**Village of Cement City**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

May 14, 2015 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 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance: 6 Citizens present. Members present: Patty Buvia, Mel Cure and James Ellis. Larry Babinger gave e-mail notice for his absence. Treasurer Chari Cure, Clerk Carol Ladd and DPW Tim Wheaton were present.

**Departments**

Police: Chief Elwell reported on police activity. He informed council of an ORV ordinance that is going before Lenawee County. A public hearing will take place June 9th.

Fire: No fire report.

**Guest Speaker-** none.

**Minutes Reviewed**-

Regular Meeting minutes of the 4/9/2015 meeting were read. Motion made by Ellis, second by Buvia to accept the Regular minutes. Ayes all, motion passed.

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

**Presentation of Existing Bills**- Motion made by Cure, second by Ellis to pay existing bills. Ayes by all. Motion passed.

**Staff Progress Reports-**

Zoning: Mel Cure updated council on recent zoning activity in Eric Trumble’s absence. The update included clean-up needs at the Wolf residence on Woodstock St. It also included satellite clean up on Parker and permits for a garage.

Building: Tim asked if the Hickman property is to be mowed. Chari reported that the property was purchased and the new owner is responsible to mow. Spring Clean-up was a success. Nearly 2.5 dumpsters were filled which is less than previous years. Clock parts are on order in hopes to be running by parade day. Parade plans are on schedule. Jerry Dorer was thanked for rolling the grounds.

Planning: The next Planning Commission is set for May 19th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Wittenberg updated council on inspections at 401 Main Street. Mel asked the commission to keep in mind the potential for acquiring 3 lots for village use stating that details are to follow.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Chari presented costs for BS&A software and explained that the software for Jackson County is no longer supported. The initial cost of the new software is $1,890 with a $380 annual fee. Council tabled the discussion for a special budget meeting to consider options.

Motion made by Cure, second by Ellis to adopt the new FOIA procedure drafted by Lucas. All ayes, motion passed.

The Clerk presented year end budget numbers for 2015 and a recommended budget for 2016 explaining that more concrete numbers will be available next month. The budget was closely aligned with the proposed budget for the year with a few adjustments needed in payroll and rainy day fund due to demolition on Woodstock St. this year. A special meeting will be held on June 11th (before the regular scheduled meeting) at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall to finalize the budget.

Mel Cure read a letter from the Lenawee County NAACP in regards to Alisa Boyd. He also read a response from our lawyer. The Clerk filed the document with the lawyer and the insurance carrier for the village.

**Public Participation**

None.

**Good & Welfare**

Motion made by Cure, second by Ellis to adjourn. Ayes by all, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk

Approved by Mel Cure, President