**Village of Cement City**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

March 12, 2020                   7:00 p.m.                                Village Hall                       Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Cement City Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.  Attendance: 2 Citizens present.  Members present:  Zach Karnaz, Mel Cure, Jeff Cratsenburg and Cathy Senkewitz.   John Weber is excused due to illness. Treasurer Chari Cure and Clerk Carol Ladd were present.

**Departments**
Police:  Chief Elwell reported. Chief thanked the council for the relationship that has been built between Cement City and Columbia Township and notified council that April 3 is his official last day. Council asked if a new contract should be expected. Chief stated that he would recommend a continuation if it so pleased the council. President Karnaz in turn, thanked the Chief for his service to Cement City and his consistency in representing the department at council meetings.

**Guest Speaker**- None.

**Minutes Reviewed**- Regular Meeting minutes of the 2-13-20 meeting were reviewed.  Motion made by Cure, second by Cratsenburg to accept the Regular minutes.  Ayes all, motion passed.

**Receipt of Treasurer’s Report**-Report reviewed by all.  Motion made by Cure, second by Senkewitz to accept the February Report subject to audit.  Ayes by all, motion passed.

**Presentation of Existing Bills**- Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Karnaz to pay existing bills. All ayes, motion passed.

**Staff Progress Reports-
Zoning:**  No Report.
**Building:**  DPW reported road maintenance and routine check on tires on the truck. Karnaz presented a tree trimming quote. Motion made by Cure, second by Senkewitz to accept the quote from J&J for $4,000 with optional $750 quote to clear 2 maples on Woodstock Street. All ayes, motion passed.
**Planning:**  Next meeting scheduled for 4-6-2020 @7:00 p.m.  Group will be working to update zoning book.

**Old Business** – Council discussed the need to follow up on emergency siren install as a budget item as the grant was denied. Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Cratsenburg to spend up to $8,000 to update safety siren and related electricity and backup generator if feasible. Ayes all, motion passed.

**New Business** – Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Cratsenburg to accept the bid for bridge inspection in the amount of $700 by Great Lakes Engineering. Ayes all, motion passed.

**Public Participation-** A citizen asked council to look into scrap materials gathering at a premises on Vicary Rd. Senkewitz to follow up.

**Good & Welfare**
Motion made by Cure, second by Cratsenburg to adjourn at 7:30.  Ayes all, motion passed.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk

Approved by Zach Karnaz, President\_\_\_\_