

Draft: September 29, 2008

Village of Bingham Farms
Council Meeting
September 22, 2008

Approved: October 27, 2008

The regular meeting of the Village Council was called to order by President Bauer at 8:03 p.m.

Present: Bauer, Ettenson, Freeman, Gollnitz & Kesley (8:34 p.m.)

Absent: Leckie, & Tripp

Also Present: Police Chief Browne, Hagaman, Ludwick & McDermott

Agenda

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

Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion by Ettenson, second by Freeman to approve the meeting minutes of August 25, 2008 as submitted.

Motion carried.

Public Comments not listed on the agenda

None

Police Chief

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

- Several residential break-ins and auto thefts occurred in Franklin and one in Bingham Farms.
- A larceny occurred in a suite at 30300 Telegraph Road.

It appears that thieves are targeting high-end Cadillac automobiles area-wide. Two teens have been apprehended on suspicion of breaking into automobiles in the commercial district and stealing GPS systems.

On September 30, 2008 the Franklin-Bingham Farms Police department is holding a meeting on crime prevention for building managers and tenants. It will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the first floor café at 30200 Telegraph.

A special presentation on mortgage fraud will be made to the Mobile Watch members of both Franklin and Bingham Farms on October 1st at 7:30 p.m. at the Bingham Woods Clubhouse.

Chief Browne informed Council that Officer Mike VanLacken was involved in a serious car accident while driving to work this week. He suffered severe injuries and there is no word when he will be able to return to work.

Fire Chief

Chief Averbuch is in Texas assisting in clean up from Hurricane Ike. His written report was included in Council packets.

Fence Request (23750 Woodlyne)

Mrs. Hagaman stated that the homeowner is seeking approval to install a 4ft. high black aluminum fence around a proposed pool and spa.

Motion by Ettenson, second by Freeman to approve the 4ft. high black aluminum fence around the pool and spa. The approval is conditioned upon the clerk's approval of the design.

Motion carried.

Resolution for Designation of SMART Credits and Approval of Contract

RESOLUTION 2008-25 OFFERED BY ETTENSON, SUPPORTED BYGOLLNITZ that, whereas the Village of Bingham Farms is the recipient of \$968 from the Municipal Credit Program for FY 2008-2009 and \$1,414 from the Community Credit Program (both programs administered by SMART), be it resolved that the Village support BASCC as the designated program to receive the entire funding amount (\$2,382) and, further, that the Municipal Credit and Community Credit Contract for FY 08-09 be executed with SMART in order for the funds to be released.

AYES: Bauer, Gollnitz, Freeman, Ettenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Leckie, Tripp, Kesley

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: 4-0

Resolution For Funding Requests for 2008-09

Funding requests for the 2008-09 fiscal year were received from the Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council and Center (BASCC) for \$1,500, from Birmingham Youth Assistance Committee (BYAC) for \$780, from Birmingham Bloomfield Coalition for \$500, previously from Friends of the Rouge for \$300, and a request for no specified amount from Common Ground Sanctuary.

RESOLUTION 2008-26 OFFERED BY FREEMAN, SECOND BY GOLLNITZ, that the Village of Bingham Farms allocate \$1,500 to fund BASCC, \$780 to fund BYAC, \$500 to fund the Birmingham Bloomfield Coalition, \$500 to fund Common Ground Sanctuary and \$300 to fund Friends of the Rouge.

AYES: Bauer, Gollnitz, Freeman, Ettenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Leckie, Tripp, Kesley

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: 4-0

Treasurer's Report

The audited financial statements for Fiscal Year 2007-08 will be presented by Rana Emmons, C.P.A. (Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel) at the October 27th Council Meeting, and subsequently the monthly financials for July, August and September will also be presented by the Treasurer for Council acceptance.

The Bills to be paid for September 2008 were as follows: General Fund: \$146,937.43; and Gas & Weight: \$5,300.00.

Motion by Freeman, second by Gollnitz, to approve payment of the September 2008 bills as presented.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Ludwick requested that due to the increasing number of bank failures and financial instability, Council approve increasing the amount invested in P.A. 20-approved Certificates of Deposit, each individually insured through FDIC, using Multi-Bank Securities as investment facilitator.

Motion by Gollnitz, second by Freeman to increase the amount invested in P.A. 20-approved Certificates of Deposit through Multi-Bank Securities up to \$1,800,000.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Memo attached to original minutes.

Clerk's Report

Mrs. Hagaman stated that residents on Old Orchard Trail were provided with a notice for the start of the Old Orchard road project. Also included in the correspondence was detailed information of the work to be performed at each address. It is hoped that this information will prevent any problems during the project.

The MDEQ abruptly cancelled a scheduled settlement meeting stating "the lack of interest" of the communities. Previously the MDEQ requested that participation be limited due to the room size of the venue. The next meeting is before the Administrative Judge on October 1st.

The clerk attended a 2-day grant writing seminar hosted by Oakland County in hopes of finding alternative grants to continue work on the Telegraph Rd. medians.

Clerk's Memo attached to original minutes.

Trustee Report

Mr. Gollnitz commented on road issues on Brooks Lane. There are six homes that are in Bingham Farms. These homes pay Bingham Farms taxes. However, the Act 51 map shows the road actually belonging to Southfield. The Village has included Brooks Lane in prior road projects. Southfield has not responded to any Village requests to discuss the dilemma. Council recommended that the Village attorney review the situation.

There is a drainage problem in the Fromm/Thirteen Mile area. A private culvert regularly fills with debris which causes backups onto Fromm. Beverly Hills has been working on a solution and it looks as if the driveway culvert on Thirteen Mile Rd. may be too small. Given that this is a drainage problem, it is recommended that the culvert be replaced. The question arose whether the Village should adopt a formal policy relative to when the Village pays for culvert replacement and when the property owner pays for the replacement. Council requested an opinion from legal counsel.

Mr. Ettenson reported that he attended a Telecommunications Convention in Atlanta. Relative to the feasibility study on broadcasting Council meetings, Mr. Ettenson suggested that BCTV be requested to tape the next Council meeting and based upon those results, Council could vote in November whether to continue taping of future meetings.

There was concurrence of Council not to proceed with the test taping until all members were in attendance to further discuss the issue.

State Representative Chuck Moss summarized legislative activity in Lansing involving energy concerns and the economy.

Old Business -None

New Business-None

There being no further business to conduct, the President adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.