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May 23, 2011

REGULAR MEETING VILLAGE OF PIGEON COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the Village of Pigeon Council was held on Monday, May 23, 2011. President Michael LePage called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: President Michael LePage, Trustees Dale Collison, Patricia Diebel, Robert Chandonnet, Kent Shetler and Donald Osentoski

Members Absent: Trustee Clayton Esch

Also in attendance: Department of Public Works Superintendent Allen Collison, Village Superintendent/Clerk Steven Corrión, Huron County District 3 Commissioner Clark Elftman, Kenneth Licht, Neal Emerick, John Parks, Leroy Wurst, Mike Poet and Winsor Township Treasurer/Assessor Nancy Heck.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Osentoski; second by Chandonnet to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2011 regular meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Input:

Neal Emerick Farmers' Festival Chairperson updated the council on the 38th Annual Farmers' Festival. He explained that one change will be the placement of the Conservation Clubs Entertainment Tent to east side of the outfield of the big ball diamond. Also the Grand Parade Saturday will be at 2:00pm.

Clayton Esch Arrives-7:04pm

John Parks of Convergent Technology Partners explained that his company is has been hired by Air Advantage LLC to design and oversee the construction of a fiber optic network to serve the Thumb Area. This network will provide broadband services to county governments, municipalities, educational entities, non-profit organizations and the general public. As part of this project they are designing a route in Pigeon to go from Sturm Rd to the Co-op elevator to Scheurer Hospital. After discussion with DPW Superintendent Allen Collison they would like to request to use the village's right-of-way that goes from Mabel St. to the village water plant.

Following Discussion

The DPW will look into granting use of the village right-of-way and report back to council.

A motion was made by Shetler; second by Osentoski to close the regular session and hold a Public Hearing for the Application for Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Exemption Certificate request for Huron Castings Inc. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 7:15pm

Public Hearing, Huron Casting, Inc. IFT:

Mr. Leroy Wurst, of Huron Castings, detailed the building that was being built and the equipment that was being purchased. Huron Castings, Inc. is asking for a 12 year IFT for a building, X-Ray Unit, X-Ray Software, Overhead Cranes, Computer Equipment and Inspection Equipment, the total cost is \$1,550,000.00, \$750,000.00 of Real Property and \$800,000.00 of Personal Property.

Mike Poet Arrives-7:23pm

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Shetler; second by Chandonnet to close the Public Hearing and return to regular session. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 7:26pm

A motion was made by Collison; second by Osentoski to grant the Application for Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Exemption Certificate request for Huron Casting, Inc. for 12 years for a building, X-Ray Unit, X-Ray Software, Overhead Cranes, Computer Equipment and Inspection Equipment, the total cost is \$1,550,000.00, \$750,000.00 of Real Property and \$800,000.00 of Personal Property. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Leroy Wurst of Huron Castings, Inc. asked the council if it would be possible to park cars on the south side of Hartley Street. Because of the new X-Ray Building parking had to be eliminated, currently a parking lot is being created but until then they are having a parking issue.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Diebel; second by Collison to allow parking of the south side of Hartley Street from Davis St. to Sturm Rd. until December 31, 2011. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Mike Poet President of the Pigeon Conservation Club, requested council allow the Pigeon Conservation Club to have an Entertainment Tent July 22nd & 23rd from 4:00pm to 1:00am at the Pigeon Recreation Park. The tent will be located on the east side of the outfield of the big ball diamond. He also explained that the Farmers' Festival Committee would also like the Conservation Club to have a small Entertainment Tent on July 24th over by the Tractor Pull. But they are undecided if they will be doing it.

Following Discussion

A Motion was made by Chandonnet, second by Shetler to allow the Pigeon Conservation Club to have an entertainment Tent July, 22nd & 23, 2011 from 4:00pm to 1:00am and possibly July 24, 2011, by the tractor pull track. All Ayes. Motion Carried

Public Input Continued:

Huron County District 3 Commissioner Clark Elftman updated the council on various activities of the county.

A motion was made by Collison; second by Diebel to close the regular session and hold a Public Hearing for the Creation of an Industrial Development District requested by Huron Castings, Inc. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 7:45pm

Public Hearing, Huron Casting, Inc. Creation of an Industrial Development District:

President LePage read a letter from Matthew Davis of Huron Castings requesting Creation of an Industrial Development District of 30.91 acres located in the Village of Pigeon. The property requested surrounds Axis Machining.

Mr. Leroy Wurst, of Huron Castings, Inc. explained that they would like to create the district for future expansion of a warehouse on the west side of Axis Machining Inc.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Shetler; second by Chandonnet to close the Public Hearing and return to regular session. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 7:50pm

A preamble and resolution was made by Collison; and second by Osentoski to approve the Creation of an Industrial Development District of 30.91 acres located in the Village of Pigeon as described in the resolution:

Resolution Establishing Industrial Development District for Huron Castings, Inc.

