

Village of Cement City Council

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2024

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: 3 Citizens present. Members present: Mel Cure, Cathy Senkewitz, Dustin Blakley, and Jennifer Porter were in attendance. Weber requested an excused absence. Treasurer Chari Cure and Clerk Carol Ladd were present.

Departments

Police: Columbia Township Chief Niles reported. Potential Disorderly Conduct Ordinance with updates were presented.

Guest Speaker-None

Minutes Reviewed- Regular Meeting minutes of the 2-8-24 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Blakley, second by Senkewitz to accept the Regular minutes. Ayes all, motion passed.

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

Presentation of Existing Bills- Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Blakley, to pay existing bills with the addition of \$340. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Staff Progress Reports-

DPW: DPW continues to work on village needs including street surveys, burn piles, and park updates. DPW asked if a parade should be planned?

Zoning: No updates.

Planning: The Planning Committee will meet again on July 1, and October 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. They are working on obtaining newer maps for the updated Master Plan.

Special Project Coordinator: Mel is working on gathering quotes for updates to the furnace and electrical at the Village Hall and Tube heaters for the garage. Quotes were presented under new business.

Old Business -none

New Business –The Deficit Elimination Plan was rejected. The state is calling for a separate budget for the Intergovernmental Fund as it is an audited fund. The auditor has reached out on our behalf. Clerk to prepare a separate budget fund and present it to try to remedy the plan. The auditor is unable to help until tax season is over and may be at a large expense to the village.

Spring Clean Up is planned for May 18 from 8:00 a.m. - noon for village citizens. ID required.

Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Porter to add Extra Operating Millage Renewal language to the August ballot. The Extra Operating language renews a previously voted millage raising money for general operating expenses in the village. All ayes, motion passed.

A quote from Great Lakes Engineering was presented. Motion made by Blakley, second by Senkewitz to hire Great Lakes Engineering for our bi-yearly bridge inspection required by the state. Ayes by all, motion passed.

The Disorderly Ordinance was on the agenda for review. Copies of the updated version were distributed to councilmen for review by council and legal.

Furnace and Air Conditioning quotes for the Village Hall were presented. Motion made to accept the bid from Brooklyn Plumbing and Heating to spend up to \$17,000 to include the \$8,613 bid for Air/Furnace at the hall and \$7,730 for garage heating with a new angled system for safer heating. Ayes by all, motion passed.

An electrical outlet quote with option for generator adaptors was presented. Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Porter to accept the Milo Electric bid for \$2,724 with authorization to spend up to \$2,800. Ayes by all, motion passed.

A discussion took place to contract locally for electrical inspections. Ken Swift submitted credentials, contact information and gave background information. Discussion took place on inspection costs and possible retainer and continuing education charges. Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Blakley to name Ken Swift as village electrical inspector. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Jackson County Road Commission asked for a budget update on the upcoming road maintenance needs. The village had a survey taken on road needs in the village and will be prioritizing maintenance based on need and affordability. There may be grants available to help. The 2023 budget for local streets is \$75,000 and the budget for major streets is \$85,000. Cure and Wheaton will be contacts for the project work.

Public Participation- None.

Good & Welfare Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Blakley to adjourn at 8:47. Ayes all, motion passed.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk

Approved by Mel Cure, President