

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF SCOTTVILLE, MICHIGAN**

The 1388th Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held on October 17, 2016 and called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Maki.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Commissioners	Leon Begue Sally Cole Connie Duncil Ann Genson Bruce Krieger Richard L. Maki Marcy M. Spencer
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Also in attendance were City Manager Williams, Clerk Howe and Chief Riley.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion, by Begue and seconded by Spencer, to approve the 1387th Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Motion, by Duncil and seconded by Cole, to pay the bills in the amount of \$35,918.86. Motion carried.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Williams stated several meeting minutes were submitted for review.

**REPORTS
CITY MANAGER**

- Water main project on the south end of town is moving at a faster rate than it did on the north side. A progress report meeting is scheduled for October 25.

- Working with Advantage Marketing of Ludington to create a new website because the current one does not live up to its expectations. The new website will be easier to maintain and make it possible to keep the information current. The cost will run between \$800.00 and \$1,000.00.
- The Neighbor to Neighbor program took place this past weekend and two homes on South Reinberg received exterior work on their homes along with yard maintenance by volunteers.

CITY ATTORNEY

No reports were available.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Handled a few dog complaints.
- Dealing with truancy issues at MCC Schools.
- Hired a new part-time officer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Monthly reports will be available at the next meeting.

DDA REPORT

The Harvest Festival meeting was well attended and some great discussions were held. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on November 2 at the Senior Center. The goal at this meeting will be to try and decide what the community visions the Harvest Festival to be.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Williams noted there are two streets in dire need of repairs with the first being at the intersection of Gay Street and Evergreen Lane. The section needs to be removed and resurfaced. Williams received a quote of \$6,178.00 from Reith-Riley to complete the project. The second area is located on James Street by the Five-Cap building along the curb line and the quote to install asphalt there is \$7,046.00. Money from the Local Street Funds will pay for the cost. Williams stated she received a third quote in the amount of \$817.00 to make repairs to the area where the fire pit was located at in the west parking lot. She noted this was a priority regardless of what is done with the other two streets and can completed

this fall. Krieger stated he went to look at the streets in question and he agrees they have to be repaired. Motion, by Krieger and seconded by Begue, to approve the street repair request.

Williams stated that in 2008 or 2009 it was brought to her attention the issue of whether member municipalities should be reimbursing the wages of the firemen in their jurisdiction, which has always been a common practice. According to the preamble that the Mason County Rural Fire Authority adopted the MCRFA would be responsible for the wages. Recently the townships of Meade and Sherman have voted to no longer pay firemen's wages for run's within their jurisdiction. Williams has talked to several people and has researched this issue extensively. She found notes that there was a verbal agreement that the wages would be paid by the participating municipalities, but she found no proof that any formal action took place. Williams stated she feels if her predecessors made an agreement, even if was a verbal agreement, and they have been paying the wages since 1992, then all the member municipalities should sit down and discuss this issue before a decision is made whether to continue or stop paying the wages. Bill Lehrbass the City's representative on the MCRFA has also done a lot of research and agrees with Williams that everyone needs to meet and resolve this issue. Krieger stated it is not fair for the rest of the members that Meade and Sherman Townships chose not to pay the wages and some kind of repercussion should be taken against them. Genson was in favor to continue paying Scottville's firemen's wages.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Howe swore in part-time police officer Adam Claveau. Claveau interviewed for a vacancy this summer, but ended up accepting another job. Claveau was contacted a couple of weeks ago about a recent vacancy with the department and agreed to accept the position.

Williams stated the 2006 International Truck broke down and had to be towed to the International dealership in Muskegon where it could be hooked up to their diagnostic equipment that would identify the problem. The problem was in the Turbocharger Assembly and will cost approximately \$4,899.42 to repair, although if some parts can be reused, that amount will be lower. The truck is 11 years old, has 22,407 miles on it and is the salt truck so it receives a lot of use. Since July 2013 approximately \$12,961.00 has been spent in repairs. Because a new truck can cost in excess of \$150,000 the City tries to keep their trucks as long as possible. Motion, by Begue and seconded by Cole, to repair the truck. Motion carried. Genson abstained.

Williams received a letter asking that the alley that runs from Fourth and Fifth Street on the east side of South Main Street be abandoned. Williams stated most of the residents assumed that the alley had been abandoned years ago and have used the alley as an extension of their yards. Williams submitted pictures that show gardens, sheds, a greenhouse, garages and fences that are built on the alley. After a lot of research it was discovered that the alley was never abandoned. The first step is to pass a resolution of intent to abandon the alley. Once that is done, a period of at least 30 days has to pass before it can be brought back to the Commission for approval. Property owners adjacent to the alley will be sent a notice about the request as well as utility companies that have service in that area. Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Genson, to approve the alley abandonment request. Motion carried.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

Ed Hahn asked how the Commission could agree to continue and support paying the firemen's wages and not honor the agreements of the residents who have grinder pumps. He asked how they can pick and choose which City agreements they want to uphold. Begue noted that was not a true comparison. Duncil disagreed with Hahn and noted the Commission chose to honor the agreements with the original owners who are still residing in their homes since the pumps were installed.

Krieger noted that he had a copy of a statement that Hahn has been circulating around the City. Krieger accused Hahn of not providing accurate information in these statements and he is purposely misleading the public.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Cole seconded by Spencer to adjourn. So carried at 6:14 p.m.

Richard Maki, Mayor

Deborah A. Howe, Clerk

