

February 16, 2009
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: Colleen Rae, Local Observer; Tasha Smalley & Troy Day – Lucky Tees Printing; Bob Genetski – State Representative; Dale Pushman; Dave Nieboer.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved as printed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bob Genetski gave a report from Lansing – State of Michigan budget will have a deficit of 250 million this year, they are predicting 1.4 billion deficit for next year, unemployment is projected to be 11.4% and that 191,000 to 193,000 people will lose their job this year.

Troy Day introduced himself and Tasha Smalley. They have opened Lucky Tees Printing in the old California Sounds Building.

Dale Pushman asked if a feasibility study was done to run pipeline to Lake Michigan.

Dave Nieboer presented a proposal for purchase of a house and land at 2456 – 56h St. and apply for a grant for land acquisition. An Ordinance/Community Relations Committee workshop will be held on Tuesday, February 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the Fennville Library to work on an application for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved Suerth, second Meyaard, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2009, meeting as presented. Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS: MTS Report reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS: West Michigan Wireless Insurance: No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS: Moved Meyaard, second Morse to approve 5% for the SEP Contributions for employees. Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL/PERSONNEL REPORT: Pantelleria would like to meet with the staff and Tony Meyaard mid-March to review accounting practices.

CITY SERVICES: Morse reported that 9 firemen were certified in ice rescue in the water on Saturday and on Sunday 40 fire fighters from Ganges, Clyde, Saugatuck and Fennville area fire department came to Fennville for fire rescue training on Hutchins Lakes.

CITY PROPERTIES: No Report.

ORDINANCES/COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Morse would like to thank the Winterlude Committee for the work on the Winterlude Festival. Also thanked the public for their support of the fire department for cancer awareness. Reported that Second Street is breaking up and part of Elizabeth Street.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Public hearing for the grant application will be held on March 11, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Planning Commission meeting.

ADMINISTRATION/DDA: Rastall reported that the Boy Scouts awarded a certificate of appreciation to the DDA for allowing them to sell Christmas Trees on the DDA Lot.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: **Moved Pantelleria, second Watson, to approve payment of bills as printed in the amount of \$15,776.91.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting of the City Commission will be held on Monday, March 2, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Phenix
Fennville City Clerk