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 198 of 1974, as amended, this council has the authority to establish "Industrial Development Districts" within the Village of Pigeon; and

WHEREAS, Huron Castings, Inc. has petitioned this council to establish an Industrial Development District on its property located in the Village of Pigeon hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, construction, acquisition, alteration, or installation of a proposed facility has not commenced at the time of filing the request to establish this district; and

WHEREAS, written notice has been given by mail to all owners of real property located within the district, and to the public by newspaper advertisement in the Huron Daily Tribune and public posting of the hearing on the establishment of the proposed district; and

WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of May 2011 a public hearing was held at which all owners of real property within the proposed Industrial Development District and all residents and taxpayers of the Village of Pigeon were afforded an opportunity to be heard thereon; and

WHEREAS, the council deems it to be in public interest of the Village of Pigeon to establish the Industrial Development District as proposed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the council of the Village of Pigeon that the following described parcel of land situated in the Village of Pigeon, County of Huron, and State of Michigan, to wit:

A parcel of land being in and a part of the Southeast ¼ of Northeast ¼ excluding North 2 rods of West 300 feet thereof to be used for Street Purposes also including commencing at the East ¼ corner of section then North along East Section L 1,307.56' then West along center line Hartley Street 466' to point of beginning then S 533' then West 470' then North 533' to center line said Hartley Street then East along said center line 470' to point of beginning excluding commencing at East ¼ corner of section then North 1 rod (16.5') to point of beginning then West 480' then North 211.50' then East 480' to East section L along said East Section L 211.5' to point of beginning. 30.91 Acres (Map # 18 11 288 005)

is established as an Industrial Development District pursuant to the provisions of PA 198 of 1974, as amended, to be known as Huron Castings Industrial Development District No. 4.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent:0

DPW Operations Report:

DPW Superintendent Allen Collison highlighted some of the month's activities including discharging of lagoon cells 2 & 3, repairing 2 curb stops and painting of curbs and parking lots.

President LePage explained that the DPW Committee would like to purchase 2 VFD's (Variable Speed Drives) for the water plant. The VFD's will prolong the life of the pumps and reduce energy cost. Also if purchased now DTE (Detroit Edison) is willing to give the village a grant of \$3,600.00 for purchasing the VFD's.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Collison; second by Shetler to approve the purchase of 2 VFD's (Variable Speed Drives) for the water plant, pending if the grant is still available from DTE (Detroit Edison). All Ayes. Motion Carried.

President LePage explained that with the village now being part of the Miss Dig System the DPW needs a more accurate way to mark water services. In March Allen Collison demonstrated a locator from Michigan Meter Co. and would like to purchase it.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Chandonnet; second by Diebel to approve the purchase of the Line Locator and Iron Detector from Michigan Meter Co. for a cost of \$2,700.00. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

President LePage explained that the DPW Committee sought 3 bids to replace the 260ft of storm sewer that runs east of Caseville Rd on the south side of the railroad tracks by Bay Port State Bank. Tietz Contracting of Sebawaing was the low bid at \$7,805.20.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Shetler; second by Chandonnet to approve Tietz Contracting to replace the 260ft of storm sewer that runs east of Caseville Rd on the south side of the railroad tracks by Bay Port State Bank for \$7,805.20. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Police Chief Eric Wissner Arrives-8:23pm

President LePage explained that the DPW Committee received a bid from Saginaw Asphalt to pave Clara, Margaret, Mildred and Davis Streets & the intersection of Hartley & Brush Streets for a total of \$35,280.29.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Esch; second by Collison to approve Saginaw Asphalt to pave Clara, Margaret, Mildred and Davis Streets & the intersection of Hartley & Brush Streets for a total of \$35,280.29. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Police Operations Report:

Chief Wissner gave the monthly stat report for April 2011. He gave highlights of some on going investigations by the department.

President LePage read a letter of congratulation for Officer Todd Schember being named "Officer of the Year" by the Huron County Sheriffs Department. Officer Schember also serves as one of the village's regular part-time officers.

Finance:

President LePage explained that the preliminary audit figures have been reviewed by the finance committee and they look very good. The committee also reviewed the taxable values for the village and the 2011 taxable value has increased to \$34,562,184.00 which is up \$36,968.00 from 2010.

Accounts Payable:

Corrion presented the Accounts Payable Report of \$36,336.58 to council for April 19, 2011 to May 23, 2011.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Diebel; second by Esch to accept the Accounts Payable of \$36,336.58 from April 19, 2011 to May 23, 2011. All Ayes. Motion Carried. (See Accounts Payable Ledger)

Other Business:

President LePage read a letter from Todd Cramer of Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ requesting use of the Pigeon Recreation Park for their Annual Benefit Auction, July 14-18, 2011.

Following Discussion

A Motion was made by Shetler; second by Osentoski to allow Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ use of the Pigeon Recreation Park for their Annual Benefit Auction, July 14-18, 2011. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

President LePage read a letter from William Mayhew Manager of the Cass City Transportation Service Center explaining that the traffic signal at the corner of Michigan Ave and South Main Street was evaluated and it failed to meet any signal warranting criteria. It is the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT's) position that such traffic signal shall be removed. Prior to removal the light will be placed on a 24-hour flash mode for a minimum of 90 days. After the 90 day period, the traffic signal will be re-evaluated to determine if removal is still justified.

Following Discussion

The council is against the removal of the traffic light and a ad-hoc committee consisting of President Michael LePage, Trustees Clayton Esch & Patty Diebel and Steven Corrion Village Superintendent/Clerk, Allen Collison DPW Superintendent/Street Commissioner and Police Chief Eric Wissner will meet with MDOT to get more details and report back to council.

Corrion explained that Tim Tate had inquired if the village would like to sell the lot south of his residence. The lot is currently owned by the village.

Following Discussion

A Motion was made by Shetler; second by Chandonnet to have Mr. Tate make an offer on the lot. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Collison; second by Osentoski to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm

Michael LePage, President

Steven Corrion, Clerk