

Village of Stevensville
Regular Council Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, August 9, 2017
6:00pm

Meeting called to order by President Slavicek at 6:00P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Trustees: Ken Hansen, Brian Liggett, Chris Mason, Amanda Pohyba, Carl Steinberger, Pat Arter;
President: Steve Slavicek

Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk: Tiffany Moore; Treasurer: Barbi Hammond

Motion by Hansen to approve the agenda. 2nd by Pohyba. Motion carried.

Motion by Arter to approve the Consent Agenda, including the Public Hearing & Regular meeting minutes of July 12, 2017, Bank Balances ending August 4, 2017, and August Bills. 2nd by Steinberger.
President Slavicek asked for a Roll Call Vote:

Ken Hansen – Yes

Brian Liggett – Yes

Chris Mason - Yes

Amanda Pohyba – Yes

Carl Steinberger – Yes

Pat Arter – Yes

Steve Slavicek – Yes

Motion Carried.

Public Comment

Mike Sharkey from the Gun House is looking into possibly purchasing Lakeshore Lanes and transforming it into a shooting range, retail gun shop, and safety center. When asked about noise, Sharkey stated that it will be well insulated and surrounding residents will not hear any noise from inside the building. Matt Trail of 5850 Ridge Rd asked for an explanation of what Lincoln Township taxes cover vs what Village taxes cover. The discussion led to the difference in villages and cities and what avenues would need to be taken for the village to become a city. The Council and office staff will look into those options.

Steve Petznick of Fairview inquired as to the reason that the Village DPW quit mowing Delaney and Fairview streets. Slavicek stated the DPW committee made the decision to only mow the right of ways on Red Arrow Hwy.

Chad, Owner of Black Arsenal expressed his concern and disappointment about the possibility of a competing business should the Gun House purchase property in the Village. He also noted that he would be in support of the village looking into become a city.

Information was requested from several residents about Lincoln Charter Township Police patrolling St Joe Ave and statistics on how many tickets were issued and as to what speed. Since the Village has no control over the police department, it was suggested that residents follow up with Chief Soper.

Unfinished Business:

The Johnson Rd sidewalk project is complete. The new traffic signal at John Beers and Red Arrow Hwy has been installed and is working. President Slavicek spoke with the Stevensville Postmaster about the possibility of running the mail route on both sides of St Joseph Ave.

New Business:

None

Treasurer's Report

Collected approximately \$87,000 in taxes so far this season.

Motion by Hansen to approve the tax agreement with Berrien County for the 2018-2019 season. 2nd by Steinberger. Motion Carried.

Code Enforcement Report

There were 4 grass violations in July, none of which had to be mowed by the Village DPW.

Committee Reports:**Finance** – Given by Chair Arter

Motion by Arter to increase the General Fund Income from \$503,000 to \$633,107. 2nd by Steinberger. Motion Carried.

Motion by Arter to increase the General Government expense from \$123,157.06 to \$126,152. 2nd by Pohyba. Motion Carried.

Motion by Arter to increase the Public Works expense from \$178,566.25 to \$236,437. 2nd by Steinberger. Motion Carried.

Motion by Arter to increase the Parks Expense from \$9,000 to \$40,000.

Motion by Arter to increase the Debt Service Expense from \$88,000 to \$154,000. 2nd by Pohyba. Motion Carried.

Policy & Procedures – Given by Chair Liggett.

Motion by Steinberger to approve

Planning/Parks – Given Trustee Steinberger

Motion by Steinberger to approve sign application submitted by Angela Shuey for The Village – a healing community LLC. 2nd by Hansen. Motion Carried.

Mytoin by Steinberger to approve sign application for St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. 2nd by Hansen. Motion Carried. Commission member Ryan Yeske has moved out of the Village and therefore resigned, leaving an opening seat.

DPW – Given by Chair Liggett

Motion by Liggett to approve CR Lawn to remove and grind stumps of two trees on Demorrow, in an amount not to exceed \$2,825. 2nd by Hansen. Motion Carried.

The committee discussed purchasing rumble strips but needs to find a type that will best fit the Village's needs.

DDC – Given by Trustee Mason

Motion by Mason to approve up to \$500 for autumn décor. 2nd by Steinberger. Motion Carried. Christmas in the Village will be Dec 2.

Correspondence:

Thank you letter from Ashley Weber for allowing her to fundraise on the corner for the Berrien County Cancer Service

Announcements:**August Dates:**

Friday 11 – Movie Night “Secret Life of Pets”

September Dates:

Monday 4 – Closed – Labor Day

Thursday 7 – Planning 6pm

Monday 11 – Finance 5pm, followed by Policy & Procedures, followed by DPW

Wednesday 13 – DDC 9am Watermark

Wednesday 13 – Council 6pm

Council Comments:

Motion by Hansen to purchase light poles, not exceeding the previous budgeted amount. 2nd by Arter.
Motion Carried.

Motion to adjourn by Steinberger. 2nd by Pohyba. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by President Slavicek at 7:31pm

Submitted by: Tiffany Moore, Clerk