

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF UNIONVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

President Pro-Tem Tom Young called the meeting to order at 7pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Kathy Hare, Christina Matthews, Dale Hartman, Dale Herman, Connie Sy, Deputy Clerk Laura Leskowich and Treasurer Leila Rish

Absent: President Dean Hartman

Guests: Leon and Alice Stecker, Jeff Anker and Lenore Roller Osborne.

Motion by Dale Hartman, second by Kathy Hare, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as read. 6Yeas. Motion carried.

A Community Association representative approached the council on the matter of the blight in town. One of their committee members will take photos of the problem areas and the village police chief will then send letters to the offender ordering a clean-up. This matter will be revisited at the October meeting and progress reported.

The Community Association also felt something has to be done in the downtown area. The buildings are steadily deteriorating. The council will study the ordinance on blight and proceed in a lawful manner in overseeing needed painting and repairs.

A Little League representative approached the council with a request to erect a new concession/storage/press box behind the South East Little League diamond, with future plans for a pavilion.

Motion by Kathy Hare, second by Connie Sy, to grant the Little League Association permission to proceed, at their own expense, with their plans to obtain permits and begin construction of said building. 6Yeas. Motion carried.

A letter from the Village insurance company with a list of guidelines for minimizing liability in village parks was read and discussed. Most of the items on the list are in place at the present time with the exception of a couple of small items that will be attended to.

A bid for village owned satellite equipment was opened and discussed. The council would like an opportunity to discuss the bidder's plans for the equipment before accepting the bid. The bid was tabled until the next meeting, pending conversation with the bidder.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STREET & SIDEWALK: Reports that double lines have not been painted on Cass St. & Bay St. The appropriate parties will be contacted to complete this job. 2010 sidewalk repair along with street repair has been completed.

PARKS: The committee will be meeting in the near future with the goal of solving some of the problems during the annual ball tournament and to seek possible revenue for the park.

TRAFFIC & POLICE: The village has received a grant for an in car computer.

UTILITIES: This committee is in the process of researching sewer rate increases and will have their findings at the October meeting.

BUDGET: This committee will meet on October 11, 2010, at 6pm for a general lesson in the preparation of the 2011-2012 budget.

BUILDING & EQUIPMENT: Clean-up day went well. The committee reported on the cost of insulation for the board room. It was also reported that the carpet for the board room has been purchased. The matter of the need for replacing a lawn mower was discussed. The DPW Supervisor will look into the cost of a new mower.

WAGES & INSURANCE: With rising health costs in mind, the committee recommends that the village should cover only 10% of any yearly increase. This will be voted on when all changes to the Employee Manual have been completed.

TREASURER REPORT: Approximately 65% of village taxes have been paid and deadline for paying taxes is September 30, 2010.

DPW: Hydrants are being flushed this week. MDOT has completed the storm sewer cleaning along Bay St. DEQ recommended that a gate be installed at the village water wells.

Motion by Kathy Hare, second by Christina Matthews to purchase insulation for the village board room. 6Yeas. Motion carried.

Motion by Dale Hartman, second by Christina Matthews, to pay the bills for September. 6Yeas. Motion carried.

Village Checking: \$95,410.85

Fire Dept.: \$297.36

Village Payroll \$10,489.36

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm

Carole Gangler

Village Clerk

