

**MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MACKINAW CITY**

7:04 P.M.

March 20, 2008

President Wallin called the meeting to order with the following Trustees present – Belinda Mollen, James Alford, Janelle Bancroft and Jeff Hingston. Excused - Lana Jaggi and Matt Yoder. Also present Manager J. Lawson and Clerk E. Clemens.

Visitors list attached.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Hingston requested that the agenda be amended to allow discussion and action on House Bill 5865-67 and Senate Bill 690.

Motion Alford and seconded by Mollen to amend the agenda to add discussion and action on House Bill 5865-67 and Senate Bill 690 as Item G under New Business. Voice vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Hingston and seconded by Alford to approve the agenda as amended. Voice vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Alford and seconded by Mollen to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 6, 2008 as presented. Voice vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Alford and seconded by Hingston to pay the bills. Ayes - Mollen, Wallin, Alford, Bancroft and Hingston. Absent - Jaggi and Yoder. Motion carried.

Communications:

- 1) NEMCOG Educational Workshop April 11, 2008 in Alpena, Michigan.
- 2) MAVB correspondence, submitted by Trustee Jaggi, explaining that Boards most recent bylaws referendum which was in favor of eliminating the four (4) appointed board seats which included Trustee Jaggi was read aloud by the Clerk. Discussion by the Council, and general consensus was to have a letter drafted and submitted to the Mackinaw Area Visitors Bureau expressing the Council's disappointment in that decision.

Manager's report as presented. In addition, Manager Lawson shared with Council Emmet County's request for support in their venture to prevent the closure of Headlands Road, a.k.a. Shaw's Hill. Communication of support to be sent without objection from the Village Council.

Trustee Alford inquired on a timeline for figures on the Ironworkers Walk of Fame. Manager Lawson believed information would be available in the next few weeks.

President Wallin read a prepared statement concerning the historical aspects of the northeast corridor, being north and east of Central Avenue and Nicolet Streets to the shoreline.

Public comments were received.

- 1) Dick Moehl: Icebreaker Mackinaw - suggested possibility of an ordinance concerning feeding pigeons, and shared with Council different avenues they have taken to try to rectify the pigeon problem they are experiencing on the cutter.
- 2) Dick Moehl: Lighthouse Keepers Association: - reported on the progress of the movie to be shot at St. Helena's Lighthouse, and the potential income it could bring to the community.

Old Business:

- 1) Mackinaw Area Visitors Bureau: 50th Bridge Walk Celebration Banners

Trustee Mollen shared that the Bridge Walk certificates issued from the State of Michigan will read the 51st anniversary of the Bridge Walk, and voiced concern over confusion this could cause tourists if it is also advertised as the 50th anniversary by the MAVB.

Motion Hingston and seconded by Mollen to deny the request from the Mackinaw Area Visitors Bureau to place banners advertising the 50th Anniversary of the Bridge Walk on the poles in the downtown area. Ayes - Wallin, Alford, Bancroft, Hingston and Mollen. Absent - Jaggi and Yoder. Motion carried.

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Discussion proceeded concerning the vote taken at the March 6, 2008 meeting allowing the MAVB to hold a fireworks display for the 50th Anniversary of the Bridge Walk. General consensus was that this would only add to the confusion.

Motion Alford and seconded by Wallin to reconsider the vote taken at the March 6, 2008 Regular Meeting to allow the Mackinaw Area Visitors Bureau to hold a 50th Anniversary of the Bridge Walk fireworks celebration. Ayes - Alford, Bancroft, Hingston, Mollen and Wallin. Absent - Jaggi and Yoder. Motion carried.

Motion Hingston and seconded by Alford to deny the request by the Mackinaw Area Visitors Bureau to hold a 50th Anniversary of the Bridge Walk fireworks celebration. Ayes - Bancroft, Hingston, Mollen, Wallin and Alford. Absent - Jaggi and Yoder. Motion carried.

New Business:

- 1) **Special Event Application - Owosso Tractor, Ed Reavie:** Approached Council with a request to stage a tractor parade across the Mackinac Bridge to begin in Mackinaw City and enter the Bridge across from Audie's. Discussion on parking, how many participants and potential income to the community. Currently scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m., but Mr. Reavie would like to move it up to noon. All other aspects for the parade/crossing are already in place.

