**Village of Cement City**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

February 13, 2014 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 Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance: 12 Citizens present. Members present: James Ellis, Mel Cure, Dave Vescelius, Larry Babinger, and Bill Bendele. Clerk Carol Ladd was absent and Treasurer Chari Cure was present.

**Departments**

Police: Chief Elwell reported on police activity.

Fire: No Fire Report.

**Guest Speaker-** No guest speaker.

**Minutes Reviewed**-Regular Meeting minutes of the 1-9-14 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Cure, second by Vescelius to accept the Regular minutes as presented. Ayes all, motion passed.

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

**Presentation of Existing Bills**- Motion made by Cure, second by Vescelius to pay all of the bills with late additions. Ayes by all, motion passed.

**Staff Progress Reports-**

Zoning: Eric presented the board with a written report and updated council on all the activities he addressed.

DPW: Tim Wheaton updated council on maintenance activities. He also gave a report on the quotes and trade in values for the equipment and the total cost for replacement. The council decided to put old equipment up for sealed bid. Tim to write up a description of equipment. Carol to submit to Exponent. Council decided to add the trailer to the list of items up for bid as Tim reported he does not use it. Motion by Babinger, second by Vescelius to put the lawn tractor, snow blower, and trailer up for bid. Tim to get price of trailer. Ayes all, motion passed.

**Old Business**

The kennel is now in litigation.

Building in Alley- We received a letter from Gene Harbaugh stating that to the best of his knowledge, the building is located on village property. Bendele contests stating that the structure is not in the transition strip and it is being used to store things of value. Bendele wants the land surveyed at village cost before any actions are taken.

Planning Commission Calender-Meeting dates are set for March 18, May 20, July 18, and September 18. Council needs to appoint 2 new members to the committee at next month’s meeting.

Village of Cement City vs. William Bendele- Bendele asked the council to drop the lawsuit as the piece of equipment that was sited has now been removed. Motion by Vescelius, second by Cure to have council cancel the show of cause action against Bendele due to machine being removed. Vescelius –yes, Cure-yes, Babinger-no, Ellis-no. Motion failed.

**New Business**

Parade-Tim Wheaton said that he would like to chair the parade for one year to see how it goes. The same committee as last year would consist of Cure for the Church and also for the council and 2 men from the Masons and 1 resident. Motion by Ellis, second by Vescelius to have Tim head up parade and have the committee formed. Ayes all, motion carries.

Pay Increase- Motion made by Vescelius, second by Cure to have a special meeting on Wednesday February 19, at 6 pm, to discuss pay increases for all employees. Ayes all, motion carried.

**Public Participation-**Sandra Ellis asked Bendele to explain his comments from the January meeting concerning an allegation that she and James Ellis had initiated legal action against the village in the past. Bendele stated that he found paperwork describing that Ellis had gone after Sandy Rowland and Hantzel Arnett for taxes but that he didn’t have the paperwork with him. Sandra Ellis clarified that she was approached by Bernard Kelly, who was in charge of supervising employee time sheets at the time, and was asked to help fill out paperwork for an investigation regarding work done by Hantzel Arnett Jr. with payment in the name of Hantzel Arnett Sr. written by the Village of Cement City.

**Good & Welfare**

Motion made by Cure, second by Babinger to adjourn. Ayes by all, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Ladd,Clerk

Approved by James Ellis, President