

**VILLAGE OF GOODRICH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 8, 2009
7:00PM
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President York

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS YORK, MOREY, HORTON, WARTELLA, LUCIK
CLERK SCHIERUP, ADMINISTRATOR SIDGE
ABSENT: NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION: To approve agenda as presented.
Moved by Horton, Seconded by Morey
Wartella No, Horton Yes, Lucik Yes, Morey Yes, York Yes. Carried**

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION
IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL
OPENED TO COMMENT AT 7:10

Mr. York explained the procedure for the garbage assessment

Dan Coldren – 10184 Hawthorne Ridge. Stated the new system would prevent problems of trash and trash containers blowing around.

Jerry Kish – Hawthorne Ridge. Asked if a smaller container would be available or if a bag could still be put out.

Don Emch – 10216 Mill Pointe Dr. Asked if residents would have a choice of container size and be able to switch containers during the contract period. He also asked about the net increase of cost for the life of the contract.

Richard Cook – 8339 Fair Oaks Dr. Asked if recycling was being done as all garbage was being put into one truck.

Norm Bass – 10150 Hawthorne Ridge. Stated the containers will save money and be safer.

Stephanie – RWS representative. Clarified the policy concerning the size and use of containers and fielded questions from the audience.

James Jenkins – 7263 Hawthorne Circle. Asked if customers would still use bags instead of the containers

Dennis Fredericks – 7476 Tara Court. Stated the garbage company had thrown recycling bins in to the garbage truck.

Shirley Kautman Jones – Atlas Township Supervisor. Apologized for her misunderstanding that council had decided to extend the current contract with RWS and had not gone out for bid.

Patty Wartella – Introduced a contract from Richfield Disposal and asked why Ms. Sidge had refused to allow this company to bid. *Sidge explained that garbage disposal contractor addresses were obtained from the phone book and the Richfield Disposal address listing was incorrect. The letters and bidding process took place in 2006. No letters were sent this year.* Mrs. Wartella stated that Sidge had sent letters to contractors this year and refused to accept the Richfield bid. Wartella was adamant that Richfield be allowed to bid.

Norman Bass – 10150 Hawthorne Ridge. Stated that RWS was not only costing less but offered the village more services.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED, 7:44

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE 2009/2010 BUDGET
OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, 7:45

Mr. York explained the budget for 2009/2010.

Dennis Frederick – 7476 Tara Ct. Asked why the millage was not voted on and stated that there should be a millage vote. Shouted “Taxation without representation”

Kimberly Barber – 10441 Grandview Drive. Asked if the millage rate was increasing.

Norm Bass – 10150 Hawthorne Ridge. Explained the impact of less revenue meant that village expenses had been reduced to stay within the budget instead of raising the millage rate.

Sandra Jenkins – 7263 Hawthorne Circle. Asked if village residents paid for garbage pick up in their township taxes. Asked if it would be cheaper to have Genesee County maintain the village roads. Asked if budget was done by line item. Stated that more services should be eliminated and that the village should be eliminated.

Kimberly Barber – 10441 Grandview Drive. Asked if current property values had been considered and if further millage cuts were being considered. Stated a critical point should be defined.

Cassandra O’Neill – 10515 Green Road. Stated that garbage pick up was the only village service she received as her residence is on a county road.

Wendy Carlock – 10175 Green Road. Stated that she did not receive village services either.

Gary Kaczperski – 7253 Hawthorne Circle. Stated that housing values were dropping and maybe the village should be setting money aside.

Patty Wartella – Stated that the village should cut and consolidate. People are losing homes. DPW hours and car allowances should be cut. She is the only councilmember trying to make cuts.

Sandra Jenkins – 7263 Hawthorne Circle. Warned council that the foxes are guarding the chicken house.

Carol Christiansen – 9548 Fair Oaks. Stated that people were leaving the community to get out from under the high taxes.

Dennis Fredericks – 7476 Tara Ct. Stated that the village expenses should be shared equally regardless of home value.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED, 8:12.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting May 11, 2009

MOTION: To approve minutes of May 11, 2009, with a further correction to the special meeting minutes of May 4, 2009, with the addition of the language in italics “Wartella opposed a millage assessment *and special assessment* in agreement with Supervisor Kautman-Jones.”

Moved by Morey, Seconded by Lucik

Lucik Yes, Wartella Yes, Horton Yes, Morey Yes, York Yes. Carried

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: May 11, 2009

MOTION: To approve minutes as presented.

Moved by York, Seconded by Lucik

Morey Yes, Lucik Yes, Wartella Yes, Horton Yes, York Yes. Carried

TREASURER’S REPORT:

General Fund	198,987.37
Major Roads	7013.05
Minor Roads	4429.93
96 Debt Retire	43799.81
Sewer Fund	85455.96
Sewer Bond	15,568.27
MTF	50.83
Public Imp.	16,398.92
2003 Debt Retire	53.94
SF CD	176,741.20
SF CD	101,424.75
Total	649924.03

MOTION: To accept the treasurer’s report balances for the month ending 5/31/2009 as presented.

