

**Harbor Springs City Council  
July 20, 2009**

Mayor Dika called the twenty-first meeting of the Harbor Springs City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers at 160 Zoll Street, Harbor Springs, Michigan.

1. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum

Present: Alan J. Dika, Alan Hegedus, Michael K. Heinz, Laura Kors and Pringle Pfeifer

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Thomas C. Richards, City Attorney James T. Ramer, Police Chief Daniel J. Branson and City Clerk Ronald B. McRae

2. City Clerk / Comptroller / Treasurer

A. Approval of Minutes

There were two corrections noted to the July 6, 2009 City Council meeting minutes. They are:

a. Item 4C, Page 4, first paragraph, second sentence reads, "Boaters who would purchase the pass would have the privilege of parking in the lot." The first "would" needs to be deleted. The sentence should read, "Boaters who purchase the pass would have the privilege of parking in the lot."

b. Item 4D, Motion No. 7592 reads, "Tri-County Excavation". It should read, "Tri-County Excavating".

#7594 – Motion by Pfeifer, second by Heinz, to approve the July 6, 2009 regular City Council meeting minutes as amended.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

B. Approval of Bills

I have examined the bills appearing on the vouchers below and recommend they be allowed and payment be made from the following funds:

Voucher Number	Description	Fund Name	Amount
7564	Sales Taxes & State Income Tax Withholding 6/30/09	General Fund Electric Fund	\$4,405.56 11,072.57
7565	Payroll Ending 7/5/09	General Fund Major St. Fund Local St. Fund Historical Fund Electric Fund Water & Sewer Fund Waterfront Fund Equipment Fund	\$50,368.23 595.83 619.66 443.60 10,937.14 5,010.67 6,462.08 693.33

7568	Council AP 7/20/09 Manual Checks	General Fund	\$24,183.49
		Major St. Fund	0.00
		Local St. Fund	0.00
		Historical Fund	4.50
		Electric Fund	46,630.59
		Water & Sewer Fund	39,411.12
		WTTP Water Fund	0.00
		Waterfront Fund	216.76
		Equipment Fund	2,952.18
7569	Accounts Payable - Council 7/20/09	General Fund	\$18,798.86
		Major St. Fund	0.00
		Local St. Fund	0.00
		Historical Fund	404.54
		Electric Fund	157,281.74
		Water & Sewer Fund	6,838.68
		WTTP Water Fund	0.00
		Waterfront Fund	38,200.65
		Equipment Fund	8,134.61

#7595 – Motion by Heinz, second by Hegedus, to approve the bills in the amount of \$415,149.05.

Ayes – 5  
 Nays – 0

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that claims on voucher numbers 7564, 7565, 7568 and 7569 checked by the Finance Committee, in the amount of \$415,149.05 be allowed for payment, and the City Manager and the Mayor are hereby authorized to execute warrants to be drawn on the following funds:

General Fund	\$97,634.09
Major Streets Fund	595.83
Local Streets Fund	619.66
Police Reserve	0.00
Historical Fund	852.64
Electric Fund	225,922.04
Water & Sewer Fund	51,260.47
West Traverse Water Fund	0.00
Waterfront Fund	31,513.88
Equipment Fund	6,750.44
Trust Fund	0.00
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Total	\$415,149.05
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3. Citizen Comments

None

4. City Manager's Section

A. Presentation of 2008 Audit

City Manager Richards stated that representative of Hill – Schroderus and Company, LLC, CPAs, were present to make a presentation of the 2008 Audit. Ms. Alicia Duedendorph, of Hill – Schroderus and Co., briefed Council on the audit report and stated that the City had a good year fiscally in 2008. The City received an “Unqualified Opinion” and that operations had finished the year within budget.

#7596 – Motion by Kors, second by Heinz, to receive and file the 2008 Audit Report prepared by Hill – Schroderus and Co., LLC, CPAs.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

B. Curbside Recycling

City Manager Richards reviewed the Curbside Recycling Committee's discussions and concerns regarding the proposed renewal of the 2004 contract with the Emmet County DPW. He summarized the issues expressed by Council members regarding the cost and usage of the curbside recycling service. He further stated that the Emmet County DPW had not been receptive to suggestions of changing their billing methodology to accommodate the City's concerns over the program's cost relative to Harbor Springs' low level of utilizing the service.

Councilperson Pfeifer discussed her concern that the City of Harbor Springs is paying more than it should per pickup due to the high number of seasonal residents within the City. She noted that the cost per-pickup in Harbor Springs is greater than in other communities.

Councilperson Kors agreed with the cost concern, but did believe that the City should continue to offer curbside recycling. Councilperson Heinz stated that he agreed with Councilperson Kors but felt that the City could do more to educate City residents about the recycling program.

Resident Don Marszalec stated that the City could make more of the green bins available to City residents. Resident Rick Holdorph stated that if the container is out at the curb, the County picks it up.

Council discussed this issue. After the discussion, the following motion was offered:

#7597 – Motion by Kors, second by Hegedus, to approve the proposed five year contract extension to continue the curbside recycling program. Further, to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

5. City Manager's Report

A. Annexation Approval from the State

City Manager Richards stated that the State of Michigan had acknowledged the annexation of the City-owned property on the northwest corner of the Kiwanis Park parcel. He noted that the property will be the site of the water storage reservoir project.

B. Arbor Street Water Main Project

City Manager Richards stated that the Arbor Street Water Main Project is about to break ground. He noted that a public information meeting had been held at Benchmark Engineering with the Arbor Street residents affected by the Water Main Project. Manager Richards reported that residents had also expressed other concerns that were unrelated to the water projects.

C. Airport Terminal Project

City Manager Richards stated that the construction contractor for the terminal project had been selected and the necessary private funding had been secured for Harbor-Petoskey Airport terminal project to begin construction in the fall.

D. Utility Pole Relocation for the Proposed Non-Motorized Trail

City Manager Richards stated that after further review by the Michigan Department of Transportation, revised plans for the pedestrian / bicycle trail will require less utility pole relocation than the earlier estimate.

6. Boards and Commissions

A. Planning Commission (PC)

Mayor Dika stated the next PC meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 23, 2009 in the City Council Chambers.

B. Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

Mayor Dika announced that the next ZBA meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 12, 2009 in the City Council Chambers.

C. Harbor Commission (HC)

Mayor Dika announced that the next HC meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 12, 2009 in the City Council Chambers.

D. Board of Review

Mayor Dika announced that the Board of Review meeting was scheduled for 9:00 a.m., July 21, 2009 in the small conference room.

E. Next Council Meeting

Mayor Dika announced the next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 3, 2009 in the City Council Chambers.

7. Old and New Business

A. D'art for Art – event approval

Mayor Dika reviewed with Council the events of the Crooked Tree Arts Council “D’art for Art” fund raiser and concerns about the group’s apparent failure to notify or obtain approval from Council.

After discussion, by consensus, the Council agreed to grant the Crooked Tree director’s request for retroactive approval of the event.

B. Triathlon

Council reviewed the successful Little Traverse Triathlon held the previous weekend. No problems or complaints were reported.

C. Artesian Street Project

Councilperson Heinz asked if the construction bids had been solicited for the proposed Artesian Street Project. City Manager Richards noted that the construction would probably be bid in August. He also noted that the project is scheduled for construction after Labor Day. Manager Richards stated that he believed the project would be bid in August.

D. Planned Absence

Councilperson Kors stated that she would be unable to attend the August 3, 2009 City Council meeting.

8. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Dika adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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Ronald B. McRae, City Clerk

Approved: August 3, 2009

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Alan J. Dika, Mayor

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Attachments