BROOKLYN VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

January 25, 2016

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Brooklyn Village Council held on Monday, January 25, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Brooklyn Village Office Building, 121 N. Main Street, Brooklyn, MI.

Trustees and Officers present: **Cr. Douglas, Jenson, Bliven, Co. Douglas, Lutz, DeJeu**
Absent: Roberts
Others present: Linderman, Guetschow, McCutcheon

Motion made by **Jenson**, supported by **Lutz**, for approval of Agenda. Ayes: All

Motion made by **Jenson**, supported by **Co. Douglas**, to approve minutes of January 11, 2016 meeting.
Ayes: All

Public Comment:

K Kotsch introduced new DPW staff Lee Hall and Derek Adams with a brief background of their respective work backgrounds.

Resident, P Krause asked for a status on 101 Monroe Street. J Guetschow brought everyone up to date on the building maintenance issues regarding this property.

Reports:

Code Enforcement – None

Fire Department – None

Financial – the Final report for period ending December 31, 2015 was presented.
Motion made by **Jenson**, supported by **Lutz**, to approve financial reports for period ending December 31, 2015. Ayes: All

Jackson County – None

Police Department – D Elwell presented yearend report for the calendar year 2015. He pointed out that the total calls had decreased from the prior year for the department. He also noted that they had 96 hours of dedicated service for the Village in December 2015. Elwell also discussed the effect of the potential new radio system would have on the Village.

Public Hearing – None

Communications – None

Discussion

Senate Bill 571

J Guetshow reported that this bill would have the effect of placing a "Gag Order" on public officials from discussing ballot issues 60 days prior to the date of election. Jae will gather further information on this issue to be brought up a future meeting to determine any action to be taken by the Village Council.

Action Items:

Resolution 2016-02 – Traffic Control Order

Motion made by **Cr Douglas**, supported by **Lutz**, that a Three-Way STOP signs and STOP AHEAD signs be placed on Monroe Street for both directions from Irwin Street and a Three-Way sign be added to the existing STOP sign on Irwin Street.

Ayes: Bliven, Co Douglas, Lutz, Cr Douglas, Jenson, DeJeu Nays: None Absent: Roberts

Motion made by **Cr Douglas**, supported by **Jenson**, to appoint Bobbie Muldoon of Four French Hens to the Board of Downtown Development Authority. Ayes: All

Motion made by **Cr Douglas**, supported by **Lutz**, to institute a Permit Holiday to waive all permit and inspection fees on improvements to property within the Village between April 1, 2016 and May 16, 2016. All work is to be completed by October 31, 2016 or all associated fees would be reinstated on said permits previously issued. Significant building renovations would be ineligible. Ayes: All

Staff Reports

Director of Public Works – K Kotsch reported that the street light pole on the Southwest corner of North Main & Marshall is operational. The GPS mapping project is moving towards completion. Keith asked for input on whether to purchase new pump for the Lansing Lift station at a cost of $9,500 or to have it repaired for an estimated $8,950. He was instructed to order the new pump but to have the old pump looked at for potential repair.

Manager – J Guetshow reported that a rough draft of the proposal to Napoleon Township would be available to Trustee's by January 28th. A report on our water quality has been posted on our website. Jae will be attending the MLGMA Conference on February 2nd through February 5th. He also noted that he is opting to allow his employment contract to automatically renew for another year.

Motion made by **Co. Douglas**, supported by **Jenson**, to authorize payment of bills. Ayes: All

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. by President **DeJeu**.

Mick Linderman, Village Clerk