

Approved

April 19, 2010

REGULAR MEETING VILLAGE OF PIGEON COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the Village of Pigeon Council was held on Monday, April 19, 2010. President Pro-tem Dale Collison called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. explaining that President LePage, Chandonnet and Osentoski would be late because of a Lions Club funeral presentation for the late Dave Krohn.

Members Present: President Pro-tem Dale Collison, Trustees Patricia Diebel, Kent Shetler and Clayton Esch

Absent: President Michael LePage, Trustees Robert Chandonnet, Donald Osentoski

Also in attendance: Department of Public Works Superintendent Allen Collison, Village Superintendent/Clerk Steven Corrion, Huron County District 3 Commissioner Clark Elftman, Unit Commander Thumb Narcotics Unit D/Lt. Mark J. Opra and Fred Orr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Diebel; second by Shetler to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2010 regular meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Input:

D/Lt. Mark J. Opra, Unit Commander Thumb Narcotics Unit presented the council with the 2009 Thumb Narcotics Unit Annual Report. He explained that in the past, the village has made a \$500.00 donation, to the Thumb Narcotics Unit but the last couple of years the village has not made any donation.

Following Discussion

Shetler, Police Committee member explained that the 2010-11 budget has already been set and that if the village were to donate this year it would not be until the end of the fiscal year.

Trustees Robert Chandonnet and Donald Osentoski, Arrive- 7:15pm

Shetler leaves 7:16pm

Huron County District 3 Commissioner Clark Elftman gave updates on the various activities of the county including the Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative and Embracing Our Earth scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2010 in Bad Axe.

President Michael LePage, Arrives-7:19pm

Corrion informed the council that the Huron County EDC has set up a website, www.reelhuron.com, to help promote the area to film studios.

Fred Orr asked the council about removing a tree behind his home. The tree is located on the village storm sewer easement and is dying.

Following Discussion

President LePage informed Mr. Orr that the tree will be removed when the village has its other tree work done.

DPW Operations Report:

DPW Superintendent Allen Collison highlighted some of the month's activities including cleanup at the South and West Parks, discharging of Lagoon Cell # 4 and rolling the lawns at the village parks.

President LePage explained that Wayne Swartzendruber had asked him about removing the old well house adjacent to his property. DPW Superintendent Allen Collison explained that the water main that leads to the well house is dead ended at the well house and if the well house were removed a hydrant should be put in its place. Also, the manhole north of the well house can not be removed; it is part of the water system.

Following Discussion

The DPW Committee will look into removing the well house and possibly come up with a time table. Council advised the DPW Committee to remove the well house, when it is convenient to the village.

President LePage explained that the DPW Committee has been working on updating the water and sewer ordinances. The Ordinance Committee has also reviewed the ordinances and the recommendations from both committees are to approve the water and sewer ordinances as written.

President LePage read the Village of Pigeon; Residential Equivalent Unit (REU), Chapter 78, Utilities, Article IV Rates and Charges aloud.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Chandonnet; second by Esch to accept the Village of Pigeon, Residential Equivalent Unit (REU), Chapter 78, Utilities, Article IV Rates and Charges ordinance as written. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

DPW Committee Chairperson Donald Osentoski read the Village of Pigeon; Meters, Service Connections, Water Mains & Fire Hydrants Chapter 78 Utilities, Article II Water aloud.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Esch; second by Collison to accept the Village of Pigeon; Meters, Service Connections, Water Mains & Fire Hydrants Chapter 78 Utilities, Article II Water ordinance as written. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

DPW Committee Member Dale Collison read an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 78, Article III Sewers, Sec. 78-69 (a)-(j); Code of Ordinances, of the Village of Pigeon.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Collison; second by Osentoski to accept the Ordinance to Amend Chapter 78, Article III Sewers, Sec. 78-69 (a)-(j); Code of Ordinances, of the Village of Pigeon. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

President LePage read an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 78, Article III Sewers, Sec. 78-87 (a)-(h); Code of Ordinances, of the Village of Pigeon aloud.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Osentoski; second by Collison to accept the Ordinance to Amend Chapter 78, Article III Sewers, Sec. 78-87 (a)-(h); Code of Ordinances, of the Village of Pigeon. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Shetler returns-8:13pm

President LePage explained that the DPW Committee would like to update two other ordinances, one pertaining to tree planting and one to prohibit residents from depositing yard debris on village streets. The Ordinance Committee has reviewed the ordinances and has some questions with the planting distance of the trees.

DPW Committee Chairperson Donald Osentoski read an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 82, Sec. 82-55 (a)-(g); Code of Ordinances, for the Village of Pigeon entitled Location of Planting.

Pigeon Police Chief Eric Wissner arrives-8:25pm

Esch emphasized that if a resident has a home close to a street, under this ordinance they would be unable to plant a tree in their front yard.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Shetler; second by Collison to accept the Ordinance to Amend Chapter 82, Sec. 82-55 (a)-(h); Code of Ordinances, of the Village of Pigeon, Location of Planting with the change to line (g) to read; "The village council, by majority vote, may allow the planting of trees in the restricted areas created by this ordinance. Residents wanting to plant a tree in any of the restricted areas will be required to request in writing to the village council, the location and type of tree they would like to plant", and line (h) to read; "Repealed in its entirety". All Ayes. Motion Carried.

