



Village Of New Haven

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Council Meeting Minutes March 10, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm, Prayer, by Clerk Mack; President Dilbert led the pledge of allegiance, Council Members in Attendance:

Trustees:

Ann Pridemore
Kevin Chandler
Brett Harris
Daniel VanDeKerkhove
Debra Hill

Absent: Trustee Tidwell-w/notice

Attorney: Thomas Esordi

Also Attending:

President Chris Dilbert
Clerk Deborah Mack
Treasurer Rachel Whisett

II. Approval of Agenda;

Motion: Trustee Chandler

I make a motion to approve the agenda.

Second: Trustee Pridemore

Vote: all ayes, motion carried.

III. Public comments on Agenda item: Loretta Akers and Genevieve Rodzik

IV. Closed Session to discuss pending litigation

Motion: Trustee Harris

I move to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation at 7:11pm.

Second: Trustee Pridemore

Vote: all ayes, motion carried.

Motion: Trustee Harris

I motion that we return to open session at 8:00pm.

Second: Trustee Chandler

Vote: all ayes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes-February 10, 2015 Council Minutes

a) February 10, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: Trustee Chandler

I make a motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2015.

Second: Trustee Harris

Vote: all ayes, 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

February Check Register Totals= \$290,220.38, president approval \$156,922.37
Payroll & Expenses \$35,058.32+\$5,195.29, Grand Total -\$197,176.28.

Motion: Trustee Harris

I moved that we move item #D and place it under New Business item #C and accept the consent agenda with change.

Second: Trustee Chandler

Vote: all ayes, motion carried.

VI. President's Items:

a) Linda Hooper/Dolan Bonkowski-NHHS Yearbook-cancelled

b) Secure church on Division Street

President Dilbert, stated his concern about the disrepair of the church on Division Street, the Village will have to decide to either secure the area or find funds to demolish the building. The Village should put a fence up to secure the area.

c) RFP-Professional Auditing Services-discussion/action

Motion: Trustee Harris

I make a motion that we accept the bid of Yeo and Yeo with a three year contract, 2014, 2015 and 2016. First year at a cost of \$15,500.00, second year at \$16,000.00 and the third year at \$16,500.00.

Second: Trustee Chandler

Vote: roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

d) BS&A Upgrade-Tax.NET-discussion/action

Motion: Trustee Hill

I make a motion to purchase the BS&A Tax.Net at a cost of \$2,890.00 and review the \$850.00 training/installation amount that is stipulated in quote before signing the contract.

Second: Trustee Harris

Vote: roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

e) FYI copies of Debt payments

President Dilbert reviewed the current water debt \$167,474.70 and sewer debt \$388,734.27 payments that are due shortly.

Motion: Trustee Harris

I move that we transfer from Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union saving account General Fund the balance needed to cover the sewer debt payment.

Second: Trustee VanDeKerkhove

Vote: roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

f) Macomb County Chamber breakfast-\$30.00 /per person

Contact Clerk Mack if you wish to attend the breakfast.

(g) Clinton River Watershed Council-action requested

Motion: Trustee Harris

I make a motion that we engage in a five year contract with the Clinton River Watershed Council in the amount of \$800.00 per year.

Second: Trustee Hill

Vote: roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

VIII. Attorney Items:

a) Water Ordinance Revision

Attorney Esordi provided amendments to sections 6, 18 and 25 of existing Water Ordinance 304, repealing ordinance 320 and intended to amend the water billing frequency, the enforcement of unpaid water invoices, lien rights, lien timing and landlord/tenant responsibilities for water billing.

Motion: Trustee VanDeKerkhove

I make a motion to adopt Ordinance 334, amendment to section 6, 18 and 25 of existing water ordinance 304, repealing ordinance 320 and intended to amend the water billing frequency, the enforcement of unpaid water invoices, lien rights, lien timing and landlord/tenant responsibilities for water bills as presented and amended during discussions.

