

**VILLAGE OF GOODRICH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2011
7:00PM
MINUTES**

Goodrich Area Schools, Superintendent John Fazer explained the school board request for a bond issue of \$15.4 million on February 22, 2011, to be used to improve and renovate the facilities. Municipal Consulting, Mark Nottley presented a proposal for evaluate operational efficiency and possible alternatives for service provision. Plante and Moran, declined to attend.

PUBLIC HEARING

Goodrich Code of Ordinances, 36 Zoning, Section 36-44 Amendment to the official zoning map from low density residential to commercial: Central Business District
Morey and Horton explained the project which would provide assisted living housing to 40 residents in two building. Comments from the audience were in favor of the project.

PRESENT: Jackson, Wartella, Morey, McAbee, Horton, Administrator Sidge, Clerk Schierup, Allen Robb, representing Jack Belzer.

ABSENT: None

CTO 8:06

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To add the status of Mr. McAbee to the agenda

Moved by Horton,

Mr. Robb and Mr. McAbee determined there was no need to make this addition.

No vote was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting December 13, 2010

MOTION: To approve the minutes with the addition of “The position of Mr. Dave McDonald could change due to the independent study” in Unfinished Business, item 3. and the addition of “Letters will be sent to the residents on Hegel Road to remind them not to plow snow into the bike path”. Clerks notes and administrators recording show that the minutes were recorded correctly under New Business, item 1.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

MOTION: To accept the treasurer’s report balances for the month ending 12/31/2010 as presented.

Moved by Horton, Seconded by Morey

Horton Yes, McAbee Yes, Jackson Yes, Morey Yes, Wartella Yes. Carried

General Fund	374,136.17
Major Roads	14,502.06
Minor Roads	10,743.89
96 Debt Retire	344.73
Sewer Fund	85,914.98
MTF	59.37
Public Imp.	24,478.73
2003 Debt Retire	631.42
SF CD	181,731.55
SF CD	102,107.46
Total	794,650.36

BILLS AND TRANSFERS

**MOTION: To approve the Bills and Transfers for the month ending 12/31/2010
 Moved by Wartella, Seconded by Horton
 Jackson Yes, Wartella Yes, Horton Yes, Morey Yes, McAbee Yes. Carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Shirley Kautmann-Jones – Asked for a representative from the council to attend Chamber of Commerce meetings. She stated that as a village property owner on M-15 she welcomed the idea of an assisted living facility.

David Lucik – Stated that he was challenging Doug McAbee’s seat on the council due to McAbee’s failure to file his oath of office on time.

Richard Saroli – Stated that the charter requirement is a 10 day period and that the council must vote to give an extension. No vote was ever taken. What are the legal implications to village taxpayers if decisions are made and Mr. McAbee is successfully challenged.

Laura Donahoe – Stated the inner workings of the office workers needed to be examined and the study needed to be started.

Dan Coldren – Statement read and given to clerk

“ First of all I want to personally thank Mr. Jackson for opting in favor of getting other quotes on the proposal to get an independent study of expenditures and village operations. His was the determining factor in not accepting the first and only quote from Plante and Moran.

Secondly I would like to talk briefly about the Village of Goodrich. We have a lot to offer here.

1. Known for good schools
2. Beautiful rural atmosphere, but very accessible to I-69 an I75 and U23 and all amenities
3. Quaint village which is hard to find anymore

But yet our property values are diminishing rapidly. I know this is the case almost everywhere now but it even seems more so in our community. I.E. Unit in our sub valued originally at 275,000 just sold for 105,000.

No one here tonight wants to see this community fail. We all have a vested interest in this village and want to progress in a positive direction. Your platform was for change and to control unnecessary spending. To make this possible we have to work together no matter what side of the fence you were on when you voted Nov. 7th. All the negative articles in local newspapers each week certainly are not helping our image. No matter what we have to offer as a community is not going to matter to someone who is looking to move and sees all this dissension within the governing official of Goodrich (Promote growth- Ortonville progressing)

We need to put some more faith in the people of this community for feedback on issues. You have presented and not make hasty rash and irresponsible decisions before you totally weigh all the options and/or consequences. Put selfish egos aside and work together as a group.

I feel anyone in this audience tonight does not oppose change if it is done in an appropriate diplomatic way and has the best interests of the community as a whole in mind, Thank You”

Don Emch – Agrees with Dan Coldren that we are lucky. We have a great community and he wanted to thank all the present and past board members for their work and Mrs. Sidge for all the grant money she has brought into the community.

Sandra Jenkins – The issue of Mr. McAbee being on the council is a dead horse. Let’s let it go. Come together and not let what happened in Tucson happen in Goodrich.

Lee Jackson – All five member of the council have voted yes on every issue. We have unity in this community.

Norm Bass – Asked if he was allowed to speak. He stated that he fully agreed that the community needed to come together and that laws needed to be abided by. All laws , if the law is broken pay the fine or go to court. He is not against change but make good changes. Go forward as a group working together.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. POLICE REPORT – No report

2. COMMITTEE REPORT:

Street Administrator –

Morey reported that the grader broke down during the recent bad weather and is now repaired. McAbee state that the DPW is a big concern and would like to meet with Morey.

911 – No Report

Water and Waste – No report

Parks & Recreation – No report

3. CODE ENFORCEMENT

A letter from Officer McDonald was noted.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE – MML classes for newly elected officials are available for anyone interested. Revenue and expenditure report was presented. Tax collection is at a good rate this year.

5. SIDEWALKS – Postcards were sent to all residents on Hegel Road to remind them not to put snow in the pathway.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. STUDY PROPOSAL

MOTION: To accept the proposal from Municipal Consulting, Mark Nottley, for a study to evaluate operational efficiency to begin on January 31, 2011 and end on April 11, 2011.

This study not to exceed the cost of \$11,700.00.

Moved by Wartella, Seconded by Jackson

Morey Yes, Jackson Yes, Horton Yes, Wartella Yes, McAbee Yes. Carried

2. GOODRICH CODE OF ORDINANCES

MOTION: To approve the rezoning of property located at 8111 State Road, parcel number 02-22-200-006, Goodrich, MI, from low density residential to Commercial: Central Business District.

Moved by Wartella, Seconded by Morey

Jackson Yes, Horton Yes, Wartella Yes, McAbee Yes, Morey Yes. Carried

Council Comment: Council members gave a brief summary of the meeting proceedings. Wartella introduced Allen Robb as an associate to Jack Belzer.

MOTION: To adjourn

Moved by Wartella, Seconded by Horton

All present voting in the affirmative. Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Schierup, Clerk

Presented: 2/14/2011

Approved: 2/14/2011