Motion Alford and seconded by Bancroft to approve the Special Event Application for Owosso Tractor Parts & Equipment for an Antique Tractor Parade to take place Friday, September 12, 2008. Voice vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

- 2) **Special Event Application - League of Michigan Bicyclists:** Manager Lawson explained this is a reoccurring event, and the request is primarily for parking in the pavilion area.

Motion Alford and seconded by Bancroft to approve the Special Event Application for League of Michigan Bicyclists for parking in the pavilion area August 2-9, 2008 during their West Shoreline Bicycle Tour event. Voice vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

- 3) **Reciprocal Police Protection Cheboygan-Emmet-Mackinac Counties Resolution and Agreement:** Manager Lawson explained to Council that this request is a renewal and must be completed each year.

Motion Alford and seconded by Hingston to approve the Resolution Adopting Agreement for Reciprocal Police Protection in the Straits Area of Cheboygan, Emmet and Mackinac Counties. Voice vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

- 4) **C2ae Proposal for Engineering Services, Barbara Street Force Main & Pump Station Improvements:** Manager Lawson explained that this project's start date is contingent upon receiving capital improvement funds, and that it was to hook into the other project that has already been completed.

Motion Hingston and seconded by Mollen that the Village accept C2ae's proposal for Engineering Services for the Barbara Street Force Main & Pump Station Improvements as written. Ayes - Hingston, Mollen, Wallin, Alford and Bancroft. Absent - Jaggi and Yoder. Motion carried.

- 5) **C2ae Proposal for Engineering Services for West Central Avenue Sidewalks:** Manager Lawson explained this project was to complete the sidewalk on the south side of West Central Avenue between Dujauncey and Perrot Streets.

Motion Alford and seconded by Hingston that the Village accept C2ae's proposal for Engineering Services for the West Central Avenue Sidewalks. Ayes - Mollen, Wallin, Alford, Bancroft and Hingston. Absent - Jaggi and Yoder. Motion carried.

- 6) **C2ae Proposal for Engineering Services for Downtown Street Lighting Electrical Improvements:** Manager Lawson explained this would be the first phase and would be running conduit from Mama Mia's to Nicolet Street.

Motion Hingston and seconded by Bancroft that the Village accept C2ae's proposal for Engineering Services for the Downtown Street Lighting Electrical Improvements. Ayes - Wallin, Alford, Bancroft, Hingston and Mollen. Absent - Jaggi and Yoder. Motion carried.

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- 7) Trustee Hingston requested Council to consider sending a letter in support of House Bill 5865-67 and Senate Bill 690. These are bills introduced that would provide stable funding for Michigan tourism promotion and secure permanent gains for our State's economy.

Motion Hingston and seconded by Mollen to send a letter in support of House Bill 5865-67 and Senate Bill 690. Ayes - Alford, Bancroft, Hingston, Mollen and Wallin. Absent - Jaggi and Yoder. Motion carried.

Trustee Alford, Chairperson of the Finance Subcommittee, reported on their meeting of March 10, 2008 to discuss post retirement benefits.

Recommendation of Subcommittee to approve staff to continue to seek legal opinion related to post retirement benefits, and was agreed upon by unanimous consent.

Trustee Hingston, Chairperson of the Ordinance Subcommittee, reported on their meeting of March 17, 2008 to continue discussion on the draft of the business license ordinance. Status was that staff would continue to research through legal council and report back. No further action was needed at this time.

Closing Comments:

- 1) Rosada Mann: inquired when utility poles on the south side of West Central Avenue would be removed since those utilities have been buried. Manager Lawson responded that those companies had been notified to remove them, and will continue to that end.
- 2) Rob Most: complimented Council on their decision concerning the Bridge Walk Anniversary issue.

Motion Alford and seconded by Bancroft to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. All ayes - motion carried.

Respectfully submitted;

Ronald E. Wallin; President

Elizabeth J. Clemens; Clerk