

# Village of Cement City Council

## Meeting Minutes

June 9, 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: 4 Citizens present. Members present: Zachery Karnaz, Jeff Cratsenburg, Cathy Senkewitz, and Carrie Shafer. Weber was absent. Treasurer Chari Cure and Clerk Carol Ladd were present.

### **Departments**

**Police:** Chief Niles reported. Chief Niles stated that it was a pleasure to take part in the village Memorial Day parade. A citizen complaint about blight and activity on Peninsular was brought forth. There is still a question about ownership and Health Department policies. Chief Niles will discuss the matter in person. Police will make more patrols around the entire village.

**Guest Speaker**-Welcome Julie Moore for State Representative. Mrs. Moore introduced herself, offered cards, and offered key points of her election.

**Minutes Reviewed**- Regular Meeting minutes of the 5-12-22 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Cratsenburg, 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 Cratsenburg, to accept the May Report subject to audit. Ayes by all, motion passed.

**Presentation of Existing Bills**- Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Cratsenburg, to pay existing bills. All ayes, motion passed.

### **Staff Progress Reports-**

**DPW:** The parade was a great success. Thanks to Tom for the speaker install. Road projects are ongoing. Karnaz and Wheaton continue to discuss plans and grants with MDOT. Current road work is scheduled under a current approved grant. Keep in mind that costs are still rising and pending project work may cost more than originally quoted.

Future road work for Woodstock, Neil, and Irvin are in the works. As of now, costs have risen and grants are lacking. The roads are in good shape with some preventative maintenance (chip seal). Waiting on the next round of grants is a viable option.

**Zoning:** Terry continues to work on zoning issues on Jackson Street and fence requests. A reminder to all that are putting in sheds, there is a zoning requirement for permits. Please call Terry or the village office.

**Planning:** The Planning Committee will meet 10/3/22 at 7:00 at the Village Hall.

**Old Business** –None.

**New Business** –A petition was received to initiate legislation to repeal the prohibition of marihuana. The 8 page certificate has been forwarded to legal counsel.

Discussion took place regarding payroll increases for salary employees. Increases for these employees have not taken place since 2017. Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Cratsenburg to increase salary payroll as provided for in the budget. The Clerk and Treasurer salary for the year will increase to \$10,000 beginning the new fiscal year, July 1st. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Council approved a resolution for Extra Operating Millage Renewal that will be on the November ballot. The resolution was offered by Senkewitz and supported by Cratsenburg. A roll call vote took place. Ayes by Cratsenburg, Senkewitz, Karnaz, and Shafer. Weber was absent. Resolution passed.

A job description for the Special Projects Coordinator was presented. Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Cratsenburg to pay the new position \$145/Qtr and to appoint Mel Cure as Special Projects Coordinator. Ayes by all, motion passed.

**Public Participation-** A citizen asked about fines and ticketing. Council explained that a new blight ordinance was enacted in May and should help with blight issues. The citizen suggested that blinking stop signs on Vicary Rd. may help to slow down traffic.

**Good & Welfare** The Village of Cement City would like to thank you for your comments and attendance. Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Cratsenburg to adjourn at 8:10. Ayes all, motion passed.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk

Approved by Zachery Karnaz, President