

October 20, 2008
City of Fennville

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Fennville was called to order in City Hall at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Rastall.

Commissioners present: Cummins, Meyaard, Morse, Pantelleria, Rastall, Suerth, Watson.

Public present: County Commissioner, Dean Kapenga; Hedy Morse; Colleen Rae, Observer; Walt Kaechele, Allegan County News; Dave Muller, Grand Rapids Press.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Hedy Morse gave a presentation on Relay For Life that will be held in Fennville next fall. Commissioner Dean Kapenga stated that the County Commission had finished its budget and has suspended the administration fee for the County Sheriff for next year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Moved Suerth, second Pantelleria, to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2008 meetings as presented.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS: Reviewed the MTS report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Allegan County Brownfield Authority – EPA Assessment Grant: **Moved Meyaard, second Rastall, to join with the Allegan County Brownfield Authority for an EPA Assessment Grant.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

Assessor: Schedule interviews for Monday Oct. 27th 2008 at 6:00 & 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Holiday Hours: **Moved Rastall, second Morse, to close the office on Dec. 26, 2008 and Jan 2, 2009 in addition to the regular holiday hours with the staff using personal or vacation time for the days off.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED. **Moved Rastall, Second Meyaard, to set the Trick or Treat hours for 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Oct. 31, 2008.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

Accuvote update: Discussion on updating the old machine for a cost of \$500.00. May look into this for next year's budget.

Identify Theft Policy: **Moved Pantelleria, second Watson, to approve the Identify Theft Policy as presented.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

Resignation – Amanda Haverdink. **Moved Rastall, second Cummins, to accept Amanda Haverdinks' letter of resignation.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

Birdseye – Depth of monitoring wells. **Moved Watson, second Suerth, to allow Birdseye to check the depth of the water table on each of the city’s monitoring wells.** Ayes: Watson, Morse, Suerth. Nays: Rastall, Meyaard, Cummins. Abstain: Pantelleria. MOTION DENIED.

Kathy Hebert – Michigan School Nurse of the Year 2009. **Moved Rastall, second Meyaard, to send a letter congratulating and recognizing Kathy Hebert as Michigan School Nurse of the Year 2009.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

ARTSTART PROGRAM: **Moved Rastall, second Cummins, to have Jim Suerth represent the city at the Fennville Schools ArtStart program and to pick out an art project for the City Hall not to exceed \$100.00.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL/PERSONNEL REPORT: Water rates study will be presented at next meeting. Pantelleria stated concerns that he and Treasurer Lisa Sheaffer have in regards to splitting accounts and getting them below \$250,000.00 to be covered by the FDIC.

CITY SERVICES: Suerth reported that the Fire Department had purchased a trailer for \$100.00.

CITY PROPERTIES: Cummins reported that he was still in touch with Leather & Association for Paradise Park repairs and updates.

ORDINANCES/COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Morse would like to have thank you letters sent out to all who were involved in putting on the Goose Festival. Reported several street lights out. Would like a letter sent to SuCasa in regards to the trash on the property where the house was torn down.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Watson reported that Don Wiley had resigned from the Planning Commission.

ADMINISTRATION/DDA: No DDA report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: **Moved Pantelleria, second Suerth, to approve payment of bills as printed in the amount of \$4,423.13** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m. The next meeting of the City Commission will be held on **WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Phenix
Fennville City Clerk