



Village Of New Haven

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Council Meeting Minutes September 13, 2016

I. Call to Order/Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag/Roll Call:

The Council Meeting was opened at 7:06 pm; President Dilbert led the pledge of allegiance, prayer by Clerk Mack. Council Members in Attendance:

Trustees:

Kevin Chandler
Brett Harris
Ann Pridemore
Chris Craigmiles
Daniel VanDeKerkhove
Debra Hill

Absent: None

Attorney: Thomas Esordi

Also Attending:

President Chris Dilbert
Clerk Deborah Mack
Treasurer Rachel Whitsett

II. Approval of Agenda;

Motion: Trustee Harris

I make a motion to approve the agenda as amended, add-U.B. #b (add)
Update on Main street maintenance.

Second: Trustee Chandler

Vote: all ayes, motion carried

III. Public comments on Agenda item: None

Approval of Minutes

a) August 9, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: Trustee Chandler

I make a motion to approve the August 9, 2016 minutes as presented.

Second: Trustee Harris

Vote: 6 ayes, 1 nay-VanDekerkhove, motion carried

V. Consent Agenda - action (Motion to accept consent agenda as presented)

- a. Fire Department Report
- b. DPW Monthly Report
- c. Building Department Report
- d. Planning Commission
- e. Water Report
- f. Health & Nuisance Report
- g. Clerk's Report

August Check Register Totals \$515,190.11 President's approval \$313,650.73
Payroll & Expenses \$34,761.40+\$8,482.30 Grand Total -\$356,894.43.

Motion: Trustee Pridemore

I move that we approve the consent agenda as presented.

Second: Trustee Harris

Vote: roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

VI. President's Items:

a) John Rhinesmith-Contract Extension

President Dilbert suggested that John Rhinesmith contract be extended until someone is hired to take over the accounting responsibilities.

Motion: Trustee Harris

I make a motion to extend Mr. Rhinesmith contract on a month to month basis until the transitions of the new accountant at a cap of \$10,000.00 per month.

Second: Trustee Pridemore

Vote: roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

b) Animal Control Regulation

Macomb County Animal Regulations were submitted to council, Attorney Esordi will bring back his recommendations at the next regular meeting

c) Account Position

President Dilbert submitted a resume along with an offer sheet for the accountant position. President Dilbert selected said individual pending council's approval.

Motion: Trustee Harris

I make a moved we hire an accountant with a starting salary at \$45,000.00 starting salary, 3% increase Jan 1, 2017 and Jan 1, 2018, with a ninety day review after start date by an outside firm, \$2,500.00 stipend in lieu of health benefits. Vacation, sick and personal times same as union contract. This position will be non-union, at will employee. Primary responsibilities will be financial but will be cross trained in all functions of the office. The accountant will be a 40 hour village employee.

Second: Trustee VanDeKerkhove

Vote: roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

d) 27 & Gratiot Light update-action

Motion: Trustee VanDeKerkhove

I make a motion to purchase 2 led lights in the area of 27 & Gratiot, pending the State replacing the light near the Riverbrook Driveway which is located in the Village at a cost of \$1,110.30 each and at an annual cost of \$179.90. If the State is not going to replace the light closes to Riverbrook then the Village will replace the third light.

Second: Trustee Pridemore

Vote: roll call, 4 ayes, 3 nays-Harris, Chandler and Craigmiles, motion carried

e) State of Michigan Lawsuit

President Dilbert informed council that several communities have researched and found out that the State of Michigan has violated the Headlee Amendment by withholding a portion of the revenue sharing due to the communities. President Dilbert is asking that the Village join the lawsuit in pursuit of recouping dollars that are currently due the communities. The group is asking each community to appropriate \$1,500.00 for legal fees.

Motion: Trustee VanDeKerkhove

I make a motion that the Village of New Haven allocates 1,500.00 for the lawsuit against the State of Michigan for violation of the Headlee Amendment as requested by President Dilbert.

Second: Trustee Pridemore

Vote: roll call, 4 ayes, 3 nays-Harris, Chandler and Craigmiles, motion carried.

VIII. Attorney Items:

- a) DPW Superintendent Contract-Tabled for further review.

Motion: Trustee Pridemore

I make a motion to table the contract for further review.

Second: Trustee VanDeKerkhove

Vote: all ayes, motion carried.

- b) Enterprise Update-Attorney Esordi is looking for information from the State.

IX. Approval of Payment of Bills to be Paid-discussion/action

Motion: Trustee Harris

I make a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$110,929.31.

Second: Trustee Pridemore

Vote: roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

X. Clerk's Items:

- a) Agenda Items for October 11, 2016, will be due by October 03, 2016

XI. Treasurers Report on Finances-discussion/action

- a) Treasurers Report

Treasurer Whitsett reported the village currently has \$3,501,471.81 at the end of August, 2016.

Motion: Trustee VanDeKerkhove

I make a motion that we receive and file the Treasurer's report.

Second: Trustee Harris

Vote: all ayes, motion carried

Treasurer Whitsett will transfer the last CD from PNC to Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union as it expires.

XII. Unfinished Business:

a) Update Unsafe Buildings

President Dilbert stated that six certified letters were sent out to properties deemed unsafe; two of the letters were not picked up. Currently, you have twenty days to appeal and thirty days to apply for a building permit and submit plans for rehab. To date none have filed an appeal or rehab but one is preparing property for demolish. The two that have not picked up there letter will help once we submit it to the court.

b) (add) Trustee VanDeKerkhove-Update on Main Street Maintenance

President Dilbert along with Attorney Esordi commented on the status of the Main Street project. They are paying close attention to the contractor and the amount of time it is taking to complete the project. Currently, they are meeting with the contractor and weighing options.

XIII. New Business:

a) Joey Kejbou-Medical Marijuana

Mr. Kejbou spoke on behalf of his client inquiring about the possibilities of opening a marijuana facility or distribution center in the Village.

b) Trustee Harris-Planning Committee recommendation on Acciavatti re-zoning

Motion: Trustee Pridemore

I make a motion that we approve the resolution 16-0004 recommendation of the Planning Commission to rezone parcel no. 06-33-276-038 located at 58001 Gratiot from Light Industrial to General Business Property

Second: Trustee VanDeKerkhove

Vote: roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

c) Trustee Harris-Parks & Rec-SMART Trip to Detroit Tiger games, September 14 & 28 at a cost of \$1,300.00

Motion: Trustee Pridemore

I make a motion that approve the cost \$1300.00 for two Smart Trips to the Tiger games September 14 & 28.

Second: Trustee VanDeKerkhove

Vote: roll call, all ayes, motion

d) Trustee Harris-Parks & Rec-SMART Trip to Keewatin Casino, October 22 & 23, 2016 at a cost of \$2,610.00.

Motion: Trustee VanDeKerkhove

I make a motion that the Village allocates 2,690.00 for the SMART Trip to Keewadin Casino, October 22 & 23, 2016.

Second: Trustee Pridemore

Vote: all ayes, motion carried.

XI. Call from the Floor: Assist. Chief Brazee, B. Goward

XV. Call from the Table: Trustees, VanDeKerkhove, Harris and President Dilbert

XVI. Adjournment:

Motion: Trustee Harris

I make a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Second: Trustee Hill

Vote: all ayes, motion carried

Respectfully Submitted

Deborah Mack, Clerk
Village Of New Haven
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