

Village of Cement City Council

Meeting Minutes

July 10, 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: 4 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. Chief Niles reported that he continues to coordinate with Addison Fire to better serve the community and to coordinate calls.

Guest Speaker-None.

Minutes Reviewed- Regular Meeting minutes of the 6-12-25 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Blakley, second by Montague to accept the Regular minutes. Ayes all, motion passed.

Special Budget Meeting minutes of the 6-12-25 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 June Report subject to audit. Ayes by all, motion passed.

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

Staff Progress Reports-

DPW: Tim reported on needed repairs for playground equipment at the park. He continues to mow and appreciates the purchase of the new tractor. He presented a road plan that was sent by JCRC. Discussion took place on the budgeted amount compared to the new estimated project cost. Council discussed approving the advance project fee and contingency costs for the road work keeping in mind that the 2026 Budget would have to be amended to cover the additional contingency costs of the project. Motion made by Weber, second by Montague to pay the project advance cost of \$65,568.74 and to accept the estimated project invoice 1770 to include skip paving, chip and fog seal in the projected amount of \$131,137.48. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Zoning/Bldg: Gates reported on updated progress in zoning compliance and noted a court date set for August to address 203 Perrin Street. Courtesy letters and direct contact have been made for blight.

Planning: The Planning Committee will meet July 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Special Project Coordinator: Cure to continue to look at necessary projects including chip and seal, sidewalks, garage roof, and tree needs. He noted that there will be a public meeting at the Fire Training Center on July 29 at 7:00. He will also be working with Tim on a grant for a generator at the Village Hall.

Old Business -Golf Cart Ordinance #2 was published 7-8-25 and will be in effect 30 days later with an effective date of 8-7-25.

New Business –DPW sought roof quotes by several vendors. One roof quote was presented. Council asked DPW to reach back out to at least another vendor before a decision is made.

Public Participation- A citizen spoke with DPW and asked the council to consider repairing the sidewalk on Woodstock Street.

Good & Welfare - The Village of Cement City expressed thanks to Tim for helping with the road closure when the power line was down on Perrin Street. The Garbage truck hit a power line causing a downed line. Porter notified the company of some potential damage to property due to the accident. Motion made by Blakley, second by Montague to adjourn at 7:45. Ayes all, motion passed.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk

Approved by Jennifer Porter, President