

VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 2015
7:00 p.m.



Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Village Council of Middleville, Michigan was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Pullen in the Council Chambers of the Village Hall. Roll Call Members Present: Cramer, Lamoreaux, Lytle, Pullen, Schellinger, Van Noord. Absent: Haigh.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Cramer, support by Van Noord to approve the agenda as revised; removing one item from the bills on the consent agenda and adding one item (Cone Crusher Slalom Skateboard Event) to Petitions and Communications.. Voice Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Lamoreaux, support by Van Noord to approve the consent agenda as revised;

- A. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2015
- B. Approval of the bills for July 28, 2015 in the amount of \$73,470.68.

Roll Call Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**

Public Comment: None

Reserved Time: None

Petitions and Communications:

Motion by Van Noord, support by Lamoreaux to approve the request from the Cone Crusher Slalom Skateboard Committee to close a section of State Street from M-37 to Cherry Street, notifying effected resident two weeks before the event is to be held. Voice Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**

Ordinances & Resolutions: Motion by Schellinger, support by Lytle to approve Resolution 15-12, to proceed with the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Roll Call Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**

Old Business: None

New Business: Motion by Lytle, support by Cramer to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$7,325 from Grandtech, Inc. for the Grand Rapids Street lift station controls repair. Roll Call Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**

Administrative Reports:

A. Village Manager Weeks

1. Administration

- a. The pavilion project has slowed a bit due to high water levels. Cement will be poured this week with plans to install the boat launch shortly after. Full completion is expected in 4-6 weeks.
- b. All structures of the center support of the bridge have been removed. Test pilings will be driven this week with permanent pilings installed next week. The west side of the bridge is due to be demolished next week.
- c. An environmental study and title search are the next steps in the land acquisition grant for the Bait Shop at 114 River Street.
- d. Easements need to be approved and recorded for The Paul Henry Thornapple Trail extension. The final trail route will be available in early September.
- e. Additional road funding is available from MDOT in the amount of \$36,538.77. Quarterly distribution will begin in November 2015.
- f. The Second Quarter Budget Report was available for review.
- g. Peter Haefner, Village Accountant has been in to review financial information.
- h. Landscaping around the Stagecoach Park pavilion will be addressed later in the fall to allow for better viewing during Riverbank Music events.
- i. Street striping started last week and will continue on Grand Rapids Street and Crane Road. Enhanced crosswalks and bike lanes will be marked.
- j. The Barry County Fair had a good turnout; there was a lot of interest in the Middleville construction projects.
- k. Weeks reported a very good Managers Conference he attended at Boyne Mountain.
- l. Weeks and Alexandra Stuck will be attending the MGFOA Conference on Mackinaw Island in October. The MCOW meeting set for October 6th will need to be rescheduled.
- m. A small fire behind the old Baby Bliss building was the result of fireworks.

B. Brain Urquhart reported that:

- a. 101 E. Main Street blight areas have been identified and owners are working toward grants for rehabilitation of the building.
- b. RRC is providing a feasibility study on the Baby Bliss building at 120 W. Main Street.
- c. A ZBA meeting and public hearing will be held on July 30th to hear a variance request for 128 Grand Rapids Street.
- d. BCNQJPA met June 10th to prepare presentation information for the Village, Thornapple Township and Rutland Charter Township.

C. Brian Urquhart, acting, Code Enforcement Officer presented his report for June 2015.

D. A written report was presented for Sgt. Stein who was unable to attend the meeting.

Public Comment: None

Final Council Comment:

Van Noord apologized for missing the meeting of July 14. He also spoke in support of a trail article published by the Rapid Growth Media Group. He asked for more discussion on The Love Where You Live Grant opportunity for celebrating completion of the bridge and pavilion projects.

Lamoreaux presented the completed Quilt Block for display outside the Village Hall.

Lytle asked for attorney Nettleton to be at the August MCOW meeting for discussion of fireworks.

Cramer expressed concern regarding reports in the media shedding a bad light on municipalities.

Weeks informed council that the individual spreading rumors that the bridge construction would take longer than expected is not an employee of the construction firm.

Pullen thanked all for their work at the Barry County Fair.

Adjournment:

Motion by Van Noord, support by Lamoreaux to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Voice Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Elaine Denton, Village Clerk

I, Elaine Denton, certify the above minutes were duly passed and approved by Village Council at a regular meeting held August 11, 2015.

Elaine Denton, Village of Middleville Clerk Date

Attested to by:

Charles T. Pullen, Village President Date