

Draft: March 27, 2008

Village of Bingham Farms
Council Meeting
March 26, 2008

Approved: April 28, 2008

The regular meeting of the Village Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:33 p.m.

Present: Bauer, Freeman, Leckie, Kesley & Tripp (7:50p.m.)

Absent: Ettenson & Gollnitz

Also Present: Police Chief Patrick Browne, Fire Chief Tony Averbuch, Judge Bill Richards (46th District Court), Hagaman, Ludwick & McDermott

Agenda

Motion by Kesley, second by Leckie to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion by Leckie, second by Kesley to approve the meeting minutes of February 25, 2008 as submitted.

Motion carried.

Public Comments not listed on the agenda

Chief Browne introduced Judge Richards who was appointed last year to the 46th District court by Governor Granholm. Judge Richards stated that the court handles over 20,000 cases per year, and is the largest in Michigan. The courts are seeing a ripple effect with job loss, foreclosure and crime. Judge Richards stated that he would be seeking election to the office in November.

Police Chief

Chief Browne updated the council on the thefts from commercial buildings. Following up on leads, a suspect has been arrested. Lt. Castro continues to search for a second suspect.

Chief Browne stated that the Officers have made fifteen arrests since February 2008 on Telegraph Road. Increase in police patrols have contributed to a decrease in crime in the commercial district.

Police Special Assessment District

Police Chief Patrick Browne presented the Special Assessment District Budget for the 2008-09 budget year. The net budget is projected to be \$265,093. Chief Browne detailed the reduction in crime in the Commercial District since the establishment of the SAD, and praised the outstanding work of the officers covering that district.

RESOLUTION 2008-05 OFFERED BY: KESLEY, SUPPORTED BY: LECKIE that the Police Chief and Police Liaison be directed to prepare a final report on the advisability of a Special Assessment District to provide additional police service for all PS and C-1 zoned office district properties; that a Public Hearing on the necessity for the SAD be called for on April 28, 2008 at 7:55 p.m.; that the Assessor be directed to prepare the assessment roll; and that a Public Hearing to review the assessment roll be called to coincide with the Public Hearing on necessity.

AYES: Kesley, Freeman, Tripp, Leckie, Bauer

NAYS: None
ABSENT: Ettenson, Gollnitz
ADOPTED: 5 -0

Summary attached to original minutes.

Fire Chief

Chief Averbuch announced that the Fire Dept. Open House has been set for April 16th from 6-9 p.m. Residents of Franklin and Bingham Farms are invited. The new transport ambulance will be on display.

Chief Averbuch discussed the proposed Fire Dept. Budget for 2008-2009 and explained the reasons for a 9% increase particularly the increase projected for vehicle maintenance, due to the age of the vehicles and keeping them in service for a longer period of time.

Budget Presentation

The Budget Committee met earlier this month to review the proposed Fiscal Year Budget and is recommending a balanced Fiscal Year 2008-2009 General Fund budget in the amount of \$2,108,620 based on a 6.8 millage rate, the same rate as the current year. The Village will be reducing its fund balance due to road reconstruction projects, revenue sharing cuts from the state, and tax increase limitations from the Headlee amendment and Proposal A, along with continued increases in the cost of purchased services from other communities. The 2008-09 Gas & Weight budget projects revenues of \$483,119, plus a reappropriation from the fund balance of \$22,978, for a total of \$506,097, against expenditures of \$506,097.

RESOLUTION 2008-06 OFFERED BY FREEMAN, SUPPORTED BY KESLEY that the Clerk and the Treasurer be authorized to prepare a notice calling for a Public Hearing on April 28, 2008 at 7:45 p.m. to discuss the levy for FY 2008 for operating purposes under Public Act 5 of 1982, and that a Public Hearing on the proposed 2008-09 budget as called for in the Village Charter be scheduled for the same date and time.

AYES: Kesley, Freeman, Tripp, Leckie, Bauer
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Ettenson, Gollnitz
ADOPTED: 5-0

Summary attached to original minutes.

RESOLUTION 2008-07 OFFERED BY KESLEY, SUPPORTED BY LECKIE, that the Clerk and Treasurer be authorized to prepare a notice calling for a Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing on April 28, 2008 at 7:50 pm to discuss the increase in property taxes (due to rising property values) for FY 2008-09 for operating purposes.

AYES: Kesley, Freeman, Tripp, Leckie, Bauer
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Ettenson, Gollnitz
ADOPTED: 5-0

Resolution For Bank Depositories

RESOLUTION 2008-08 OFFERED BY TRIPP, SUPPORTED BY LECKIE, that pursuant to Act No. 40 of the Legislature of Michigan Special Session of 1931-1932; and all amendments thereto; that the following banking institutions be, and are hereby, designated for the period ending on the 30th day of March 2009, as depositories in which the Treasurer of the Village of Bingham Farms shall deposit all public moneys, including tax moneys, coming into the hands of such Treasurer, to amounts not exceeding \$600,000:

Comerica Bank
Bank of Bloomfield Hills (AKA Private Bank)
Chase Bank
Fidelity Bank
Franklin Bank
National City Bank
LaSalle Bank
Huntington Bank
Flagstar Bank
Nstar Bank
Fifth Third Bank
Charter One Bank
Michigan Heritage Bank – Farmington Hills

Be it further resolved that the Resolution 2005-03, authorizing the use of investment advisory services from Multi-Bank Securities adopted on February 28, 2005 be extended to March 30, 2009, and that the maximum amount to be invested through Multi-Bank Securities not exceed \$1,500,000, with the further stipulation that all Village funds be invested through Multi-Bank Securities in fully-FDIC insured bank investments and comply with Michigan Public Act 20.

