**Village of Cement City**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

July 14, 2016 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: 10 Citizens present. Members present: Mel Cure, Cathy Senkewitz, Patty Buvia and James Ellis. Clerk Carol Ladd and Treasurer Chari Cure were present.

**Departments**

Police: Chief Elwell reported on police activity. Chief Elwell described how the Village of Concord is handling fireworks in their area stating that they created an ordinance and have a prosecuting attorney enforce the ordinance. Court fees that are collected subsidize costs of prosecuting.

Fire: None.

**Guest Speaker-** None.

**Minutes Reviewed**-

Regular Meeting minutes of the 6-9-16 meeting were read. Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Buvia to accept the Regular minutes. Ayes all, motion passed.

Special Meeting minutes of the 6-9-16 meeting were read. Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Ellis to accept the Special minutes. Ayes all, motion passed.

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

**Presentation of Existing Bills**- Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Buvia to pay existing bills. Ellis asked that any late addition from the zoning inspector should be held until the next meeting’s Bills Presented approval. All Ayes, Motion passed.

**Staff Progress Reports-**

Zoning: No report. Ellis noted that he would have liked to have a timely report.

Building: Cure reported on summer maintenance activities including warranty work completed on the lawn mower and the replacement of 3 trees. A discussion took place on vandalism to benches and hoops at the park. DPW has taken steps to ensure that bolts are in place.

Planning: Cure reported that he followed up with Lucas in regards to Zoning Board of Appeals and was advised to stick with Charter language.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Motion made by Cure, second by Buvia to nominate potential village candidates per charter mandate to make the number of candidates equal to the number of offices to be filled and to send letters to the qualified candidates after the last day of filing but no later than Aug. 2, 2016. Ayes by all, motion carried.

**Public Participation**

A property owner stated that he was unhappy about the way he was approached by a councilman. After discussion, Senkewitz asked for witnesses of any misconduct in the village to contact the police with their concern as the village contracts with Columbia Township Police.

A discussion took place about fireworks. Council agreed to work on an ordinance to help resolve some of the safety issues surrounding the launching of fireworks in the village.

**Good & Welfare**

Motion made by Cure, second by Buvia to adjourn. Ayes by all, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk

Approved by Mel Cure, President