

**MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2010**

A Special Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Wednesday January 20, 2010 at 6 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

Members Present: Mayor Gravedoni, Council Members Wills, Maino, Dompierre, VanStraten, Haines and Menhennick

Members Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Wills, supported by Council Member Haines and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dawn Schuhknecht addressed the Council regarding the Safe Routes to School Resolution. She stated that she had attended the meetings and was one of only 4 parents in attendance and that those parents are not supporting this resolution.

Jim Thomas addressed the Council regarding the Safe Routes to School Resolution, the Jackson Mine Grant resubmittal and to revisit Croix St.

Anna Mattson addressed the Council stating that she is disappointed in the way the City does business.

Joel Jarvi addressed the Council regarding the Council working together.

Dave Johnson addressed the Council regarding the City's finances being checked by the Council.

George Sedlacek addressed the Council regarding the Safe Routes to School Resolution.

Tom Stanaway addressed the Council regarding comments made at the last meeting. He stated that when a Council Member has questions it should be answered in a civil way.

REVIEW CABLE FUND

City Manager Peterson gave an overview of the Cable Funds Revenue/Expenditure Report. He stated that he had met with an Internet provider regarding City Internet and phone services.

A motion was made by Council Member Dompierre, supported by Council Member Maino and unanimously carried to form an Ad Hoc Communication Committee with three Council Members, a Cable Board member and citizens.

A motion was made by Council Member Dompierre, supported by Council Member Wills and unanimously carried to have the Cable Board Members and Citizen serve as ex officio members in an advisory capacity.

A motion was made by Council Member Wills, supported by Council Member Dompierre and unanimously carried to have the Ad Hoc Communications Committee provide a report and to transfer money from the Electric Fund to sustain the Cable Fund up to July.

A motion was made by Council Member Dompierre, supported by Council Member Wills and unanimously carried to appoint the Mayor and Council Members Haines and Maino to the Ad Hoc Communications Committee.

SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL RESOLUTION

City Manager Peterson stated that the split for the construction phase would be City: \$13,635 and School \$4,165.

A motion was made by Council Member Haines, supported by Council Member Wills and unanimously carried to approve the Safe Routes to School Resolution and to take the money out of the Major Street Fund to pay for the construction.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Sedlacek addressed the Council to thank them for passing the Safe Route Resolution.

Dawn Schuhknecht addressed the Council regarding the resolution and stated that no parent is going to allow their child to cross US 41.

Jim Thomas addressed the Council regarding Council Members not understanding the Budget.

Al Sundine addressed the Council thanking the Council reviewing the Cable.

Don Gladwell addressed the Council regarding comments and rumors and encourages everyone to work together.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Council Member Menhennick stated she was glad to see a lot of people at the meeting.

Council Member Haines stated that it is not a lack of understanding the budget but that tough decisions need to be made.

Council Member VanStraten commented on core services for the people. He stated that the Council should begin to move forward on the City Manager search.

Council Member Dompierre stated that when City Manager Peterson was hired he was hired at less than the last two City Manager's.

A motion was made by Council Member Dompierre and supported by Council Member Maino to place Croix Street Phase IA on the next agenda.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Maino, Dompierre and Mayor Gravedoni

Nays: Council Members Wills, VanStraten, Haines and Menhennick

The motion failed on a 3-4 vote.

Council Member Maino commented on a good meeting with the Cable review and Safe Routes to School Resolution being passed.

Council Member Will stated that derogatory comments during the last meeting were out of order. Questions should be allowed by all Council Members without accusatory comments being made.

Mayor Gravedoni asked if each member had read the City Manager Contract and if so reminded them that he is required to give his resignation in writing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Dompierre, supported by Council Member Maino to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Ann Yoho
Deputy Clerk