

Draft: January 29, 2008

Village of Bingham Farms  
Council Meeting  
January 28, 2008

Approved: February 25, 2008

The regular meeting of the Village Council was called to order by President Bauer at 8:00 p.m.

Present: Bauer, Freeman, Gollnitz, Leckie, & Tripp

Absent: Ettenson & Kesley

Also Present: Police Chief Patrick Browne, Fire Chief Tony Averbuch, Hagaman, Ludwick & McDermott

### **Agenda**

It was requested that Discussion item D be removed from the agenda.

Motion by Leckie, second by Gollnitz to approve the agenda deleting Discussion item D - Review Access Alternatives.

Motion carried.

### **Minutes**

Motion by Leckie, second by Tripp to approve the meeting minutes of December 17, 2007 as submitted.

Motion carried.

### **Public Comments not listed on the agenda**

County Commissioner Marcia Gershenson informed Council of open volunteer positions on the Mental Health and Friend of the Court boards. Applications are due by the end of February 2008.

State Representative Chuck Moss briefly discussed activities in Lansing, specifically the upcoming Governor's State of the State address, the budget situation, including school support as well as the major problem of starting to fund the State's Retirement program. He also briefly addressed the PEG channel battle.

### **Police Chief**

Police Chief Browne stated that the reorganization of the police department has been approved by Franklin. This reorganization brings about three promotions. Det. Sgt Castro has been promoted to Lieutenant and Officers Crane and Hirschfeld have been promoted to Sergeant. He invited the trustees and Village staff to a promotion ceremony to be held on February 8, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at the Franklin Community Church.

Police Chief Browne briefed Council on activity in the commercial district. There was a credit card stolen from a tenant suite in the 30400 Telegraph Building. The card was used at both Meijer's and Best Buy. Police have a description of a suspect and vehicle.

### **Fire Chief**

Chief Averbuch stated that the new rescue unit is to be delivered next week. However, it will not be operational for some time as it needs to be equipped and inspected by the State. The department also assisted Beverly Hills on a fire.

The Chief plans to hold an Open House in the spring.

**Charitable Gaming License – Rosa Parks Garden**

Mr. Levant is an attorney who is representing a non-profit organization, Rosa Parks Commemorative Garden, Inc. The purpose of the organization is to raise funds to build a memorial garden and to assist needy seniors and other disadvantaged citizens. The group is holding a fundraiser (auctioning historical cars) that will be held in Southfield. As the office is located in Bingham Farms, the State requires the Village to authorize the issue of a gaming license.

**RESOLUTION 2008- 02 OFFERED BY TRIPP, SUPPORTED BY GOLLNITZ** to approve recognizing Rosa Parks Garden Inc. as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.

AYES: Gollnitz, Freeman, Leckie, Tripp & Bauer

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ettenson & Kesley

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: 5 - 0

**Proposed NPDES Wastewater Discharge General Permit**

Mrs. Hagaman addressed issues relative to the draft of a new general stormwater permit from the MDEQ. There remain serious issues with several of the requirements which the Alliance of Rouge Communities believe are overly restrictive, burdensome and in some cases unachievable. The ARC has asked each municipality to adopt a resolution supporting the ARC position and requesting the MDEQ to continue dialogue prior to issuing the revised permit requirements.

**RESOLUTION 2008-01 OFFERED BY GOLLNITZ, SUPPORTED BY TRIPP** to support the Alliance of Rouge Communities relative to their position regarding the proposed MDEQ Stormwater Permit requirements.

AYES: Gollnitz, Freeman, Leckie Tripp & Bauer

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ettenson & Kesley

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: 5 - 0

**2008-09 Budget Committee**

Mrs. Ludwick indicated that Mr. Leckie and Mr. Freeman have volunteered to serve on the Budget Committee for the next fiscal year.

President Bauer appointed Mr. Leckie and Mr. Freeman to serve on the 2008-09 Budget committee.

**Treasurer's Report**

The December 2007 General Fund balance was \$2,984,671.25, with income for the month of \$26,341.02 against expenditures of \$116,282.23. The Gas & Weight Fund balance was \$434,229.88, with income for the month of \$5,661.86 against expenditures of \$6,932.84.

Motion by Leckie, second by Gollnitz, to accept the December 2007 Financial Statement as presented.

Motion carried.

The Bills to be Paid for January 2008 were in the following amounts: General Fund, \$148,767.67; Gas & Weight, \$10,511.50.

Motion by Leckie, second by Tripp, to approve payment of the January 2008 bills as presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ludwick reported on a recent news report about the difficult times faced by nearby municipalities as a result of the current economy, state cut-backs and falling real estate values. Because of shared services and anticipated completion of all Village road reconstruction within the next two years, the Village should be able to withstand the current conditions without raising the millage rate or decreasing any Village services.

#### **Clerk's Report**

Mrs. Hagaman briefly discussed the stall of the County's Wireless endeavor. The program has stalled due to a financial shortfall incurred by MichTel, the company in charge of the project. Some of their investors have withdrawn support of the program. MichTel is working to secure new funding so the project can proceed.

#### **Trustee Report**

President Bauer referenced an email bulletin from the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Gollnitz suggested that this type of information be forwarded to all trustees.

Mr. Gollnitz updated the Council on a meeting held with Beverly Hills DPW & AEW. He believes the arrangement with Beverly Hills will add additional support to the Village on road projects.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business** - None

There being no further business to conduct, the President adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.