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Village of Bingham Farms  
Council Meeting  
February 26, 2007

Approved: March 26, 2007

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

Present: Ettenson, Freeman, Leckie, Gollnitz & Tripp

Absent: Bauer & Kesley

Also Present: Police Chief Patrick Browne, Fire Chief Tony Averbuch, Marcia Gershenson (Oakland County Commissioner), Hagaman, Ludwick & McDermott

### **Agenda**

Motion by Ettenson, second by Tripp to approve the Agenda as submitted.

Motion carried.

### **Minutes**

Motion by Gollnitz, second by Ettenson to approve the meeting minutes of January 22, 2007 as submitted.

Motion carried.

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

Ms. Gershenson informed Council of four seminars that are being offered by several entities. Ms. Gershenson was asked to fax the Village the brochure for the finance-oriented seminars.

She also indicated that the County would again offer funding to offset some of the costs associated with efforts to reduce the impact of the West Nile Virus. Last year the Village received \$487.00 to offset costs incurred to provide educational materials to its residents.

Oakland County has initiated a revolving fund (CCRIF) to promote studies to develop joint service agreements among municipalities.

### **Police Officer**

Police Chief Browne briefed the council on activity in the past month. Two incidents involved routine traffic stops where the drivers had suspended licenses. There were six traffic accidents on February 15<sup>th</sup>, most likely caused by slick road conditions.

A pickup truck that was stolen out of a driveway on Old Stage in December has been recovered in Detroit. It had only minor damage.

A safety presentation was given to employees at the Bingham Office Center. Approximately 25 employees attended the seminar.

Traffic enforcement has increased almost 50% this year in an effort to ensue safe roads in the community.

### **Fire Chief**

Chief Averbuch reported that the Fire Department is saving almost \$2500 as a result of negotiations for insurance renewal.

False alarms have decreased. Property owners (residential and non-residential) are taking precautions to make sure their alarms are set correctly and are working properly. There has been a noticeable improvement in the number of false alarms at the Bingham Office Center.

The Fire Department continues to work with Oakland County on the Dispatch contract. The problems center on the non-profit status of the Fire Department and that it is a separate entity not under the auspices of either Village. A draft of the contract will be forwarded to Council.

Chief Averbuch stated that many of the Fire Departments throughout Oakland County are working on a regional agreement coordinating shared use of hazard equipment and establishing procedures for utilization of that equipment.

Mrs. Hagaman extended her appreciation to Firefighter Tim Adams for conducting the CPR training for the staff. He did a great job. The Fire Department normally offers this program on the fourth Thursday of the month if there are enough students.

#### **Wireless Oakland Interlocal Agreement**

Mrs. Hagaman stated that the county is progressing on its initiative to provide free wireless internet to residents and businesses in Oakland County. They have asked the Village to sign an Interlocal Agreement so that the Village of Bingham Farms will be included in the build. The Village attorney has reviewed the document and has prepared a Resolution for Council.

**RESOLUTION 2007-01 OFFERED BY GOLLNITZ, SECOND BY ETTENSON** to enter into an Agreement with Oakland County to provide free wireless internet services in the Village. Full resolution attached to original minutes.

AYES: Gollnitz, Freeman, Ettenson, Tripp & Leckie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bauer & Kesley

Resolution adopted 5-0

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The January 2007 Financial Report showed a General Fund balance of \$3,102,491.63 with income for the month of \$39,118.82 against expenditures of \$112,100.80. The Gas & Weight Fund balance was \$177,021.26, with income for the month of \$5,061.92 against expenditures of \$19,544.20.

Motion by Gollnitz, supported by Ettenson, to accept the January 2007 Financial Statement as presented.

Motion carried.

The Bills to be paid for February 2007 were in the following amounts: General Fund, \$345,681.35, and Gas & Weight Fund, \$9,313.00.

Motion by Gollnitz supported by Tripp, to approve payment of the February 2007 bills as presented. Motion carried.

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

The Village received an invoice for its annual membership in Friends of the Rouge. Mrs. Hagaman emphasized how helpful FOTR is in providing education and other programs which help the Village achieve its objectives as stated in its Annual SWIPPI report. Mrs. Tripp recommended that, due to

the benefits the Village receives from this organization, that the Village continue its membership and increase its funding contribution.

Motion by Tripp supported by Gollnitz to join Friends of the Rouge at the \$300 funding level.  
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Memo attached to original minutes.

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

Mr. Ettenson, Mr. Leckie and Mrs. Hagaman attended the Cable Television Law Seminar sponsored by Beier Howlett. The handout materials are available for Trustee review.

MDOT has requested relief from the Village's noise ordinance which prohibits construction from dusk to 7:00 a.m. MDOT will be undertaking a major construction project on Telegraph Road and is requesting permission to work through the night. Council concurred based on the premise that expanding hours will reduce congestion and expedite the project.

The Road Commission has notified the Village that will not change the timing at the turnaround on Telegraph north of 13-Mile Rd.

Clerk's Memo attached to original minutes.

**President's Report** – No report

**Sewer & Water/Ordinances-Freeman** – No report

**Fire/Police-Leckie** – No report

**PC/Legislative- Kesley** – No report.

**Cable/Non-Residential-Ettenson**

Mr. Ettenson commented on several issues discussed at the Cable Law Seminar.

**Roads/Residential-Gollnitz**

Mr. Gollnitz stated that he is working with staff on a couple of resident issues.

**Solid Waste/Insurance-Tripp**

Mrs. Tripp commented that the Village received an increase for employee health insurance coverage, but the increase was in line with expectations.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

Motion by Gollnitz, supported by Ettenson to adjourn.  
Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.