

Village of Cement City Council

Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2025

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: 4 Citizens present. Members present: Jennifer Porter, Dustin Blakley, Triston Perry, and Terry Montague were in attendance. Weber was absent. Clerk Carol Ladd and Treasurer Chari Cure were present.

Departments

Police: Columbia Township Chief Niles reported.

Guest Speaker-

Minutes Reviewed- Regular Meeting minutes of the 2-13-25 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Blakley, second by Montague to accept the Regular minutes. Ayes all, motion passed.

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

Presentation of Existing Bills- Motion made by Blakely, second by Montague, to pay existing bills. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Staff Progress Reports-

DPW: DPW continues to work on village needs including cold patch to roads, plowing, smoke detectors, and signs ordered. The Village clean up will take place the third Saturday in May from 8:00 a.m. - noon. Woodstock Township will hold theirs the weekend prior, the second Saturday in May. Tim noted that the museum needs to be painted. Council discussed having councilman volunteers to expedite the process.

Zoning/Bldg: Welcome John Gates as our newly appointed Zoning Officer. He will be attending meetings every other month. As needs arise, please place notes/applications in the zoning basket. He will share responsibilities between Brooklyn, Village of Addison, and Village of Cement City. Councilman Montague will be the Village representative to partner with zoning. Ticketing will be available in partnership with the Columbia Township Police. Council will suggest a format for reporting to the council. Council to look in documentation of zoning activity and advise later.

Planning: The Planning Committee will meet April 7 and July 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Motion made by Blakley, second by Perry to appoint Mary Hudzik to the planning commission. Ayes all, motion passed. Council will check on the terms and members to the planning commission. Clerk to update the Planning Commission Terms of Appointed Office document with incoming confirmations.

Special Project Coordinator: Mel reported on the Lenawee County ALIGN program. He also reported that the generator was serviced as routine maintenance.

Old Business -Council to revisit Fire Insurance as suggested by the Lawyer. 6 other local municipalities approved.

Council to proceed with zoning contract. Council will follow up with other partner municipalities to work through needs and communication tools.

FYI: Checking accounts have been switched and we are ready to utilize the new accounts with Flagstar including Intergovernmental, Major Street, and Local Street.

Council will look at the Golf Cart Zoning Act at the April Meeting.

New Business –FYI: the Village received notice of ORV ordinance being presented in Woodstock Township. The Village also received an intent to amend the Master Plan in Woodstock Twp.

Motion made by Blakley, second by Montague to accept the quote from comcast to drop the fax line and operate with one phone line and internet. Ayes all, motion passed.

Public Participation- Citizens presented to ask about plans to go after blight in the village. They also asked about the progression. Council stated that a new zoning officer is in place soon and a ticketing procedure is filed.

Citizens asked about the status of chickens in the village. Council/Zoning to look into current state.

Good & Welfare -Council offered prayers and comfort to the families of Peggy Williams and Aleigha Stump who recently passed away. Motion made by Blakley, second by Montague to adjourn at 7:55. Ayes all, motion passed.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk

Approved by Jennifer Porter, President