

April 6, 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: Rastall, Meyaard, Watson, Pantelleria, Morse, Suerth.
Absent: Cummins

Public present: Colleen Rae, Local Observer; Walt Kaechele, Allegan County News; Dana Rosema, candidate for Fennville Public Schools.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved as printed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dana Rosema discussed her candidacy for the Fennville Public Schools.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Moved Suerth, second Morse, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2009 meeting as presented.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED. **Moved Suerth, second Pantelleria to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2009 meeting as presented.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS: Local Officials Conference: Mayor Rastall will attend – concerns: local stimulus for Maple Street, grants, state shared revenue & training.

Emergency Preparedness Training – Would like Clerk Phenix to follow up and see if we could get them to come out to the City for a night training session.

Transfer for Liquor License – Discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

ALLEGAN COUNTY AERIAL IMAGERY ACQUISITION PROJECT: Discussion was held on the cost and the need for the imagery. **Moved Meyaard, second Morse, to approve \$707.00 out of Planning Commission contracted services to acquire the 2009 aerial imagery.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

BICYCLES IN THE DDA AREA: Ordinance committee will review the ordinance.

GOOD FRIDAY: Staff may have the time off using their own personal time or comp time as long as someone is on call.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCIAL/PERSONNEL REPORT: Pantelleria reported that two grant applications were submitted last week. Reviewed the YTD budget. Set Thursday April 16 at 1:00 for the financial committee to spend time in the office reviewing procedures.

CITY SERVICES: Suerth reviewed the Fire Board minutes, and financials. Reported that Jeff George is a new recruit and they are now up to 24 volunteer fire fighters. Suerth also reported that our new officer is Rob Flokstra and will start on April 13, 2009.

CITY PROPERTIES: No report.

ORDINANCES/COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Morse reported that there will not be a city wide clean-up, but that residents should take time to clean up their yards. Reported on a pot hole on the west side of Dr. Icabone's building at the end of the drive. Asked if this is the city's responsibility and if it could be patched.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Next meeting is Wednesday, April 8, 2009.

ADMINISTRATION/DDA: Suerth reported that the DDA is working on a farmer's market, reported that the DDA met with CSX in regards to a train station. The DDA is doing a city wide newsletter that you can sign up for by going to Fennville.com, this newsletters includes information from the City, the DDA, the Library, the Fennville Public Schools and the Children's Museum.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Dan Martin reported that his firm is sponsoring part of the Ottawa County go green event.

MISCELLANOUS: American Cancer Society will hold a champagne brunch on Sunday May 3, 2009. The Commission thanked Marc Moeller for the help in cleaning up the fallen tree on 58th St. last Friday.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: **Moved Pantelleria, second Watson, to approve payment of bills as printed in the amount of \$49,492.00.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m. The next meeting of the City Commission will be held on Monday, April 20, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Phenix
Fennville City Clerk