

Village of Cement City Council Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2023

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: 2 Citizens present. Members present: Mel Cure, Cathy Senkewitz, Dustin Blakley and John Weber. Treasurer Chari Cure and Clerk Carol Ladd were present.

Departments

Police: Columbia Township Chief Niles reported.

Guest Speaker-Welcome Auditor Brent Shea as he reported on the fiscal year audit and gave an unqualified opinion.

Minutes Reviewed- Regular Meeting minutes of the 11-9-23 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Weber to accept the Regular minutes. Ayes all, motion passed.

Receipt of Treasurer's Report-Report reviewed by all. Motion made by Weber, second by Blakley to accept the November Report subject to audit. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Presentation of Existing Bills- Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Blakley, to pay existing bills and with slight correction to zoning. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Staff Progress Reports-

DPW: DPW continues to work on village needs including preparing for winter road maintenance, sand/salt. DPW swept sidewalks in an attempt to remove debris/leaves in preparation for snow removal in the future. Repairs were needed on the locks as there were signs of forced entry.

Zoning: The zoning department is working on blight with communication through the police department.

Planning: The Planning Committee will meet again on January 9.

Special Project Coordinator: Cure continues to stay up to date with inter-municipality groups.

Old Business -none

New Business –Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Weber to accept the verbal resignation of Terry Earley and to name Brian Taylor as the Village Building Inspector. Ayes by all, motion passed. The Building Inspector will submit fees (\$65/inspection) on a monthly basis.

Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Blakley to name Spencer Bennett as the Village Zoning Inspector. Ayes by all, motion passed. The Zoning Inspector will submit hours (\$20/hr), mileage, and phone requests monthly.

Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Weber to appoint Jennifer Porter to the vacant council position (Vescelius). Ayes by all, motion passed. Councilman Porter was sworn in by the clerk. Her background includes extensive experience in construction.

Motion made by Blakley, second by Senkewitz to accept the presented 3-year agreement between the Village of Cement City, the Columbia Police Department, and Columbia Township to continue police services. The agreement begins January 2024 and continues through 2026. All ayes, motion passed.

Public Participation- None.

Good & Welfare Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Weber to adjourn at 7:59. Ayes all, motion passed.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk

Approved by Mel Cure, President