Moved by York, Seconded by Lucik

Horton Yes, Morey Yes, Lucik Yes, Wartella Yes, York Yes. Carried

BILLS AND TRANSFER

MOTION: To approve the Bills and Transfers for the month ending 5/31/2009 in the amount of \$42,187.66

**Moved by Lucik, Seconded by Horton
Wartella Yes, Lucik Yes, Morey Yes, Horton Yes, York Yes. Carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Cook – 8339 Fair Oaks Dr. Asked if the village had a website.

Diane Fredericks – 7476 Tara Ct. Asked if there was a freeze on wages.

8:15 - Tornado alarm sounded. Mrs Wartella left the meeting.

Norm Bass – 10150 Hawthorne Ridge. Stated that it would not be wise to let the village deteriorate. Letting the village look bad makes all property values go down.

Don Emch – 10216 Mill Pointe Ct. Stated a contingency plan is needed. The village needs to continue to work with the township. The mill pond level has fluctuated quite a bit this spring and there are a number of lots in Mill Pointe Shores that need mowing.

Shirley Kautman-Jones, Atlas Township Supervisor. Addressed the current website situation. The township is trying to improve their website and is working with the village to come up with an easy to use, regularly maintained website as the alternative is worse than no web presence.

Justine Burchi – 10190 Hawthorne Ridge. State she had looked at Genesee County sewer billing and found that residents can have a meter hooked up for a \$300.00 fee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. POLICE REPORT – GENESEE COUNTY – Noted

2. REPORTS:

Street Administrator – Bike racks have been installed at the library. Planters with flowers have been placed on the bridges on M-15 and Hegel Road.

911 – Booster will be installed to increase signal inside the fire station

Water & Waste – No Report

Small Cities & Villages – Currently trying to establish a new region more appropriate for Goodrich. Possibly leaving the Oakland County Region and going to either the Tri-County or Thumb Region. Working to stop the Hurley millage election.

Parks and Recreation – Farmer’s Market has opened.

3. SAFETY PROJECT ERIE STREET – No Report

4. PATHWAY – No Report

5. HEGEL ROAD BRIDGE – No Report

6. CODE ENFORCEMENT – Noted

7. ADMINISTRATIVE – The Valente/Family Party Store lawsuit has been thrown out of court.

A budget meeting needs to be scheduled for 4: p.m. Monday, June 29.

There is a property on Dutch Road available for purchase through the land bank. Council directed Sidge to collect information.

Wheelock Watkins drain/Ridge Road, there is a process to set up a drain district which could be done by petition or vote of council. Council directed Sidge to collect information. Council directed Sidge to collect information.

Insurance company has agreed to pay one half of the expense of repairs to the Library.

8. SIDEWALKS – No Report

9. LIBRARY – President York, Administrator Sidge met with Supervisor Kautman-Jones and for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION 2009-09 SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL.

MOTION: To pass resolution 2009-09.

Moved by York, Seconded by Horton

Lucik Yes, Horton Yes, Morey Yes, York Yes. Carried

2. SOLID WASTE CONTRACT,

MOTION: To accept the solid waste contract renewal as presented.

Moved by York, Seconded by Morey

Morey Yes, Lucik Yes, Morey Yes, York Yes. Carried

3. RESOLUTION 2009-10 MEETING SCHEDULE

MOTION: To adopt resolution 2009-10

Moved by York, Seconded by Lucik

Horton Yes, Morey Yes, Lucik Yes, York Yes. Carried

4. RESOLUTION 2009-11 2009/2010 MILLAGE RATE 5.3251

MOTION: To adopt resolution 2009-11.

Moved by York, Seconded by Morey

Morey Yes, Lucik Yes, Horton Yes, York Yes. Carried

5. RESOLUTION 2009-12 2009/2010 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS COMPENSATION

MOTION: To adopt resolution 2009-12

Moved by York, Seconded by Morey

Lucik Yes, Horton Yes, Horton Yes, York Yes. Carried

6. RESOLUTION 2009-13 2009/2010 ELECTION AND COMPENSATION OF CLERK

Motion to adopt resolution 2009-13.

Moved by York, Seconded by Horton

Horton Yes, Lucik Yes, Morey Yes, York Yes. Carried

7. RESOLUTION 2009-14 2009/2010 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

MOTION: To adopt resolution 2009-14.

Moved by York, Seconded by Lucik

Horton Yes, Morey Yes, Lucik Yes, York Yes. Carried

8. RESOLUTION 2009-15 AUTHORIZING DUTCH ROAD BRIDGE APPLICATION

MOTION: To adopt resolution 2009-15

Moved by York, Seconded by Morey

Morey Yes, Lucik Yes, Horton Yes, York Yes. Carried

9. RESOLUTION 2009-16 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

MOTION: To adopt resolution 2009-16

Moved by York, Seconded by Morey

Lucik Yes, Horton Yes, Morey Yes, York Yes. Carried

MOTION: To adjourn

Moved by Lucik, Seconded by Morey

All present voting in the affirmative. Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Schierup, Clerk

Presented: 7/13/2009

Approved: