

BROOKLYN VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

January 12th, 2015

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Brooklyn Village Council held on Monday January 12th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Brooklyn Village Office Building, 121 N. Main Street, Brooklyn, MI.

Manager, Trustees and Officers present: **McCutcheon, Bliven, Lutz, Co. Douglas, Morris, Kozar, Jenson, Cr. Douglas, DeJeu**. Absent: **Roberts**

Motion by **Lutz**, supported by **Jenson**, to approve the Agenda. Ayes: **All**.

Motion by **Co. Douglas**, supported by **Lutz**, to approve the minutes of December 22nd, 2014. Ayes: **All**

Public comment was given by **Kraig Hardcastle**, the Building Contractor on the Construction of the New DPW Garage. Making good progress assuming the weather cooperates. He also discussed the concrete issues as reported in The Exponent, with added comments from Darby Ready Mix. Testing will determine whether it is purely cosmetic but all agreed it is structurally sound.

The Village Code Enforcement Officer noted that the number of tickets is increasing due to the lack of sidewalk snow removal. He has also given residents extra time and has taken into account those making an effort.

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Cota noted that Fire Department calls have been down compared to last year due to fewer accidents and reminded everyone that the Village burn dates start in January.

Financial Reports were received for period ending December 31st, 2014.

Jackson County Rep. Phil Duckham reported that the Sheriff's Department will use new wearable video cameras in the County Jails and Prison when entering in-mates cells as a means to help with safety.

Police Chief Elwell reported that Police Department calls are down for the month while miles driven and arrest are up slightly from last year. There were 24 hrs. of dedicated Village patrol last month.

Motion by **Jenson**, supported by **Cr. Douglas**, to authorize the Village President to sign the listing agreement of 112 Detroit St. (Old DPW Garage Location) at a listing price of \$35,000.00 and for the Village Manager to pursue the necessary legal description and start processing the boundary adjustment. Ayes: **All**

President DeJeu recommended that the council to take care of the hotel expenditures for **Bliven** and **Jenson** to attend the Michigan Municipal League Elected Officials Academy. Motion by **Lutz**, supported by **Bliven** to approve the expenditure. Ayes: **Bliven, Lutz, Jenson, DeJeu**. Nays: **Cr. Douglas, Co. Douglas**. Motion Passed.

Village Manager Morris gave a brief report about the coming year's budget process.

Director of Public Works Keith Kotsch thanked the Council for the new International Dump Truck. The vehicle has been a huge asset for the staff. **Jenson** also thanked the DPW for the job they do.

Motion by **Co. Douglas**, supported by **Lutz**, to authorize payment of Bills. Ayes: **All**

Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm by **President DeJeu**.

Mike Kozar, Village Clerk.