

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF UNIONVILLE COUNCIL MEETING AND SPECIAL ZONING HEARING
HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 2010

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

Present: Kathy Hare, Christina Matthews, Dale Hartman, Tom Young, Dale Herman, Connie Sy, Deputy Clerk Laura Leskovich, and Treasurer Leila Rish.

Guests: Kevin Strieter, Joanne & Charles Smiley, Ken Currey, and Edith Levalley.

Motion by Tom Young, second by Dale Hartman, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as read. 6Yeas.

Motion carried.

Motion by Dale Hartman, second by Tom Young, to close the regular meeting and open the Special Hearing on a zoning variance for the American Legion. 7Yeas. Motion Carried.

Ken Currey, representative from the American Legion requested a zoning variance to erect a permanent brick based sign which would be placed in the same location and be of the same size as the temporary sign now in place.

Motion by Tom Young, second by Kathy Hare, to approve the zoning variance and allow the American Legion to erect said sign, pending MDOT approval. 6 Yeas. 1 Abstain. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathy Hare, second by Christina Matthews, to close the Special Hearing and reopen the Regular Meeting. 7Yeas. Motion Carried.

Mr. Currey stated that the American Legion will host the county Veterans Day Parade and requested a police officer along with barricades to block M-25 for approximately 15 to 20 minutes.

Motion by Tom Young, second by Connie Sy, to grant their request, pending MDOT's approval to close M-25. 7Yeas. Motion carried.

Kevin Strieter approached the council with a request to lease or purchase on a land contract, the property the village recently purchased for delinquent taxes to establish a new cable operation.

This matter was set aside until the council can seek legal advice.

The October bills were presented and reviewed.

Motion by Tom Young, second by Dale Hartman, to pay the bills for October. 7Yeas. Motion carried.

Committees:

Treasurer: Reported the 2010 taxes have been completed and turned over to the county. The total delinquent taxes for 2010 amounts to \$18,754.25.

Street & Sidewalk: New street signs have been purchased and will be installed in the near future. The painting of the yellow lines on Cass St. has been completed.

Utilities: The need to increase sewer rates was again addressed. A recommendation from Rural Water was presented to the board for consideration.

Motion by Tom Young, second by Dale Hartman, to accept Rural Water's recommendation to increase sewer rates to **\$23.00 Maintenance fee and \$2.00 per thousand (1000) gallons to ten thousand (10,000) gallons then \$4.00 per thousand there-after. This increase will take effect on the December 2010 billing.** Roll Call Vote: Kathy Hare: Yea, Christina Matthews: Yea, Dale Hartman: Yea, Dean Hartman: Yea, Tom Young: Yea, Dale Herman: Yea, and Connie Sy: Yea. Motion Carried.

Zoning: The zoning officer will go over the past variances and prepare a new zoning map for publication. The pictures of village blight presented by the Community Association were reviewed.

Traffic and Police: The need for more police protection in the evenings was discussed. The Police Chief will be given the pictures on village blight and meet with the village clerk to discuss the legal actions to be taken.

Motion by Connie Sy, second by Christina Matthews, to change the November meeting from the 15th to the 11th to accommodate the deer hunters. 7Yeas. Motion carried.

The Unionville Village Council was invited to meet with the Sebewaing Village Council on December 06, 2010 at 7:30pm to discuss the designs from Small Town Initiative.

The Village Council will also hold a special meeting on December 01, 2010 to work on the 2011-2012 budget.

Motion by Tom Young, second by Christina Matthews, to adjourn. 7Yeas. Motion carried.

Village Checking: \$8,442.41

Village Payroll: \$10489.36

Fire Dept. \$940.17

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Carole Gangler

Village Clerk

