

VILLAGE OF THREE OAKS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - DATE: 09/08/2010

Chair called Village Council Meeting to order at 7:04 PM at the Three Oaks Village Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Capiak, Graziano, Kramer, Pappa, Shawver, Whittaker, Grosse.

A Motion was made to approve the agenda with the addition of the 2010-2011 Budget Approval item and Bill Welter to the agenda. Moved: Capiak Supported: Graziano Aye: 7 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments on the Agenda: None

Approval of the Consent Agenda, to include: Approval of minutes from 08-11-10 meeting, Approval of Invoices to be paid (\$45,072.12), and an additional invoice from MML for \$25,556.00 for liability and property insurance (annual), Approval of Disbursements made from August 1 thru August 31, 2010 (\$28,855.24), Acceptance of Prepays, and Payroll as paid (\$43,098.10). Moved: Capiak Supported: Graziano Aye: 7 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

- **INTERGOVERNMENTAL FUND TRANSFERS:** A Motion was made to Transfer \$99,869.88 due to the General Fund from the Local Streets Fund #203. Moved: Graziano Supported: Capiak Aye: Capiak, Graziano, Kramer, Pappa, Shawver, Whittaker, Grosse Nay: None Absent: None Abstain: None MOTION CARRIED. A Motion was made to Transfer \$35,999.19 due to the General Fund from the Major Streets Fund #202. Moved: Whittaker Supported: Capiak Aye: Capiak, Graziano, Kramer, Pappa, Shawver, Whittaker, Grosse Nay: None Absent: None Abstain: None MOTION CARRIED. A Motion was made to Transfer \$15,303.81 due to the General Fund from the Municipal Streets Fund #200. Moved: Graziano Supported: Capiak Aye: Capiak, Graziano, Kramer, Pappa, Shawver, Whittaker, Grosse Nay: None Absent: None Abstain: None MOTION CARRIED.
- **BUDGET AMENDMENTS:** No budget amendments need to be made for the 2009-2010 budget.
- **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:** Wightman and Associates are ready to take bids for the Water System project in October. John Pappa commented that (historically speaking) when water rates are raised (as they will be when the new system is installed), water usage goes down. He asked the council to think about ways to prevent that. Dave said that after the Water project is completed, South Elm Street will be rebuilt from the stoplight to either Orange Street or Paw Paw Street depending on the \$ amount of the bids come in for the street improvements. **A Motion was made to authorize Wightman & Associates to begin the design engineering for the S. Elm Street improvements which is from Ash Street (US 12) to just north of Paw Paw Street. Moved: Capiak Supported: Graziano Aye: Capiak, Graziano, Kramer, Pappa, Shawver, Whittaker, Grosse Nay: None Absent: None Abstain: None MOTION CARRIED.** Dave reported that a 6 month evaluation was done on the performance of Pat Yoder, Village Manager and the results were reviewed with Pat by Dave Grosse and Cheryl Capiak on Tuesday, September 7th. He received an above average rating in all categories, and is meeting all job expectations. The Council stated that they are very pleased with the job that he has done thus far. The Council welcomed 2 new businesses to town, Trilogly and Re-Find. Dave introduced Bill Welter to the Council and audience. He gave an overview of his proposal for starting a new business in the Featherbone factory, a micro-distillery. Dave stated that as of September 8th, 66% of the property taxes had been collected.

- **2010-2011 BUDGET:** A Motion was made to accept the 2010-2011 Budget as presented. Moved: Capiak Supported: Shawver Aye: Capiak, Graziano, Kramer, Pappa, Shawver, Whittaker, Grosse Nay: None Absent: None Abstain: None MOTION CARRIED.
- **VILLAGE MANAGER'S UPDATES:** Pat Yoder reported that the quote of \$42,790.25 for the paving of the Peterson Property Parking area was submitted to Three Oaks Township for review and approval. The water tower inspection has been completed. The summary of the evaluation is done, but it will be a couple of weeks before the full analysis is available. It was noted, however, that the water tower will have to be completely painted both inside and outside. Pat met with officials regarding locating a medical clinic in town. They are currently conducting demographic studies and Medicaid and Medicare studies to determine the feasibility of placing a facility in town. The Village has been working with Bill Welty on establishing his new business, a micro-distillery in the Featherbone factory. The Village is taking advantage of a free analysis with Wolverine Electric to explore the possibility of using a wind turbine to reduce electrical costs for the Village. By mid-October, it is anticipated that bids will be let for the Water project.
- **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:** The Village is working with the Township on the placement of a community garden with the intention of it being started up in the spring of 2011.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Martha Franklin asked if it was possible to do a bulk purchase on water heaters, and then make them available for sale to Village residents looking to upgrade their home units after the new water system is installed. Pat Yoder will look into that. Lucy Tebetts noted that there are many big trucks that detour through town. She questioned whether the Village was liable for all repairs to the road as a result of this usage, or could another governmental unity help (financially) with the maintenance expenses?
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm**

Submitted by:

Cynthia E. Moynihan
Village Clerk
Approved on 10-13-10