Second: Trustee Harris

Vote: roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion: Trustee Harris

I make a motion that we adopt a resolution for turn on / turn off fees at \$30.00 each, effective on the adoption of the water ordinance.

Second: Trustee Chandler

Vote: roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

b) Property Maintenance Code Adoption

Attorney Esordi asked that Council review the 2012 edition of the Property Maintenance Code and make recommendation. –No action taken.

c) Revisions to Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance

Attorney Esordi recommends that Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance section 5E-2, include according to State Statute that allows the Court to access fines and addition cost. Attorney Esordi also recommends making changes to section 8 of this ordinance, looking for direction on how council would like to proceed. Council agreed to allow Attorney Esordi to make additional changes to the ordinance.

d) Fee Schedule Resolution

Attorney Esordi provided an amendment to Ordinance no. 223 sections 7 & 8 E, pertaining to lot splits only, see Ordinance 335.

Motion: Trustee VanDeKerkhove

I make a motion to adopt Ordinance no. 335, An Amendment to Existing Village of New Haven Land Division Ordinance No. 223 as presented.

Second: Trustee Chandler

Vote: roll call, all ayes, motion carried

e) Smoking Lounge Ordinance

Attorney Esordi, stated he has reviewed other municipalities and the consensus is that they are waiting on State legislation on this matter. Attorney Esordi will prepare a moratorium on marijuana dispensaries.

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

Motion: Trustee Chandler

Motion for payment of professionals for both February and March in the amount of \$54,062.27.

Second: Trustee VanDeKerkhove

Vote: roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

X. Clerk's Items:

a) Agenda Items for April 14, 2015, will be due by April 6, 2015

XI. Treasurers Report on Finances-discussion/action

- a) Treasurers Report-Treasurer Whitsett reviewed the Treasurer's report as presented.

Receive and file the Treasurer's report as of 02/28/2015 in the amount of \$3,288,731.91 as presented.

XII. Unfinished Business:

- a) Trustee Chandler-Update on Website

Trustee Chandler gave an update on the website. Hopefully the launch of our new website will begin the first of April, 2015. There are few details to be worked out such as who has access and who will receive training.

- b) Trustee Chandler-Update on Recording Meetings

Trustee Chandler reviewed several options on recording meetings and the equipment needed to record, we may want to join the consortium with other municipalities with a cost. Council suggested that Trustee Chandler continue working on a contract to record meeting and return findings.

- c) Trustee Chandler-Update on Village Manager

Trustee Chandler handed out a packet on village managers for review and comments.

XIII. New Business

- a) Trustee Chandler-Photo Contest

Trustee Chandler is asking for scenic shots of New Haven. The 1st place photo will become the background for the Village's new website. The contest runs from March 10th, 2015 through April 10th, 2015, the winner will be reviled at the next council meeting.

- b) Trustee VanDeKerkhove-Lawsuit-v-former President Passeno-discussion/action

Trustee VanDeKerkhove read from a prepared statement regarding his view of the lawsuit regarding the past president. Attorney Esordi, President Dilbert along with Trustee Harris commented on the letter.

- c) (moved from consent agenda) Trustee Harris-Parks and Recreation

Trustee Harris is requesting funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the majority of expenses for the Music in the Park for all four events, to be held at the Fountain Park.

Motion: Trustee Hill

I make a motion that we move \$2,500.00 out of the Parks and Recreation for Music in the Park, four Fridays in July.

Second: Trustee Pridemore

Vote: all ayes, motion carried.

Motion: Trustee Harris

I make a motion to extend the meeting for fifteen minutes-
10:15pm.

Second: Trustee VanDeKerkhove

Vote: all ayes, motion carried.

XIV. Call from the Floor: G. Drake, S. Stoudamire

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

XVI. Adjournment:

Motion: Trustee Harris

I make a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 pm.

Second: Trustee Chandler

Vote: all ayes, motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Mack, Clerk
Village Of New Haven
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