

UNAPPROVED

AUGUST SESSION

August 2, 2010

Regular Session of the Village of Centreville was held on August 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Village President Barb Parker called the meeting to order.

The Pledge to the American Flag was given.

The Invocation was given by President Barb Parker.

The following council members were present:

Barb Parker
Stacie Back

Beth Kelley
Keith Shears

Chris Sheteron

Also present were Randy Baker, DPW Supervisor, Terrie Tully, Office Manager and Joanna Drew, Treasurer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Edward Guess – 314 E. Main St. addressed the council regarding a request to change the current ordinance so that raising Chickens could be allowed in town. Mr. Guess stated that all over the state people now have Urban Farms. Mr. Guess stated that he would like to have the ordinance changed. After discussion from both council and Mr. Guess it was suggested that Mr. Guess generate a petition and do some research regarding the Urban Farms and other places that have changed their ordinance and then bring the information back to council. The original ordinance regarding chickens was done in 1952.

AGENDA

President Barb Parker asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Hearing none, it was moved by Chris Sheteron and supported by Beth Kelley that the agenda be approved. Motion carried 5 to 0.

COUNCIL MINUTES

It was moved by Beth Kelley and supported by Chris Sheteron that the minutes from July 12, 2010 be approved as presented. Motion carried 5 to 0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL

Randy Baker addressed council with regards to changing the title of his part-time employee to a seasonal employee. Randy stated that this would save money and we could use the employee on an as needed basis. Randy stated that a lot of Public Works are going to this type of position. After discussion, it was decided that council would look at the change when it became vacant. Terrie Tully stated that she opts out of the health insurance coverage and in June the insurance went up \$20.75. After discussion, **it was moved by Beth Kelley and supported by Stacie Back that Terrie be paid the amount that the health insurance increased. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

FINANCE

Terrie Tully passed out the Investment Summary. Terrie stated that those funds are to cover any catastrophe. Terrie also stated that the Resolution to revoke Industrial Facilities exemption for SME Plastics but it needs to be voted on. After discussion, **it was moved by Chris Sheteron and supported by Keith Shears that the resolution to Revoke Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 2005-216 For SME Plastics Inc be accepted. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

POLICE

President Barb Parker asked Deputy Vandenbrink if he had anything new to report and he stated no. Chris Sheteron stated that Officer Ali had helped them cross the street after the program at the library.

DPW

Randy Baker stated that everyone has the quote for the Land Pride Mower, which is a grooming mower. The first quote is from Steensma Lawn & Power Equipment in Kalamazoo for \$2859.00 and the second quote is from Fillmore for \$2515.00. Randy stated that he is starting to put a lot of money into repairs. After discussion, it was decided that the budget would need to be reviewed. Randy stated that the paving will be starting Thursday on Clinton Street.

DDA

Chris Sheteron stated that the Safe Routes meeting with the MSU School of Landscape & Design is scheduled for August 11, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Chris stated that after speaking with the Centreville Elementary Principal the Junior High will also be included in the Safe Routes. Also the account has been set up for the funds for Safe Routes. Chris stated that she would like to see the Village contribute a \$1000.00 toward the cost for MSU coming down. Chris stated that the Safe Routes is a pilot project for the State and this will help with our Master Plan costs. Chris stated that she will be asking DDA for a \$1000.00 as well as PAC. Chris stated that the community event for Safe Routes to School is scheduled for September 14, 2010. This meeting will allow the community to ask questions and give the good and the bad regarding the streets and the surroundings in Centreville.

It was moved by Keith Shears and supported by Beth Kelley to approve \$1000.00 to go to Safe Routes for Schools. Motion carried 5 to 0. President Barb Parker stated that the Village Attorney would be contacted to make sure there are no problems with the Village giving the money.

LOCAL FIRE CONCERNS

President Barb Parker stated that Steven Steffel needs to be approved as a fire department member. Jody McClain stated that Steven has worked for the fire department in the past. It was moved by Keith Shears and supported by Beth Kelley to approve Steven Steffel to the fire department pending a physical and drug test. Motion carried 5 to 0. President Barb Parker asked Jody McClain if he had information regarding the accident with the rescue vehicle. Jody stated that the vehicle would not be ready until tomorrow. Jody stated that it has passed inspection and that all that is left to fix is cosmetic. Chris Sheteron asked what the deductible was on the Village's insurance for the physical damage. Terrie Tully stated that the deductible was \$250.00. Stacie Back asked who covers the property damage. Terrie stated that the Village does and the deductible on that is \$1000.00. After further discussion regarding the cost to the Village it was decided that a meeting with the Fire Association was needed to address issues the Village has. President Barb Parker stated that the next association meeting will be in October.

It was moved by Chris Sheteron and supported by Beth Kelley to ask the Fire Association to meet in August. Motion carried 5 to 0. President Barb Parker stated that at the work session, the filling of pools was discussed. Jody McClain stated that they fill pools in the fire map area. The fire department does this as a fundraiser. They charge \$125.00 a load, \$25.00 goes to the Village and \$100 goes to the fire department.

PLANNING COMMISSION

President Barb Parker stated that there is nothing new. The Letter of Understanding between St. Joseph County and the Village was approved at the Commissioners Meeting earlier in the evening.

COMMENTS

Terrie – Nothing

Randy – stated that the cost for the signs for Matt Thornton will be \$50.00 a piece. They will be the size of the Speed Signs and will be blue with yellow lettering. **It was moved by Keith Shears and supported by Beth Kelley to purchase the signs. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

Joan –Nothing

Dena – Nothing

Stacie – Nothing

Beth – Nothing

Keith - Nothing

Chris – Nothing

Barb – reminded everyone to vote tomorrow

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Keith Shears and supported by Chris Sheteron that the council be adjourned at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried.

The next general meeting will be September 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Ladena M. Wyckoff