DPW Committee Member Dale Collison read Chapter 82, Vegetation, Article IV Leaves, Brush and Lawn Trimmings, Sec. 82-80 (a)-(c) aloud.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Shetler; second by Collison to add “per Sec. 58-33, (b) 1-4” at the end of line (a), eliminate line (b) “The Village Council may from time to time, by Resolution authorize the temporary placing of leaves, grass and brush at the curb to be picked up by the village” and change the current line (c) to line (b) and accept Chapter 82, Vegetation, Article IV Leaves, Brush and Lawn Trimmings, Sec. 82-80 (a)-(b); Code of Ordinances, of the Village of Pigeon. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

President LePage presented the Village of Pigeon Charges for Service; 2010, Charges for Service is currently part of the Village Handbook/Operating but with the changes in the ordinances, the Charge for Services needed to be updated to coincide with the ordinances.

Corrion asked the council to add to the Charges for Service the Water Meter Dispute Policy which was adopted May 19, 2009. It would read:

WATER METER DISPUTE POLICY:

If a resident has a dispute with the accuracy of a water meter they can request to have it tested in writing, with the understanding that they will have to pay a \$250.00 deposit to the village upon request. Upon receipt of the request and deposit the DPW will remove the meter and have it sent to an independent testing company. After the meter is tested, if it is found to be working properly, the deposit will not be returned and the utility bill in question will be due within 5 days or service will be terminated. If the meter is found to be faulty, the village will return the deposit and adjust the bill in such a manner as may be fair and just.

Adopted: May 19, 2009

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Diebel; second by Esch to accept the Village of Pigeon Charges for Service 2010, with the addition of the Water Meter Dispute Policy to read: “If a resident has a dispute with the accuracy of a water meter they can request to have it tested in writing, with the understanding that they will have to pay a \$250.00 deposit to the village upon request. Upon receipt of the request and deposit the DPW will remove the meter and have it sent to an independent testing company. After the meter is tested, if it is found to be working properly, the deposit will not be returned and the utility bill in question will be due within 5 days or service will be terminated. If the meter is found to be faulty, the village will return the deposit and adjust the bill in such a manner as may be fair and just.

Adopted: May 19, 2009”

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

President LePage thanked Steven Corrion for all the work he did preparing the ordinances. Because of his work, he saved the village the expense of having the attorney or engineer prepare the ordinances.

Police Operations Report:

Chief Wissner gave the monthly stat report for March. He gave highlights of some on going investigations by the department. He informed the council that he is waiting for a radio programming issue to be fixed before he will start driving the car purchased from the Village of Kinde. He will also be looking into language that can be used to adopt a skateboard ordinance.

Chief Wissner explained that he has been made aware of the cost of the auto insurance of having two cars and would like to discuss the options of the old police car with the Police Committee.

Finance:

President LePage presented the 2010 Delinquent Utility Bill list for \$5,548.17 to be applied to the 2010 Summer Tax Bills, per village ordinance.

Following Discussion

A Motion was made by Diebel; second by Collison to put the Delinquent Utility Bills as presented, on the July 2010 Summer Tax Bills. All Ayes Motion Carried.

Accounts Payable:

Corrion presented the Accounts Payable Report of \$164,546.86 to council for March 16, 2010 to April 19, 2010.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Esch; second by Diebel to accept the Accounts Payable of \$164,546.86 from March 16, 2010 to April 19, 2010. All Ayes. Motion Carried. (See Accounts Payable Ledger)

Other Business:

President presented a letter of resignation from Betty Brunni from the Library Board.

Following Discussion

A Motion was made by Shetler; second by Osentoski to accept the letter of resignation from Betty Brunni from the Library Board with regret. All Ayes Motion Carried.

President LePage explained that if any one is interested in being appointed to the Library Board, from the village, to let him or Corrion know.

President LePage presented a letter from the Pigeon Lions requesting the use of the Michigan Ave & Main St and the Caseville Rd. & Pigeon Rd (M-142) intersections on April 23, 2010 or if necessary a bad weather date of April 30, 2010 from 7:00am to 6:00pm for the annual White Cane Day.

Dale Collison requested the Michigan Ave & Main St and the Caseville Rd. & Pigeon Rd (M-142) intersections on May 7, 2010 for the annual VFW Poppy Day.

Following Discussion

A Motion was made by Chandonnet; second by Collison to allow the Pigeon Lions on April 23, 2010 or if necessary a bad weather date of April 30, 2010 from 7:00am to 6:00pm for the annual White Cane Day and the VFW on May 7, 2010 for the annual VFW Poppy Day to use the Michigan Ave & Main St and the Caseville Rd. & Pigeon Rd (M-142) intersections All Ayes Motion Carried.

President LePage asked the council if they were interested in offering Rustic Campsites again this year during the Caseville Cheese Burger Festival.

Following Discussion

A Motion was made by Chandonnet; second by Shetler to allow rustic camping along School Street from the Recreation Parking Lot north to the south edge of the girl's diamond August 11-24, 2010 at a cost of \$12.00 per night using the same rule and regulations approved in 2009. All Ayes Motion Carried.

President LePage asked the council what they wanted to do for Michigan Week May 16-22, 2010, now that the governor's proclamation has been given.

Following Discussion

President LePage appointed a Michigan Week 2010 Committee consisting of himself, Diebel, Osentoski and Corrion, with a dinner to be held in the Farmers Market on May 19, 2010 at 6pm.

A motion was made by Collison; second by Osentoski to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

Michael LePage, President

Steven Corrion, Clerk