

# Village of Cement City Council Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2022

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: Zachery Karnaz, Jeff Cratsenburg, and Carrie Shafer. Treasurer Chari Cure and Clerk Carol Ladd were present.

## **Departments**

**Police:** Chief Niles reported. Police upgrades are being made in the township including body cameras and updated car cameras.

**Guest Speaker**-none.

**Minutes Reviewed**- Regular Meeting minutes of the 4-14-22 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Cratsenburg, second by Shafer, to accept the Regular minutes. Ayes all, motion passed. Special Meeting minutes of the 5-2-22 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Shafer, second by Cratsenburg to accept the special meeting minutes. Ayes all, motion passed.

**Receipt of Treasurer's Report**-Report reviewed by all. Motion made by Cratsenburg, second by Shafer, to accept the April Report subject to audit. Ayes by all, motion passed.

**Presentation of Existing Bills**- Motion made by Cratsenburg, second by Shafer to pay existing bills with late additions in the amount of \$42.39. All ayes, motion passed.

## **Staff Progress Reports-**

**DPW:** Installed new stop signs, parade preparation, dry hydrant preparation and planted flowers. Thanks for the assistance from Karen Vescelius. Motion made by Shafer, second by Cratsenburg to close the streets for a Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30 for a parade to take place. Ayes by all, motion passed.

**Zoning:** Eight blight letters and 2 illegal zoning letters were sent to zoning non-compliances.

**Planning:** The Planning Committee will meet June 6, 22 at 7:00 at the Village Hall. Planners to look at a new potential ordinance.

**Old Business** –Spring Clean Up on May 21st from 8:00 a.m. - noon for village residents only.

Bridge Inspection with Great Lakes Engineering is completed.

**New Business** –A preliminary budget was presented by the Clerk to show revenues and expenditures through March for the year end 2022 budget. It included a projected budget for the upcoming 2023 budget. A special budget meeting was set for June. Motion made by Shafer, second by Cratsenburg to hold the Special Budget Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall prior to the Regular Meeting. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Clerk conferenced with Decker insurance. Costs and coverage are status quo. The agency asked if we had considered raising the coverage for public official liability and said some municipalities have made increases due to recent questioning of enforcement issues for private property. An example would be if the council voted to not allow a business and it resulted in a lawsuit. Clerk to get more information and cost schedule.

Council discussed the requests that have been made regarding farm animals on residential property. This is not currently allowable in our zoning. Council is exploring ideas. Par Plan may be a resource for legality issues.

Council discussed potential July 4th activities and will continue to look at ways to support the community.

Council assigned the Planning Committee the task of beginning a Master Plan Update.

Zoning Ordinance Update to be seen by the Planning Commission and then a Public Hearing to take place.

Motion made by Shafer, second by Cratsenburg to accept the 2022 Tax Rate Request as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

**Public Participation-** Mel Cure spoke about a siren upgrade to 800 Mhz. He is working with Dave Aungst on the matter. He is also suggesting an underground gas line conversion at the garage for future savings. Motion made by Cratsenburg, second by Shafer to approve the quote from Mechanical Extremes for up to \$2,000 for work to be done after July 1, 2022 to aid in the gas line conversion at the garage. Ayes by all, motion passed.

**Good & Welfare** The Village of Cement City would like to thank you for your comments and attendance. Motion made by Cratsenburg, second by Shafer to adjourn at 7:50. Ayes all, motion passed.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk

Approved by Zachery Karnaz, President