**Village of Cement City**

**Planning Meeting Minutes**

September 20, 2011 7:00 p.m. Village Hall Planning Meeting

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Attendance: 0 Citizens present. Members present: Eric Wittenburg, Gary Querfeld, Mel Cure, Dave Rhinehart and Carol Ladd.

Complaints-None.

Public Participation-None.

**New Business**- Commission discussed the need to increase council pay to bring it in line with surrounding municipalities and to encourage future participation. Querfeld recommended $65/meeting for councilman and $100/meeting for acting president with a maximum of 24 paid meetings per year. A discussion took place on whether or not the recommendation was in line and Wittenberg offered to ask what Woodstock Twp. Officials are getting paid. Wittenberg to clarify whether the recommendation has to be approved in minutes or go before the citizens for a vote.

Wittenberg asked the Commission if they were interested in attending a meeting with the PAR Plan and Lucas & Baker, to discuss the villages risk assessments and to brush up on zoning rules. The group decided to attend class on **Monday, October 10th at the Village Hall at 7:00 p.m.**

Copies of a proposed Outdoor Gathering Ordinance supplied by Baker were distributed to the Commission. The group will review the proposal and will also review surrounding municipalities’ ordinances to cover all bases. Wittenberg to email ordinances to Ladd. Ladd to forward examples to Querfeld and Rhinehart for further review. The Commission agreed that the proposed ordinance needs a statement allowing the Council defensive action against a host whose gathering does not match the original description of the approved gathering. For example, a host estimates a gathering of 100 people and 500 people attend. The Village needs a statement in the ordinance that allows for action against the misleading original request.

Wittenberg discussed his findings of FOIA requests and how the Village should handle such requests.

**Good & Welfare**

Next meeting set for Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk Approved by Eric Wittenberg, Chair