

The regular scheduled meeting of the Fennville City Commission was called to order in City Hall at 7:00 p.m., March 19, 2007, by Mayor Pro-Tem Suerth.

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

Commissioners absent: Rummer

Public Present: Colleen Rae & Larry Cummins, Local Observer; Members of the Fennville Area Fire Department: Lowell Winne, Brent VanOss, Mike Andry and Sarah Bushee; Dan Hoffman, Fennville contracted Police Deputy; Dawn Soltysiak, Blue Coast Artists.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lowell Winne and Brent VanOss from the Fennville Area Fire Department presented a powerpoint slide show to the commissioners. The presentation included the ? past, present and future? of the Fennville Fire Department. Winne stated that the Fennville Fire Department was one of the first departments in Allegan County to have the latest life safety equipment. The Fire Department spends a lot of time and effort in holding fundraising events such as: pancake breakfast, BBQ Chicken dinners, car washes etc. The Fennville Area fire Department has developed a Rapid Intervention Team (RIT), through the development of the RIT team they have received grants from Homeland Security for a thermal imaging camera, command center & laptop computer.

Deputy Hoffman asked the commissioners to consider temporarily closing the tennis courts/basketball courts during school hours, reason being the schools physical education classes use the tennis courts and others hanging out at the tennis courts conflicts with the schools usage.

Pantelleria, seconded by Morse, moved to temporarily close the tennis/basketball courts along with the adjacent parking lot during school hours until June 1, 2007, except for the school which can continue with their usage of the courts, motion carried.

Dawn Soltysiak, representing the Blue Coasts Artist asked the commissioners if the proposal that she had presented at the March 5th meeting had been considered. The proposal was for a partnership between the City and Blue Coasts Artist for the submittal of a grant application. Dawn again emphasized that she would write the grant and

the Blue Coast Artist would provide the funds for the matching part of the grant.

Rastall, seconded by Watson, moved to agree entering into a partnership with Blue Coast Artist for the application of a grant pending Blue Coast Artist commitment and funds also pending approval from the City Attorney, Yes: Suerth, Morse, Pantelleria, Rastall, and Watson. No: Meynard, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rastall, seconded by Pantelleria, moved to approve the minutes of the March 5th meeting as presented, motion carried, with Meynard abstaining.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. From Michigan Township Services, building permits issued for February
- b. From Goose Festival Committee, progress update
- c. From Fennville Chamber of Commerce, Chamber news
- d. From the Department of Transportation, five year plan projects

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance/Personnel ? Pantelleria reported on the 3rd quarter percentages of revenues and expenses.

The finance committee has received and will be reviewing the final copy of the Fire Departments annual audit.

City Services ? Suerth reported that the Fire Department has chosen Sara Clark to be the new Fire Board Clerk.

At the Emergency Services committee meeting on March 8th the bids were opened for the replacement of the ambulance building roof, a bid was accepted and when funds are collected from each participating entity the work will begin.

City Properties ? Rastall reported that Elm Street is in need of some serious repairs. Gary is in the process of seeking bids for the repair of Elm Street.

Ordinances, Community Relations ? Morse and Pantelleria are still in the midst of updating the City Recreation Plan. Morse asked the commissioners for input as to what types of recreation projects they would like to see done. The main recreation recommendations were the tennis courts are in dire need of work also Paradise/Leland Park needs some updating.

Morse stated that the cemetery rules sign needs to be removed for updating.

Planning ? Rastall reported that Pat Hudson from MTS attended the Planning Commission meeting on March 14th. The rough draft of the Land Use Plan will be presented at the next Planning Commission meeting.

The Planning Commission reviewed a site plan submitted by Mama's Pizzeria, it was approved pending the Downtown Design Review Committees approval also pending the paving requirements be met for the parking area.

Administrative Committee ? Suerth asked if any commissioners were interested in attending the Legislative Conference being held in Lansing on Wednesday the 21st.

MISCELLANEOUS: The clerk reported that W. Michigan Flocking paid 50 % of what they owe the City for property/personal taxes; Flocking stated that they will pay the other 50% owed by April 16th.

Meyard, seconded by Rastall, moved to accept W. Michigan Flockings proposal to pay the remaining balance owed by April 16th with the understanding that if the city does not receive the remaining balance by 5p.m on April 16th the City Treasurer will tag equipment on April 17th, motion carried.

Rastall, seconded by Meyard, moved to approve a resolution officially designating the Goose Festival as a City of Fennville sponsored event, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: **Pantelleria, seconded by Rastall, moved to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$6,030.03, motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m. The next regular City Commission meeting will be held on April 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted: March 20, 2007

Julie Wright
City Clerk