AYES: Kesley, Freeman, Tripp, Leckie, Bauer
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Ettenson, Gollnitz
ADOPTED: 5-0

Mobile Watch-25 Year Anniversary

Clerk Hagaman stated that Mobile Watch is reaching a milestone anniversary - 25 years of service in the community. Mr. Holloway has been president of the Mobile Watch for many of those years.

Council requested that the Resolution also reflect the outstanding contributions of Mr. Holloway and his leadership during these years.

RESOLUTION 2008- 04 OFFERED BY LECKIE, SUPPORTED BY KESLEY to acknowledge Mobile Watch for its 25 years of service to the community and to declare the month of May as Mobile Watch Month.

AYES: Freeman, Kesley, Leckie, Tripp & Bauer
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Ettenson & Gollnitz
RESOLUTION ADOPTED: 5 – 0

Council concurred that a plaque be ordered recognizing Mobile Watch on its 25th Anniversary and said plaque to be displayed in Council Chambers.

Mr. Holloway invited Council to the May 7th meeting of Mobile Watch, which will be a special celebration of this milestone. The meeting will be held at the Bingham Woods Club House from 7:30– 9 p.m.

Site Plan Amendment

Mr. Kesley summarized the Verizon Wireless request for installation of a generator on the north side of the building at 30800 Telegraph Rd. The site plan was discussed at the February Planning Commission meeting and several changes were requested, primarily to change from a diesel powered generator to a natural gas generator. This reduced the height of the generator by almost 3-ft. by eliminating the above ground diesel tank. The Planning Commission also requested additional landscaping to shield the equipment. Verizon made the changes and the Planning Commission has recommended approval of the site plan amendment. Council will also need to approve the 6-ft. high fence that will secure the equipment.

Motion by Kesley second by Leckie to approve the site plan amendment to install a natural gas generator as described in plans dated March 5, 2008 and the landscaping plans. Additionally, approval is granted for a 6-ft. high fence to secure the equipment.
Motion carried.

Purchase New Copier

Clerk Hagaman stated that the current copier, which is more than 6 years old, needs to be replaced. Service calls have increased and the cost of the service agreement is approaching \$1,000 per year.

In researching new copiers, it is recommended that the Village purchase a copy machine that incorporates additional features of printing, faxing and scanning. An analysis has been completed and the costs range from \$6,000 - \$8,000.

There is money in the budget to purchase the machine this fiscal year. It is requested that the Council allocate \$8,000.00 for the purchase of a new machine.

Discussion continued on the topics of purchase vs. lease, service contract costs and the need for a color copier.

Motion by Leckie, second by Tripp to allocate \$8,000.00 to purchase a new copier.
Motion carried.

Board Appointments

Planning Commission

President Bauer indicated that several Commission seats will expire at the end of March. Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Hagaman have expressed a desire to continue on the Commission. Given their contributions to the Commission, the President recommends, with concurrence of the Council, that these individuals be re-appointed to another 3-year term.

Motion by Leckie, second by Kesley to appoint Earl Wolfe and D.E. Hagaman to the Planning Commission, said terms to expire in March 2011.

Motion carried.

Design Review Board

President Bauer indicated that Mr. Valiquette has expressed interest in continuing to serve another 3-year term on the Design Review Board. Mr. Valiquette's contributions to this Board have been most appreciated.

Motion by Tripp, second by Leckie to appoint James Valiquette to the Design Review Board, said term to expire in March 2011.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Bauer explained that the Chair of the Planning Commission appoints two members of the Planning Commission to serve as liaisons to the Design Review Board. Currently the two liaisons are D.E. Hagaman and Jan Freedman.

Treasurer's Report

The February 2008 Financial Report showed a General Fund balance of \$2,743,495.63 with income for the month of \$22,372.73 against expenditures of \$144,280.16. The Gas & Weight Fund balance at 2/28/08 was \$407,802.52 with income for the month of \$5,490.04 against expenditures of \$27,442.62.

Motion by Leckie, second by Tripp, to accept the February 2008 Financial Statement as presented.

Motion carried.

The Bills to be Paid for March 2008 were in the following amounts: General Fund, \$109,948.85; Gas & Weight, \$8,700.00.

Motion by Leckie, second by Tripp, to approve payment of the March bills as presented.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Ludwick reported that monies would be drawn from the pool funds to meet March expenditures.

Treasurer's Memo attached to original minutes.

Clerk's Report

Mrs. Hagaman updated Council regarding upcoming projects and events. She is currently investigating the possibility of using Laser fiche to replace documents on microfiche. This could eliminate the storage requirements for maintenance of suite renovation drawings and enhance retrieval of information contained in past meeting minutes.

AT&T has started offering TV and internet service to residents in Bingham Woods. There is no word when this competitor to Comcast will be expanding service to the rest of the Village.

Trustee Reports

President Bauer discussed recent activity of a committee in Beverly Hills investigating the possibility of cityhood. The Village Manager has offered to hold a joint meeting with Franklin, Bingham Farms and Southfield Twp. to review their findings. Council concurred that a joint meeting would be premature as Beverly Hills has not held any public hearings with its own residents to see if there was support.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

There being no further business to conduct, the President adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.