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Village of Bingham Farms  
Council Meeting  
February 25, 2008

Approved: March 24, 2008

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

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

Absent: Bauer & Ettenson

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

### **Agenda**

It was requested that the agenda be amended to add under Discussion Topics D-fence request 32100 Bingham Rd.

Motion by Gollnitz, second by Kesley to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion carried.

### **Minutes**

Mr. Gollnitz requested a correction of the word "Sate" be made to reflect "State" under Public Comments.

Motion by Tripp, second by Gollnitz to approve the meeting minutes of January 28, 2008 as amended.

Motion carried.

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

None

### **Police Chief**

Police Chief Browne briefed the Council on the activity in the office buildings during the month. Several catalytic converters have been stolen from vehicles in the commercial district. They are stolen for the platinum inside the converters which are sold in the black market for \$40-50. It is believed the parts are sold out of state which makes it more difficult to track.

A suspect was caught attempting to cash a bogus payroll check. An alert teller questioned the authenticity and the suspect fled leaving behind a picture ID. He was quickly apprehended.

Since the reorganization of the department which added supervisory support to the evening shifts, enforcement has increased resulting in eight arrests for various infractions.

### **Fire Chief**

Chief Averbuch updated Council on the status of the new transport ambulance. It will probably another 3-4 weeks before it is operational, depending upon the timing to obtain state licensing.

He briefed Council on a recycling bin fire and a frozen fire hydrant which has been corrected.

In response to a question relative to timing for the Fire Dept. Open House, Council recommended a Wednesday evening.

President Pro-Tem Leckie stated that other communities are investigating sharing Fire/Police services which is what Bingham Farms and Franklin have been doing for decades. He thanked the department for all of their work making our village safe.

### **National Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month**

RESOLUTION 2008-03 OFFERED BY KESLEY, SUPPORTED BY GOLLNITZ to declare April 2008 as National Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month.

AYES: Gollnitz, Freeman, Kesley Leckie, & Tripp

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Bauer & Ettenson

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: 5 - 0

### **Fence Request (32100 Bingham Road)**

Clerk Hagaman stated that the resident has requested approval to erect an aluminum fence to replace the existing chain-link fence that surrounds a backyard pool. The new fence will be a 4-ft high, model # UAD-300 Concave in Pearl Black. The fence is manufactured by Ultra Aluminum Mfg., Inc.

Motion by Tripp, second by Gollnitz to approve the fence as described.

Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The January 2008 Financial Report showed a General Fund balance of \$2,865,403.06, with income for the month of \$31,004.23 against expenditures of \$152,275.27. The Gas & Weight Fund balance was \$429,755.10, with income for the month of \$6,036.72 against expenditures of \$10,511.50.

Motion by Gollnitz, second by Tripp to accept the January 2008 Financial Statements as presented.

Motion carried.

The Bills to be paid for February 2008 were in the following amounts: General Fund, \$146,659.87, and Gas & Weight Fund, \$27,442.62.

Motion by Gollnitz, second by Tripp to approve payment of the February 2008 bills as presented.

Motion carried.

Treasurer Ludwick informed Council that she recently attended the Transportation Asset Management Council (a state agency) software training program. It is used for tracking all local road repairs and improvements. Act 51 money distributions at the local level will soon be dependent upon fulfilling this new state reporting requirement. The Village has been in reporting compliance with the TAMC in all prior years.

Monies will be drawn from the pool funds to meet February expenditures.

**Clerk's Report**

Clerk Hagaman stated that notification letters were sent to 21 residents informing them that their snow plow contractor is violating State law and Village ordinance by plowing the snow across the roads.

The Planning Commission met last month to review a site plan amendment to place a backup generator for Verizon Wireless at 30800 Telegraph Road. There were several issues raised regarding the plan and the applicant will respond to those concerns next month. The PC will forward a recommendation to Council. Council will also need to take action on the proposed 8-foot high fence that is part of the project.

The MDEQ has requested that municipalities file a short application for extension of the current General Stormwater permit that is set to expire on April 1, 2008. This is an interim measure until the MDEQ finalizes the specifications for the revised permit.

A meeting was held with ProLine to discuss the issues regarding the pavement project on Hickory Hollow. ProLine is to submit a proposal to correct the problems by February 27, 2008.

**Trustee Reports**

Mr. Kesley stated that the Planning Commission would like to have a joint meeting with Council at their March 10, 2008 meeting to discuss the ordinance issues raised during a variance request. Several trustees had conflicts with the meeting date and suggested a better date would be in May.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business** - None

There being no further business to conduct, President Pro-Tem Leckie adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.