the lot pending county approval.  Ayes by all, motion passed.

Council agreed to a Special Meeting to take place Monday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss powers of the presidency.  Vescelius asked for the lawyer to be present and reminded the citizens that the meeting is an open meeting**.**

**New Business**Clerk informed the council that EVIP Category I paperwork is due October 1st.

Woodstock Twp. Fall Clean up takes place on October 12th form 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 pm. @ the Township Hall.

FYI flyers were presented with information on Grants.

**Further Issues**Vescelius asked about the status of the dog kennel stating it is the obligation of the council to resolve the issue in a timely manner.  Ellis stated that the lawyer is doing research and should be advising.  Chief Elwell suggested that the county treasurer or animal control be contacted to see if the county permit was issued without knowledge of a local zoning ordinance.

**Good & Welfare**Motion made by Ellis, second by Vescelius to adjourn.  Ayes by all, motion carried.  Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk

Approved by James Ellis, President