



# Village Of New Haven

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Council Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2016

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm; President Dilbert led the pledge of allegiance, Council Members in Attendance:

Trustees:

Kevin Chandler  
Brett Harris  
Ann Pridemore  
Debra Hill

Absent: Terry Tidwell-w/o notice  
Daniel VanDeKerkhove-w/notice

Attorney: Thomas Esordi

Also Attending:

President Chris Dilbert  
Treasurer Rachel Whitsett  
Clerk Deborah Mack

II. Approval of Agenda;

Motion: Trustee Harris

I make a motion to approve the agenda as amended add: A/I, item #C-  
Senate Bill 571, delete- Recreation Board P /I -delete item #C-Brookside  
Management, item #D- Settlement Authority.

Second: Trustee Chandler

Vote: all ayes, motion carried

III. Public comments on Agenda item: None

Approval of Minutes

a) December 8, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: Trustee Pridemore

I make a motion to approve the December 8. 2015 minutes as amended.  
Correction page 4 to read International instead of BOCA.

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

November Check Register Totals= \$275,581.50, president approval \$188,885.65  
Payroll & Expenses \$47,885.96+\$10,186.13 Grand Total -\$246,957.74.

Motion: Trustee Hill

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) Todd Robinson New Haven Superintendent  
Superintendent Robinson presented a brief power point on the need for the schools to maintain the current homestead tax level.

- b) Accounting Matters

Council reviewed the job description for an Accountant and made suggestions comments and suggestion to improve the ad. Treasurer Whitsett stated that she was still working on the March bank reconciliation. President Dilbert stated that he would like John Rhinesmith to get the village caught up and forward a package to the auditors. President Dilbert stated that Mr. Rhinesmith cost is in line with the other companies that were interviewed for the position.

Motion: Trustee Pridemore

I make a motion to hire John Rhinesmith for accounting services for the next two months, not to exceed \$10,000.00 without prior council approval.

Second: Trustee Harris

Vote: roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

c) Easter Egg Hunt/Parks and Recreation Committee

Motion: Trustee Chandler

I make a motion to allow \$1,500.00 from Parks and Recreation for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Second: Trustee Pridemore

Vote: roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

President Dilbert informed council that he will be putting together a posting for the Parks and Recreation Board which will be placed in the Voice Newspaper and website.

VIII. Attorney Items:

a) Animal Ordinance

Attorney Esordi stated after reviewing the animal ordinance he sees no inconsistencies in the Animal Ordinances

b) (add) Senate Bill 571

Attorney Esordi gave a brief synopsis of the restrictions placed on governmental agencies regarding Senate Bill 571.

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 \$193,314.63.

Second: Trustee Pridemore

Vote: roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

X. Clerk's Items:

a) Agenda Items for February 9, 2016, will be due by February 01, 2016

b) Set Public Hearing-CDBG Funds-\$11,719.00-February 9, 2016 @ 6:30pm-action.

Motion: Trustee Harris

I move that set a public hearing for 6:30pm for February 9, 2016 for CDBG funds.

Second: Trustee Chandler

Vote: all ayes, motion carried

XI. Treasurers Report on Finances-discussion/action

a) Treasurers Report

Motion: Trustee Harris

I move to accept and file the Treasurer's report for December, 2015 in the amount of \$3,966,767.05.

Second: Trustee Hill

Vote: all ayes, motion carried

XII. Unfinished Business:

a) Lt. Daniel Stier-Fire Truck purchase-action requested

President Dilbert stated no decision would be made until we review the budget. President Dilbert informed council that the 1 mill moved from public safety to the fire department has to be approved every year at budget time. Trustee Harris stated that public act 33 allowed the transfer.

b) SMART TRIP-February 6, 2016 to Grand Rapids, MI-\$1,690.00-action

Motion: Trustee Harris

I move that we approve the SMART trip to Grand Rapids in the amount of \$1,690.00.

Second: Trustee Pridemore

Vote: roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

c) Trustee Chandler-New Website

Trustee Chandler gave a presentation on the new website and it ready to launch shortly. Trustee Chandler would also like the village to hire a college intern, \$10.00 an hour, 14 hours a week to maintain the website, facebook etc.

Motion: Trustee Hill

I make a motion that Trustee Chandler write a job description for the media person and present it to Council.

Second: Trustee Pridemore

Vote: all ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Chandler also announced the winners of the photo contest for the new website.

XIII. New Business

a) Trustee Pridemore

Trustee Pridemore informed council of the property damage occurring in the various subdivisions and neighborhoods. Since the Sheriff Dept. patrol our community, do we know if they are aware, or have the increased patrols in those areas? President Dilbert stated we can increase patrol at a cost.

b) Cheryl Guerrero-Water Bill

Ms. Guerrero complained about her water bill and asked council for a reduction, no action taken.

President Dilbert called for a Budget Workshop for Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 6:30pm; Trustee asked that John Rhinesmith be included.

XIV. Call from the Floor: None

XV. Call from the Table: Trustee Harris

XVI. Adjournment:

Motion: Trustee Harris

I make a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 pm.

Second: Trustee Pridemore

Vote: all ayes, motion carried

Respectfully Submitted

Deborah Mack, Clerk  
Village Of New Haven  
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