

Village of Cement City Council

Meeting Minutes

April 11, 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: 2 Citizens present. Members present: Mel Cure, Cathy Senkewitz, Dustin Blakley, and John Weber were in attendance. Porter 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. Niles presented the ordinance as labeled Ordinance 1 under a police power category which is new to the village. Columbia Township adopted the ordinance last month as #36. A sample cost/fee structure was presented for consideration. The fines and costs would be shared and would be billed monthly by the county under the proposed plan. Council to finalize the plan with a legal team and then publish a summary for the public before enacting the ordinance.

Fire: Welcome Chief Aungst. Chief described the current dispatch structure reminding the villagers that the service is paid through township taxes. He also verified that safety sirens are working and will keep working with the Special Project Coordinator on village needs regarding the 800 mhz system. As of now, it would be okay to stay as is.

Guest Speaker-None

Minutes Reviewed- Regular Meeting minutes of the 3-14-24 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Blakley, 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 March Report subject to audit. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Presentation of Existing Bills- Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Weber, to pay existing bills with the addition of Special Project Coordinator and Redline, maintenance bill. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Staff Progress Reports-

DPW: DPW continues to work on village needs including park updates. DPW will plan for a parade asking for volunteers for planning and manning the parade as well as clean up day. Wheaton is waiting on a road report to plan for summer fixes. At least two trees should be felled in the right of way. Wheaton to gather quotes. Wheaton will be out due to a medical issue and will plan to have Brian Wheaton fill in during the slow season.

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.

Special Project Coordinator: Cure says furnace, air, and heater projects at the hall and garage are complete. He will continue to pursue local inspectors.

Old Business -The garbage contract is up for renewal and council inquired about the current service since the business sold. Visitors state that it has been going smoothly.

New Business –The Deficit Elimination Plan was updated by the clerk. A new budget and resolution was presented. Motion made by Weber, second by Senkewitz to adopt the budget and resolution to be submitted to the state. Roll call vote: Senkewitz, yes; Blakley, yes; Weber, yes; Cure, yes; Porter, absent. Motion passed. Clerk to forward to the state.

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

FYI: Bridge inspection was assigned online and inspection will take place soon.

Motion made by Blakley, second by Senkewitz to adopt Disorderly Ordinance #1. All ayes, motion passed.

Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Blakley to accept the proposed insurance plan by Decker. All ayes, motion passed.

Public Participation- None.

Good & Welfare Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Weber to adjourn at 8:14. Ayes all, motion passed.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk

Approved by Mel Cure, President