

**VILLAGE OF HOLLY
COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of February 9, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Holly was called to order by President Clemens at 7:00 P.M. in the Village Council Chambers located at 315 S. Broad Street, Holly, Michigan.

Councilmembers Present

Tom McKenney
Sandra Kleven
Pauline Kenner
Don Winglemire
William Kuyk
Reisa Hamilton
Peter Clemens

Staff Present

Marsha Powers
Susan Nassar
Rollie Gackstetter

Others Present

Larry Lilly
Marjorie Brannan
Michael Peel
Ryan Bladzik
Jim Weil
Janet Leslie
Amy Mayhew
Jean Montooth
Wm. Whitcraft
Katy Hughes

Council Members Absent

Clemens opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Agenda Approval
2. Approval of the 2/26/10 Council Minutes
3. Approval of Bills for Payment \$32,836.45
4. Routine Reports: 1/11/10 DDA; 12/16/09 PC; 1/13/10 Park Commission
5. Resolution 2010-3 Establishing water supply and sewer disposal service charges
6. Resolution 2010-4 Setting Landowner meeting for the Millpond property owners

Motion Winglemire, second Kleven to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote of seven ayes and no nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Larry Lilly of 110 Clarence:

- Village needs a new survey

Bill Whitcraft of 109 Battle Alley:

- Had questions about the new snow removal policy and 7 AM removal is too early

Jean Montooth, representing shop owners:

- Stores don't open until 10:30 AM
- Powers said rules are the same as previous years, snow can be shoveled into the street before 7 AM when the DPW starts the downtown street cleaning
- Fee is only charged if the snow is not removed within 24 hours

OLD BUSINESS:

a) **Charter Amendments** (*next available election August 2010*)

- Remained tabled

NEW BUSINESS:

a) **Presentation – Ryan Bladzick on a market research survey**

- Janet Leslie spoke on behalf of the Economic Development Task Force
- Mission of the Task Force is to provide a long-term vision for the community
- Did a visual assessment, two focus groups and a S.W.O.T. analysis
- Ryan Bladzick will do a market survey at cost, Chamber is donating the printing
- Asked DDA to pay for mailing costs of \$1,700, not asking the Village or Twp. to contribute
- Would cost \$15,000 to have a firm do the market study vs. \$1,700
- Ryan Bladzick explained why he felt a market study was needed
- Feedback is not right or wrong, just measures perceptions and aids in developing questions for the survey
- Hope to send out 2000 surveys, with at least 400 being returned via the postage paid envelopes
- Information gathered will go to the DDA, Chamber, Village, Twp., developers, etc. and will be used to create the long-term vision
- Clemens said Leslie and Bladzick are looking for a show of support

- DDA Board will vote on spending the money at their Board meeting on March 8, before the Council gives their support

Motion Hamilton, second Kenner to table the item until after the next DDA meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote of seven ayes and no nays.

b) **Finance Committee Report**

- Hamilton reported on Committee meeting on 1.26.10
- Looked at fee and rate schedule, last update in 2000
- Will do more research on surrounding communities

REPORTS:

Village Manager:

- Met with Urban Resource Group to discuss uses for the Village Office Bldg.
- Basement could be wine cellar pub, restaurant on ground floor and a banquet room on the top floor with rooftop deck
- Don't want loft apartments in the Village building, but everything else is an option
- Meeting again on 2/23/10
- MI Community Foundation grant through the DDA for \$4,500 was denied
- Powers & McGee will be working on a grant for fire suppression equipment in the downtown buildings
- Soil testing is being done for the RR property

- Building demolition will be 2/16/10
- Office closed on Presidents Day
- Can now scan and send some of the packet information if Members would like to receive them by email
- Still in negotiations on cost cutting measures
- Wren & McGee are working on well-head protection

Attorney: Not present

Clerk – Treasurer:

- Traveling vet would like sites where she can work and vaccinate dogs and cats and would treat feral cats
- Dog licenses could be given out at the same time
- Working with residents on payments for unbilled water use
- Instituted new billing cycle
- Meter reading problems are getting less every month
- No attorney bill for the alleged Open Meetings Act violation

Council & Staff Comments:

- McKenney will be attending Washington Club Annual Banquet

Members took a short break before entering executive session.

c) Executive Session

Motion Clemens, second Kenner to go into closed session at the request of the Village Manager for the purpose of discussing the status of and the Village’s ongoing negotiations with the Teamsters Union.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Voting for: Winglemire, Kuyk, Hamilton, McKenney, Kleven, Kenner, Clemens

Voting against: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

Council re-entered regular session with no further action to be taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further to discuss, Clemens adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Peter Clemens, Village President

Susan Nassar, Clerk-Treasurer

Sheri McGee, Transcriber