

# Village of Cement City Council

## Meeting Minutes

May 8, 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: 8 Citizens present. Members present: Jennifer Porter, John Weber, Dustin Blakley, Triston Perry, and Terry Montague were in attendance. Clerk Carol Ladd and Treasurer Chari Cure were present.

### **Departments**

Police: Columbia Township Chief Niles reported. Golf cart ordinance was offered. Councilman Blakley asked about the speed limit of 15 mph, expressing concern that too slow could be a hazard too.

**Guest Speaker**-Welcome Kevin Decker, Insurance Representative to review annual contracts (11% increase is under average increase) and to provide training opportunities.

**Minutes Reviewed**- Regular Meeting minutes of the 4-10-25 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 Montague to accept the April Report subject to audit. Ayes by all, motion passed.

**Presentation of Existing Bills**- Motion made by Blakley, second by Weber, to pay existing bills. Ayes by all, motion passed.

### **Staff Progress Reports-**

**DPW:** DPW continues to work on village needs including tree service quotes, blight left at bridge, fire extinguishers, stop signs, and potential sidewalk project. Village Clean Up Day will take place May 17 from 8:00 a.m. - noon. The Memorial Day Parade will take place at 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 26. Parade line up will take place at the Baptist Church at 10:00. Heavy equipment and Fire Trucks will line up along Cary Rd.

**Zoning/Bldg:** Council reviewed at zoning compliance permit for a Pole Barn on Main Street. The request meets the requirements. Gates reported that 9 notices were mailed and contact has been made with residents whose property are non-compliant. Citizens who are making progress through voluntary compliance have worked out a plan with the zoning compliance officer.

**Planning:** The Planning Committee will meet July 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Chase Wagner attended the meeting. Motion made by Weber, second by Montague to appoint Wagner to the Planning Commission. All Ayes, motion passed. Mr. Bahlau declined an offer to join as he will be out of town often.

**Special Project Coordinator:** Mel Cure reported that he has been appointed to the Woodstock Township Fire Board as a representative to Cement City. Cure to continue to look at necessary projects including chip and seal, sidewalks, garage roof, and tree needs.

**Old Business** -Motion made by Blakley, second by Perry to accept the presented Golf Cart Resolution with an amendment to the motion subject to category assignment. Ayes by all, motion passed.

**New Business** –Motion made to have a port-a-john at the park for the summer months and to have one at the Village Hall for the Memorial Day Parade. Ayes by all, motion passed. Motion made by Blakley, second by Weber to close the streets for the parade. Ayes by all, motion passed.

A preliminary budget was presented and discussion took place to plan for projects including road work and other miscellaneous considerations. Motion made by Blakley, second by Weber to hold a Special Budget meeting as required by the Charter. The meeting will be scheduled before the regular meeting on June 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Motion made by Weber, second by Perry to accept the tree quote of \$5500. Ayes by all, motion passed. DPW to collect Tree Removal forms prior to cutting.

Motion made by Blakley, second by Perry to accept the L-4029 form as presented to allow for the collection of taxes. Ayes by all, motion passed.

**Public Participation-** Mr. Bahlau encouraged village representatives to consider additional personal insurance coverage.

**Good & Welfare** - Motion made by Blakley, second by Weber to adjourn at 8:10. Ayes all, motion passed.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk

Approved by Jennifer Porter, President