

Draft: August 27, 2009

Village of Bingham Farms
Council Meeting
August 24, 2009

Approved: September 28, 2009

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

Present: Leckie, Ettenson, Kesley, Gollnitz, Tripp & Warren

Absent: Freeman

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

Agenda

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

Motion carried.

Minutes

Mrs. Warren requested that the following change be made to Paragraph 1 on Page 5: replace the word "this proposal" with "the Birchler Arroyo proposal"

Motion by Warren, second by Kesley to approve the minutes as amended.

Motion carried.

Public Comments

Mr. Gallagher (23533 Old Orchard Trail) commended Council for the excellent work they have done over the years maintaining the quality of the Village. He also commented that the restoration work on Old Orchard is not good and questioned what actions the Village was taking to correct it. Mrs. Hagaman responded that the Village has not closed out this project and will not until it is satisfied with the hydroseeding.

Police Chief

There were five incidents during the month in Bingham Farms: malicious destruction of property at 30100 Telegraph involving a radio station van, a reported theft of a flat screen TV from a pool house on Bingham Rd., two catalytic converters stolen from vehicles parked at 30200 and 30400 Telegraph Rd., and theft of a wallet left in the waiting room in a suite at 31350 Telegraph.

The Chief also updated council on a home invasion that occurred on August 10 in Franklin. Police recovered the vehicles that were stolen and a suspect is in custody.

Fire Chief

Chief Averbuch indicated it was relatively quiet over the last 30 days. The Department continues hose testing on Saturdays.

Ordinance Amendment – Setbacks

The President related that this topic was tabled last month to receive clarification for several items.

Motion by Kesley, second by Tripp to remove from the table discussion of a proposed ordinance amendment regarding setbacks of accessory buildings and structures.

Motion carried.

Council requested further study on the proposed changes relative to total elimination of certain setbacks and possibly redraft the ordinance so it clarifies the situations under which setbacks are relaxed.

Motion by Tripp, second by Gollnitz to send the proposed ordinance to the Planning Commission for further revisions.

Motion carried.

Arden Courts – Banner

Motion by Tripp, second by Ettenson to remove from the table discussion of a new banner for Arden Courts.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Hagaman indicated that the amended Consent Judgment refers to only a banner, not verbiage on the banner.

Motion by Tripp, supported by Ettenson to approve the banner for Arden Courts per the sketch submitted. Said banner is to be the same size as the original banner and be placed in the same location.

Motion carried.

MDOT – Telegraph Rd. Project

Mrs. Hagaman stated that the information presented does not require action by Council. MDOT has requested permission to work nights and weekends on a road project scheduled for 2010. The Village's noise ordinance provides an exclusion for certain projects that may impact public safety and convenience. The State wishes to facilitate completion of the project and minimize traffic congestion. The Village has notified MDOT that the exclusion section of the Noise Ordinance will be implemented to expedite the project and reduce impact on residents and vehicular traffic.

Treasurer's Report

Financial statements for year-end June 30, 2009, as well as month-end July 2009 will be presented to Council after the completed mini-audit by Post Smythe.

The Bills to be Paid for August 2009 were in the following amounts: General Fund \$131,122.82, Gas & Weight, \$98,771.52.

Motion by Gollnitz, second by Tripp, to approve payment of the August 2009 bills as presented.
Motion carried.

Mrs. Ludwick reported that tax revenue will be received through August 31st. Tax receipts will be used to pay August expenses.

Treasurer's Memo attached to original minutes.

Clerk's Report

Mrs. Hagaman commented that DTE and the MPSC both responded to customer complaints about the number of power outages experienced in the Village. According to the MPSC, DTE will be adding new sections to the power grid to reduce the number of widespread outages.

Two signs will be posted at the location of the grow zones created by the Village. This is part of the grant the Village received from the Alliance of Rouge Communities.

Tim Adams of the Franklin Bingham Volunteer Fire Department will be providing a recertification for CPR to Village staff. It is open to any of the trustees. It will be held on Wednesday, September 30 at noon and it should last approximately 2 hours.

An email was received from a resident on Bingham Ln. thanking the Village for its diligence in completing the ditch repairs from the road reconstruction work a while back.

The Village has been receiving more complaints about coyotes. Southfield Twp. has investigated the possibility of trapping the coyotes. There are very few trappers who do this type of trapping. One, who lives near Flint, was contacted. His fees would range from \$1,000 to \$2,500 per trap as he has to check the traps on a daily basis. Additionally, live bait must be used to lure the coyotes into the trap. There is also the probability that other coyotes will come in quickly when the existing ones leave. The Township decided not to pursue this idea.

The large item pick up is scheduled for Thursday, October 15th.

Mrs. Hagaman informed Council that AEW has instituted several changes to address concerns the Village has raised. Jennifer Chehab will now be the primary contact for the Village and Nancy Shirkey will be a secondary contact.

Clerk's Memo attached to original minutes.

Trustee Reports/Comments

Mr. Ettenson stated that the PEG (Public, Education & Government) channels are now available on the AT&T Uverse System.

There being no further business to conduct, President Leckie adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.