

VILLAGE OF HOLLY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes of November 3, 2009

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
Suzanne Perreault
Marv Swanson

Others Present

Larry Lilly
Jim Weil
Janet Leslie
Anna Troppens
Jeff Miller
Marlo Davidson
Elena Miller
Amy Mayhew

Council Members Absent

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Agenda Approval
2. Approval of the regular Council Minutes of October 27, 2009 as amended
3. Approval of Bills for Payment \$83,212.00
4. Routine Reports:
 - None
5. Special Event Permit-Shout Out Good Morning America 11-11-09

Changes:

- Add Public Hearing for CDBG Program after Public Comment
- Add date of 10-27-09 to Consent Agenda #2
- Add Consent #2 as New Business C
- Amended minutes 10.27.09

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeff Miller of 318 E. Sherman:

- Attended tonight to clarify my absence and my submitted letter of 10.27.09
- Explain reasoning of council decisions made when he Council President. Explained the economy was better when he and six others approved the Silverman project, could not foresee the economy downturn then
- The downturn in the economy is responsible for the woes in the Village
- If Fire and Police protection is extended outside the Village the cost must be equal to what village resident currently pay

Janet Leslie of 460 Otter Run:

- Speaking as a private citizen
- Dickens Festival is not just a pageant but an opportunity for store owners to increase business

Larry Lilly of 110 Clarence Street:

- Was at the Pulte/Silverman meetings when costs were discussed
- We should have never cancelled the contract with NOCFA
- Feels that the Village needs to go back to a general law Village
- Would like to see police cover the 36 sq. miles of the Twp.
- Current Charter is keeping Village from working with the Twp.

Jeff Miller of 318 E. Sherman:

- Lead the charge to go forward with cityhood, which did not pass
- Were a general law Village until 1982 when residents said yes to Charter rule
- By law, cannot go back to general law and cannot be dissolved unless the legislature changes the law
- Only legal options are to stay a home rule Village or become a city unless the Governor and Legislature make a change to the current law

Larry Lilly of 110 Clarence Street:

- In 2004 he, not Jeff Miller got petitions signed for cityhood, which was voted down

PUBLIC HEARING: CDBG PROGRAM

This is a requirement for the grant application to do a study of the Village office building so that the building could be sold.

Motion Kleven, second Winglemire to open public hearing. Motion carried by a voice vote

of seven ayes and no nays.

- Clemens explained this is a feasibility study to put the Village office building back on the tax roll
- Larry Lilly said he was in favor of the study

Motion Kenner, second Kleven to close public hearing. Motion carried by a voice vote of seven ayes and no nays.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **Charter Amendments (next available election August 2010)**
 - Remained tabled

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Audit Presentation-Plante & Moran-Kelly Goines, CPA**
 - Presented audit results and the Report, letter & graph were in the packet each member received
 - Clean audit report, which is the highest level of assurance they give
 - Water/Sewer revenue funds were discussed
 - General Fund expenses were up 2% due to capital outlay
 - Without these capital expenses, the operating expenses actually dropped by about \$250,000
 - All other funds showed a decrease in revenue and expenses
 - Water/Sewer decrease in income is due to the depreciation and debt service payments which were new
 - Debt service payments went up while usage went down

- Cautioned that usage needs to be considered when determining rates to make sure all costs are covered
- Revenues and expenses should be reviewed monthly and balanced
- Internal control items were noted and changes have already been made
- Adjustments are common among communities
- State Revenue sharing cuts are estimated to be 11.8%
- An Audit is required by law and Plante Moran follow required auditing standards
- Nassar received a certificate of excellence for her report

b) Family of the Year Committee Report

Kenner discussed Russell Bailey’s many contributions to the community.

Motion Kenner, second Clemens to nominate Russell Bailey for Family of the Year. A roll call vote was as follows:

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

Voting against: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

c) 10-27-09 amendment to minutes

- Page 3, add “offer no discounts” after the amount in Kuyk’s motion concerning Village Police Protection proposal to the Twp.

Motion Kuyk, second Hamilton to approve the 10-27-09 regular Council minutes as amended to include the term “ offer no discounts” in the stated motion. Motion carried by a voice vote of seven ayes and no nays.

REPORTS:

Village Manager:

- Latest MML budget information was in the packet
- Applied for Arbor Day Tree Planting Grant as Tree City USA
- Fund balance shortfall may mean loss of staff

Attorney:

- Not in attendance

Clerk – Treasurer:

- Investment report shows a 15% reduction in interest rates

Council & Staff Comments:

- Asked that the Attorney be present at the next meeting for an Executive Session regarding the Teamster contract negotiations

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further to discuss, Clemens adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM.

Peter Clemens, Village President

Susan Nassar, Clerk-Treasurer

Sheri McGee, Transcriber