

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF UNIONVILLE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 19, 2011

President Dean Hartman called the meeting to order at 7pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Dean Hartman, Tom Young, Dale Herman, Connie Sy, David Vanhove, Deputy Clerk Laura Leskowich, Treasurer Leila Rish and DPW Assistant Brent Vermeersch.

Absent: Dale Hartman, and Christina Matthews.

Guest: Reverend Trina Holmberg

Motion by Tom Young, second by Dale Herman, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as read.

Motion carried.

Trina Holmberg, pastor for the Unionville Moravian Church approached the council to inform them of her newly appointed position as a member of the Tuscola County Chaplain Corp. This is part of a new program formed to serve and assist deputies and police officers on a volunteer basis at no cost to the county. This program assists law enforcement officers, civilians and their families during any tragedy or emergency.

Due to personal reasons, Dale Hartman has vacated his position as village trustee.

Motion by Connie Sy, second by Dale Herman, to pass a resolution declaring the position officially vacant. This resolution will be attached to the minutes as permanent record. 5Yeas. Motion carried.

The village is seeking candidates to fulfill the vacant trustee position which will expire November 2012. A notice will be posted on our web site, at the Unionville Post Office at the Columbia Township Library. If interested you may contact the Village Clerk at 6454 Merry St. Unionville, MI 48767.

An agreement for inter local cooperation, collaboration and consolidation between the Village of Unionville, and the Village of Sebewaing was presented to the council for approval. The Village of Sebewaing's attorney has reviewed the agreement and was satisfied with the wording. Therefore, the council felt there was no need to have our attorney go over the document.

Motion by David VanHove, second by Tom Young, to approve the agreement as drawn up by the Village of Sebewaing. 5Yeas. Motion carried.

A discussion on the matter of how zoning permits are approved was discussed and the council agreed that all future zoning permits will be presented to the council for final approval. All zoning variances must come before the council for approval.

A lengthy discussion was held on the cost of sewer and water installation. The matter was tabled until the next regular council meeting to allow for further research.

The matter of the new law, mandating the employee pay 20% of their health insurance was discussed. Council determined that this law does not apply to our two full time employees.

The discussion on employee retirement concluded it should stay the same as previous years.

Motion by Dale Herman, second by Dave VanHove, to appoint Christine Young to the newly formed Planning Commission. 5Yeas. Motion carried.

A brief discussion was held on the police millage survey.

Motion by Dave VanHove, second by Connie Sy, to have the police committee work more closely with the police chief to develop a plan for the best possible police protection. 5Yeas. Motion carried.

The Village of Unionville will continue to maintain the alley behind Trapper's, Schmidt's, and Glasser's.

DPW REPORT: The village tool shed is in need of foam weather stripping. Bids will be obtained for next year's budget.

TREASURER REPORT: Revenue from the water vendor is up slightly from the previous year. Only one personal property tax remains unpaid.

Motion by Tom Young, second by Connie Sy, to pay the bills for December. Motion carried.

Village Disbursements: \$10,589.93

Village Payroll: \$24,468.72

Motion by Tom Young, second by Dave VanHove, to adjourn. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned 8:55pm

Carole Gangler

Village Clerk

