

**Harbor Springs City Council Minutes  
January 5, 2009**

Mayor Pro-Tem Kors called the fifth 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 Hegedus, Michael K. Heinz, Laura Kors and Pringle Pfeifer

Absent: Alan Dika

Also Present: City Attorney James T. Ramer, City Manager Frederick W. Geuder, Police Chief Daniel J. Branson, D.P.W. Superintendent Joel Clark and City Clerk Ronald B. McRae

2. City Clerk / Comptroller / Treasurer

A. Approval of Minutes

#7520 – Motion by Pfeifer, second by Heinz, to approve the December 15, 2008 regular City Council meeting minutes as read.

Ayes – 4

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
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7518	Trust Payouts 12/1/08 Through 12/15/08	Trust Fund	\$419,235.74
7519	Payroll Ending 12/21/08	General Fund	\$27,270.25
		Major St. Fund	3,438.62
		Local St. Fund	1,418.17
		Historical Fund	432.80
		Electric Fund	9,469.38
		Water & Sewer Fund	3,048.81
		Waterfront Fund	108.21
		Equipment Fund	3,875.90
7520	Accounts Payable - Council 12/30/08	General Fund	\$10,757.05
		Major Street Fund	7,750.00
		Local Street Fund	600.00
		Police Reserve Fund	0.00
		Historical Fund	195.63
		Electric Fund	148,765.51
		Water & Sewer Fund	1,930.66
		West Traverse Water	0.00
		Waterfront Fund	137.03
		Equipment Fund	2,370.03

7521	Accounts Payable - Council 1/5/09	General Fund	\$17,002.43
		Major Street Fund	0.00
		Local Street Fund	0.00
		Police Reserve Fund	0.00
		Historical Fund	27.78
		Electric Fund	1,208.72
		Water & Sewer Fund	908.42
		West Traverse Water	4,301.50
		Waterfront Fund	46.68
		Equipment Fund	1,503.76

#7521 – Motion by Heinz, second by Hegedus, to approve the bills in the amount of \$665,803.08.

Ayes – 4  
 Nays – 0

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that claims on voucher numbers 7518, 7519, 7520 and 7521 checked by the Finance Committee, in the amount of \$665,803.08 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	\$55,029.73
Major Streets Fund	11,188.62
Local Streets Fund	2,018.17
Police Reserve	0.00
Historical Fund	656.21
Electric Fund	159,443.61
Water & Sewer Fund	5,887.89
West Traverse Water Fund	4,301.50
Waterfront Fund	291.92
Equipment Fund	7,749.69
Trust Fund	419,235.74
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Total	\$665,803.08
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3. Citizen Comments

None

4. MNRTF Resolution

Manager Geuder stated that the State of Michigan is considering using funds generated for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) to offset some State operating costs to help reduce the projected deficits. The proposed MNRTF Resolution urges the State Legislature to use the MNRTF monies for what they were intended. To try to offset the State's project deficit with the MNRTF monies is only a short term fix. Manager Geuder stated that if the State Legislature diverts the funds from their intended use, it may become a habit to try to divert other reserved funds as well. Further, the MNRTF monies have been a benefit to Northern Michigan.

Council discussed this issue. Councilperson Heinz stated that the State Legislature has diverted funds before, and they have never paid it all back and cited several examples.

After further Council discussion, the following motion was offered:

#7522 – Motion by Heinz, second by Pfeifer, to approve the “Resolution to Protect the Original Goals and Purposes of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund”, noting the correction to remove the word “large” from Item “b” in the fourth WHEREAS to read, “establish quality public parks (large and small);” and to authorize the City Manager to send said Resolution to the appropriate State Legislator and State Agency.

Ayes - Pfeifer, Hegedus, Heinz and Kors  
Nays - None  
Absent - Dika

#### 5. Special Meeting for January 20, 2009

City Manager Geuder asked Council if they still wanted to have a special meeting on January 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to select the City Manager applicants for interview.

It was the consensus of Council members present that the special meeting scheduled for January 20, 2009 should be posted and held.

#### 6. Boards and Commissions

##### A. Planning Commission (PC)

Mayor Pro-Tem Kors stated that the next PC meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Thursday, January 15, 2009.

##### B. Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

Mayor Pro-Tem Kors announced that the next ZBA meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 14, 2009 has been cancelled. The next scheduled ZBA meeting will be held February 11, 2009.

##### C. Appointments for 2009

City Manager Geuder stated that Mayor Dika will address this issue in future meetings.

##### D. Next City Council Meeting

Mayor Pro-Tem Kors announced the next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 19, 2009 in the City Council Chambers.

#### 7. Old and New Business

##### A. Town Looks Good

Councilperson Heinz commented on how well the DPW kept the City maintained during the holiday snow and sleet storms. The City looks good.

8. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Kors adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

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Ronald B. McRae, City Clerk

Approved: January 19, 2009

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Laura Kors, Mayor Pro-Tem

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Attachments