

# Approved

November 21, 2011

## REGULAR MEETING VILLAGE OF PIGEON COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the Village of Pigeon Council was held on Monday, November 21, 2011. President Michael LePage called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Also in attendance: Pigeon Police Chief Eric Wissner, Department of Public Works Superintendent Allen Collison, Village Superintendent/Clerk Steven Corrion, Chris Wurst, Jeff Crowley, Ryan Werner, Kenneth Licht, Nancy Heck and Clayton Esch.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Chandonnet; second by Shetler to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2011 regular meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### **Public Input:**

Jeff Crowley explained that he was there in support of the Liquor License transfer request into his name, from Bay Port State Bank, for the future LeRio Mexican Restaurant he is opening on the west end of town.

President LePage explained that the transfer resolution would be addressed during the Police Operations Report.

President LePage presented past council member Clayton Esch with a Plaque of appreciation for his years of service to the village.

### **Police Operations Report:**

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

Chief Wissner explained that Officer Werner had an accident with the Patrol Car on Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> and it is out of commission. The village is looking into leasing a patrol car from the Village of Elkton if the Pigeon Car is out of commission for any length of time.

President LePage read aloud a Resolution for a Liquor License Transfer from Bay Port State Bank to Jeffery L. Crowley.

### Following Discussion

A motion was made by Collison; second by Diebel to approve the Resolution for the Liquor License Transfer from Bay Port State Bank to Jeffery L. Crowley as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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

**Public Hearing, Axis Machining, Inc. IFT:**

Corrion explained that Axis Machining, Inc. has requested an Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Exemption Certificate for 4 OKK Horizontal Machining Centers. They are asking for a 12 year IFT for the machining centers. The total cost is \$2,085,000.00, which is all Personal Property.

Mr. Chris Wurst, of Axis Machining, explained that with the expansion of Blue Diamond and the demands of other customers more machining centers are needed to keep up.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Osentoski; second by Hill to close the Public Hearing and return to regular session. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 7:20pm

A motion was made by Collison; second by Hill to grant the Application for Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Exemption Certificate request for Axis Machining, Inc. for 4 OKK Horizontal Machining Centers for 12 years. The total cost is \$2,085,000.00, which is all Personal Property. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**DPW Operations Report:**

DPW Superintendent Allen Collison highlighted some of the month's activities including winterizing of hydrants and milling & paving of streets.

DPW Chairperson Donald Osentoski handed out a price quote for \$1,000.00 from Damm's Inc. for a Husqvarna 12527H Walk behind Snow blower. He explained that he thought the village should purchase the blower to clean the sidewalks in front of the vacant businesses like the old clinic, along the parking lot at the corner of James St. and W. Michigan Ave and along the Thumb National Park at the corner of N. Main St and E. Michigan Ave.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Collison; second by Chandonnet to approve purchasing the Husqvarna 12527H Walk behind Snow blower from Damm's Inc. for \$1,000.00. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## **Finance:**

President LePage explained that the State of Michigan has passed Public Act 152 the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act. In the act a village, township or city has 3 choices for funding employee health coverage. The "Hard Cap" which is automatic for all, the 80/20 and the Complete Opt-Out. If a municipality chooses to go with the 80/20 or the Complete Opt-Out, they need to vote to do so by a 2/3rds vote yearly. There is no penalty for going with the 80/20 or the Opt Out. After a lot of review by the Finance Committee it is their recommendation to go with the Opt Out.

### Following Discussion

President LePage read aloud A Resolution Electing to Comply with the Provisions of Public Act 152 of 2011 by exercising the Village's right to exempt itself from the requirements of the act for the next succeeding year.

### Following Discussion

A motion was made by Shetler; second by Chandonnet to approve the Resolution Electing to Comply with the Provisions of Public Act 152 of 2011 by exercising the Village's right to exempt itself from the requirements of the act for the next succeeding year. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

President LePage explained that the Finance Committee has reviewed 4 different health care plans for the village employees. The Finance Committee recommends the village go with Community Blue Plan 4A, Option 2, (With Coverage of: \$500/\$1000 Deductible, 20% Copay \$1,500/\$3,000 Maximum, \$30 Office Visit, \$30 Manipulative Treatments, 12 per year, \$150 Emergency Room Copay. Prescription \$10.00 Generic, \$40.00 Formulary, \$80.00 Nonformulary include contraceptives. Traditional Plus Dental Plan #2 100/75/50, \$1,000 Maximum). The employee will have a maximum copay pay back of \$1,250.00 and a \$10.00 reimbursement for office calls, with both to be paid out in January of 2013.

### Following Discussion

A motion was made by Shetler; second by Diebel to change the employee Health Care Plan to Community Blue Plan 4A, Option 2, (With Coverage of: \$500/\$1000 Deductible, 20% Copay \$1,500/\$3,000 Maximum, \$30 Office Visit, \$30 Manipulative Treatments, 12 per year, \$150 Emergency Room Copay. Prescription \$10.00 Generic, \$40.00 Formulary, \$80.00 Nonformulary include contraceptives. Traditional Plus Dental Plan #2 100/75/50, \$1,000 Maximum). The employee will have a maximum copay pay back of \$1,250.00 and a \$10.00 reimbursement for office calls, with both to be paid out in January of 2013. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

President LePage explained that the village received a letter from the USDA stating that the village's audit year end February 28, 2011 substantially met all requirements for year end reporting.

**Accounts Payable:**

Corrion presented the Accounts Payable Report of \$16,419.69 to council for October 18, 2011 to November 21, 2011.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Collison; second by Shetler to accept the Accounts Payable of \$16,419.69 to council for October 18, 2011 to November 21, 2011. All Ayes. Motion Carried. (See Accounts Payable Ledger)

**Other Business:**

President LePage read a letter from the Knights of Columbus Council 8042, thanking the village for its support of the October 2011 Mental Impairment Drive.

A motion was made by Collison; second by Hill to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm

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Michael LePage, President

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Steven Corrion, Clerk