

**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL, VILLAGE OF MACKINAW CITY
Mackinaw City Public School Multi Purpose Room**

7:05 P. M

October 18, 2012

President Jeff Hingston called the regular meeting to order with the following Trustee's present- Robert Glenn, Matt Yoder, Belinda Mollen, Janelle Bancroft, Richard Perlick, Paul Michalak. Also present Interim Manager/Chief Patrick Wyman and Clerk Lana Jaggi.

Visitor List Attached

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion Bancroft seconded Glenn to accept agenda with change of moving Old Business, A. Consumers Energy Electric Franchise Ordinance, First Reading/Adoption to follow Approval of Agenda and the New Business B. Closed Session-Legal Opinion to follow Sub Committee Reports. Voice vote-motion carried unanimously. No discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Consumers Energy Electric Franchise Ordinance-First Reading/Adoption

Motion Bancroft seconded Mollen to waive the reading of Consumers Energy Electric Franchise Ordinance. Voice vote-motion carried unanimously. No discussion.

Motion Bancroft seconded Yoder to approve the Consumers Energy Electric Franchise Ordinance as presented. Ayes-Glenn, Yoder, Mollen, Hingston, Bancroft, Perlick, Michalak. Nays-none. Motion carried. No discussion

Motion Yoder seconded Perlick to approve the regular council meeting minutes of October 04, 2012 as presented with corrections. Voice vote-motion carried unanimously. No discussion

Motion Mollen seconded Michalak to approve to pay the bills as presented. Ayes- Yoder, Mollen, Hingston, Bancroft, Perlick, Michalak, Glenn. Motion carried. No discussion.

Communications: Received and placed on file

Managers Report was submitted and placed on file.

Presidents Report-none

Due to the size and nature of the meeting public comments will not reflect names of unknown persons. Village Attorney Scott Smith also stressed that although comments will be taken, council was not prepared to answer any questions regarding the proposal at this meeting.

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Public Comments regarding New Business: A. Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Land Development-Potential Casino Project

-LTBB elder not in favor due to current loan liability.

-LTBB citizen hoped current loan would be paid off prior to beginning another

-LTBB citizen thinks this is the wrong time to invest in new casino.

-M.C. citizen welcomed Dexter McNamara, previous Mackinaw City resident, back to his hometown.

-LTBB citizen said tribal council priorities are not in place as council is not recognizing their tribal constitution. Petoskey Casino needs current repair and maintenance. Opposed both Class III and Class II casino being built in Mackinaw City. Tribal elders are currently in need of new residential housing and maintenance of current housing. Younger members need education.

-LTBB citizen said citizens have requested housing and care for elders and youth but Tribal Council has not responded as they are not giving their constitution its due regard. Elders should be priority, not profit.

-LTBB citizen said it will not be neighborly if the Village Council votes to deny a Class III casino then the Tribal Council decides to build a Class II casino, which does not need Village Council approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Land Development-Potential Casino Project

Dexter McNamara, Tribal Chairman, introduced Melvin Kiogima, Tribal Legislative Leader, and he gave a brief history of the Odawa Petoskey Casino opening. He explained the process of compact with the State of Michigan and placing land in trust. The compact does not allow a seconded casino in Petoskey. He stated that the Tribal Council consulted with many entities to conclude a future casino project endeavor in Mackinaw City. He then introduced David Wolf, Odawa Resort Manager. ***From this point there was a large visual presentation shown. This presentation was minimized and placed of file.*** Mr. Wolf reviewed an expert feasibility study concerning the project and how it determined economic benefits for the Tribe, Village and area business owners. Byran Gillet, Tribe Planning Director, introduced how various studies were completed to determine if the site was appropriate. After review of the studies, the team addressed solutions to any site issues were made. Mark Gefman, SGA (advisors to the developers), described development procedure and their work with Freidmutter Group-Architecture, Design and Master Planning. He also stated Kimley-Horn was contracted to consult on traffic coming and going concerns. The ultimate goal for the project is to do a “soft open” in the Spring of 2014 for one month ending with a grand opening. Tribal Council ended the presentation with their project overview statements regarding benefits for the Village being increased economic activity summer and winter, revenue source to local government (2% of

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revenue distributed per State Gaming Compact), creation of 85-90 permanent jobs and benefit to the Tribe would be a gain in revenue in order to help their citizens more.

Closing Public Comments:

- Ken Teysen encouraged council to deny casino based on history that shows what gambling can do to personal financial collapse and due to the current casino proximities.
- Rev. Nelson Reed-stated he was against the casino and also speaks for his Bible Church congregation.
- Ken Fuss asked council to look at negatives, not just positives.

Reports- Sub Committees

Finance Report-Trustee Mollen Report was submitted and places on file

*Barbara St. Lift Station-

Motion Mollen seconded Perlick to authorize C2AE to obtain qualified bids for the Barbara Street lift station project. Voice vote-motion carried unanimously. No discussion.

*Rec Center Weight Room Locks-

Motion Mollen seconded Bancroft to approve cost of installation of locks by Steve's Lock & Safe in the amount of \$3,181.81. Ayes- Mollen, Hingston, Bancroft, Perlick, Michalak, Glenn, Yoder. Nays - none. Motion carried. No discussion.

*Floating Docks-

Motion Mollen seconded Bancroft to approve expenditure of \$20,000.00 for Marina 2013 budget for floating docks but will begin work now. Ayes- Hingston, Bancroft, Perlick, Michalak, Glenn, Yoder, Mollen. Nays - none. Motion carried. No discussion.

Ordinance Committee-Trustee Michalak gave brief recap of Ordinance meeting that was held October 18, 2012 prior to the evening council meeting.

New Business:

B. Closed Session-Legal Opinion

Motion Bancroft seconded Mollen to go into a closed session at 8:20 P.M. Ayes-Bancroft, Perlick, Michalak, Glenn, Yoder, Mollen, Hingston. Nays-none. Motion carried. No discussion.

Council came back into the regular meeting at 9:35 P.M.

Scheduling of Sub Committee Meetings: None

Pres. Hingston polled council on changing the Thursday, November 15, 2012 to Wednesday, November 14, 2012 due to Northern Lower Michigan Holiday. Council unanimously concurred.

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Motion Mollen seconded Bancroft to adjourn at 9:40 PM. Voice vote-motion carried unanimously. No discussion.

Respectfully Submitted;

Jeff Hingston, President

Lana Jaggi, Clerk