

Draft: June 24, 2008

Village of Bingham Farms  
Council Meeting  
June 23, 2008

Approved: July 28, 2008

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

Present: Bauer, Ettenson, Gollnitz, Leckie & Tripp

Absent: Freeman & Kesley

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

### **Agenda**

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

Motion carried.

### **Minutes**

There were two corrections requested on the draft meeting minutes of May 27, 2008. On Pg. 4, under Board Appointments, the vote for the Planning Commission appointments was 5-0. Mr. Ettenson requested that the minutes show a straw vote was taken regarding taping Council meetings.

Motion by Tripp, second by Ettenson to approve the meeting minutes of May 27, 2008 as amended.

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

None

### **Police Chief**

Police Chief Browne briefed Council on activity in the office buildings during the month:

A robbery occurred at 32600 Telegraph Rd., where a plasma TV and computer equipment were taken. Employees let an unknown individual into the suite and then left for the day.

A suspect had been apprehended in the theft of stolen laptops a few months ago.

Thieves are targeting senior citizens. Chief Browne provided the Village with pamphlets on Identity Theft and how to protect oneself. He also submitted an article on this topic for the Village's summer newsletter.

### **Fire Chief**

Chief Averbuch referred to his written report.

### **Approve Water Rates**

**RESOLUTION # 2008-20 OFFERED BY ETTENSON AND SUPPORTED BY LECKIE** to approve the FY 2008-2009 Water Rate increase of \$0 .34 per MCF from \$15.65 per MCF to \$15.99 per MCF.

AYES: Gollnitz, Ettenson, Tripp, Leckie & Bauer

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Freeman & Kesley  
 Resolution adopted 5-0. Full resolution attached to original meeting minutes.

**Approve Sewer Rates**

**RESOLUTION # 2008-21 OFFERED BY GOLLNITZ AND SUPPORTED BY LECKIE** to approve the FY 2008-2009 Sewage Disposal System Rate increase of \$1.35 per MCF from \$17.30 per MCF to \$18.65 per MCF.

AYES: Gollnitz, Ettenson, Tripp, Leckie & Bauer  
 NAYS: None  
 ABSENT: Freeman & Kesley  
 Resolution adopted 5-0. Full resolution attached to original meeting minutes.

**SOCRRA Contract**

Clerk Hagaman has been working with Mr. Freeman for a number of years to have access to the Hazardous Waste facilities operated by SOCRRA. Through the efforts of SOCRRA’s General Manager, Jeff McKeen, the SOCRRA Board has authorized him to enter into a contract with the Village. This will provide Bingham Farms residents access to a year-round facility to properly dispose of Household Hazardous Waste.

Mr. McKeen has prepared a draft contract. The Village attorney, Gary Dovre, has raised several issues regarding the contract and has recommended negotiating some revisions. In order to facilitate the final contract, it is recommended that Council approve the contract in concept and allow the Clerk to finalize a contract. After discussion, it was agreed to accept the contract in concept with final authorization be given by Trustee Tripp.

Motion by Gollnitz, second by Leckie to authorize Delores Tripp and the village attorney Gary Dovre to enter into a contract with SOCRRA to drop off Household Hazardous Waste.  
 Motion carried.

**Budget Amendments**

**RESOLUTION 2008 – 22 OFFERED BY TRIPP, SUPPORTED BY ETTENSON** that the 2007-2008 General Fund budget be amended as follows: in the category of “Library” from \$140,636 to \$130,636, a decrease of \$10,000; in the category of “Public Safety” from \$940,200 to \$950,200, an increase of \$10,000.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Incr/(Decr)</u>
Library	140,636	130,636	(10,000)
Public Safety	<u>940,200</u>	<u>950,200</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$1,080,836</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,080,836</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

AYES: Gollnitz, Ettenson, Tripp, Leckie & Bauer  
 NAYS: None  
 ABSENT: Freeman & Kesley  
 Resolution adopted 5-0.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The General Fund Balance for the month of May 2008 was \$2,373,465.49, with income for the month of \$21,639.98 against expenditures of \$114,071.64. The Gas & Weight Fund Balance was \$448,214.96 with income for the month of \$5,667.96 against expenditures of \$1,293.50.

Motion by Tripp, second by Ettenson to accept the May 2008 Financials as presented.  
Motion carried.

The preliminary bills to be paid for June 2008 were in the following amounts: General Fund, \$263,041.91; Gas & Weight, \$0.

Motion by Gollnitz, second by Tripp, to approve payment of the preliminary June bills as presented.  
Motion carried.

Mrs. Ludwick reported that funds from pool accounts were used to pay this month's bills.

Treasurer's Memo attached to original minutes.

### **Clerk's Report**

Mrs. Hagaman reported on the results of the Annual Household Hazardous Waste Drop that was held on June 7<sup>th</sup>. There were 59 households that participated. Just under 800 lbs. of computer components were dropped off. The cost estimate for this program is \$5300.

The MDEQ has released the specifications for the new General Stormwater Permit. There remains language in the permit that calls for reduction of e-coli which many municipalities believe is impossible to achieve. Additionally, there is a requirement to reduce pollution runoff from municipal highways and local streets. Municipalities are currently weighing their options to possibly contest the permit. If that is done, then the old permit would be in force until there is court resolution.

In the past, the Village was a member of PROTEC, a group comprised of municipalities that provided lobbying efforts to protect the public rights of way. The Cable Board has indicated a willingness to subsidize the cost of membership. A municipality just needs to submit a request in writing. Council concurred to join PROTEC and request financial support from the Cable Board to cover the cost.

The first Riparian Landowners Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. It will take place at the Franklin Community Church. Friends of the Rouge, OC Drain Commission and MSU Extension are providing speakers.

Car Trucking graciously scheduled an extra pick-up for residents on Bingham Lane to dispose of food lost in the power outage which lasted almost 5 days.

Clerk's Report attached to original meeting minutes.

### **Trustee Reports**

Mr. Ettenson updated the trustees on the search for a new Executive Director for the Cable Board. It is hoped to have a replacement by August.

**Old Business** -None

**New Business**-None

There being no further business to conduct, the President adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.