

Draft: November 27, 2007

Village of Bingham Farms
Council Meeting
November 26, 2007

Approved: December 17, 2007

The regular meeting of the Village Council was called to order by President Bauer at 8:45 p.m.

Present: Bauer, Ettenson, Tripp, Leckie, Gollnitz and Kesley

Absent: Freeman

Also Present: Police Chief Browne, Fire Chief Averbuch, Earl Wolfe, Hagaman and Ludwick

Agenda

Motion by Leckie, second by Gollnitz to approve the Agenda as submitted.

Motion carried.

Minutes

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

Motion carried.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Police Chief

Chief Browne discussed police activity for the month. This included thefts at Arden Court, malicious destruction of property on Bingham Rd., a residential break-in on Bingham Lane and a larceny at 30800 Telegraph Rd.

The Chief updated Council on the promotion process to fill the position of Sergeant. He then introduced the concept of department reorganization to reflect the structure of similar-sized departments in Michigan. He is proposing a new position of Lieutenant and retaining the two sergeant positions. This would allow for increased oversight on weekends. The increased cost will be nominal. The Chief requested Council feedback within the next two weeks.

Oakland County is upgrading its radio system to allow better interoperability among police departments. The upgrade is expected to begin in the next several weeks.

Fire Chief

Chief Averbuch referred to his written report.

Interlocal Agreement – Oakland County Mutual Aid Association

Chief Averbuch explained the concept for creating the Oakland County Mutual Aid Association. The objective is to better prepare to respond to major incidents through cooperation with other fire and public safety departments throughout the County. By creating the Mutual Aid Association, it will have legal standing under the Urban Cooperation Act.

Once the association is formed, membership costs are expected to be \$1,000 for the first year, \$2,000 for the second year and \$3,000 for the third and subsequent years.

The Chief indicated that the municipalities will receive a great benefit from this organization and be in a position to better serve its residents.

RESOLUTION 2007-24 OFFERED BY GOLLNITZ, SUPPORTED BY LECKIE to approve participation of the Franklin/Bingham Farms Fire Department to become a member in the Oakland County Mutual Aid Association.

AYES: Kesley, Gollnitz, Ettenson, Tripp, Leckie and Bauer

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Freeman

Resolution passes 6-0. Full resolution attached to original minutes.

Design Review Board

President Bauer explained that an amendment to the Design Review Board has been drafted that would create a new membership on this Board to allow for an ex-officio representative from the Council. This would create a position similar to that on the Planning Commission. However, at this point no trustee has indicated a willingness to serve in this capacity. As such, she recommended that the concept be held open for further consideration.

It was the consensus of the Board to table further discussion until the January meeting.

Review Auditor Opinion – Funding

Mrs. Ludwick referred to the letter from the Village's new auditing firm Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel relative to the need for contracts with semi-governmental organizations. Based on this opinion, the Council concurred to continue funding certain organizations (Haven, Common Ground) that provide direct benefit to the residents of the Village without contracts.

Treasurer's Report

The October 2007 Financial Report showed a General Fund balance of \$3,217,245.37 with income for the month of \$23,576.42 against expenditures of \$246,732.55. The Gas & Weight Fund balance was \$440,172.96 with income for the month of \$105,969.47 against expenditures of \$13,330.20.

Motion by Leckie, second by Ettenson, to accept the October 2007 Financial Statements as presented.

Motion carried.

The Bills to be Paid for November 2007 were in the following amounts: General Fund, \$116,512.44 and Gas & Weight, \$1,403.40.

Motion by Ettenson, second by Gollnitz to approve payment of the November 2007 bills as presented.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Ludwick reported that monies would be drawn from the pool funds to meet this month's expenditures.

Treasurer's Memo attached to original minutes.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Hagaman informed Council of the upcoming Census and responsibilities of the Village during this census. The first requirement is an update of the Local Unit Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) program. Oakland County has offered to act as a resource for all municipalities using its assessing records and GIS systems. Oakland County will prepare the lists, forward them to the municipality for review and process any required changes. They will then submit the update directly to the Census Bureau. There will be no charge for this service.

Mrs. Hagaman updated Council on office renovations that were included with its office space lease renewal. The offices will be painted and re-carpeted over the holidays.

The Village offices will be closed December 24-January 1st .

Clerk's Memo attached to original minutes.

Trustee Reports

President Bauer discussed the concept of revising the agenda format to eliminate individual listings for trustee reports and incorporating those reports under one topic of "Trustee Reports".

This would allow any trustee to deliver a report to Council but eliminate the need for a trustee to indicate "no report". All trustee responsibilities would still remain. Council concurred.

Mr. Gollnitz reported on the Act 51 report where the State has changed what expenses can be used. Mrs. Ludwick explained that in the past, planning for non-motorized pathways was an acceptable expense. Planning expenses have been disallowed.

Old Business

None

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None

There being no further business to conduct, the President adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.