

BROOKLYN VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 14, 2016

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Brooklyn Village Council held on Monday, March 14, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Brooklyn Village Office Building, 121 N. Main Street, Brooklyn, MI.

Trustees and Officers present: **Bliven, DeJeu, Co. Douglas, Cr. Douglas, Jenson, Lutz, Roberts**

Absent: None

Others present: Guetschow, Linderman, McCutcheon

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

Motion made by **Jenson**, supported by **Lutz**, to approve minutes of February 22, 2016 meeting.

Ayes: All

Public Comment: None

Reports:

Code Enforcement Guetschow reported that T Miller had been dismissed. T Maletic has expressed interest in filling the vacancy. The Council gave their consent to extend an offer to Maletic.

Fire Department – Cota reported that they had 53 calls in February. The Village burn day on February 27th had 5 or 6 participants. Cota emphasized that the fire risk is high so residents be careful with recreational fires.

Financial – The report for period ending February 29, 2016 was presented and noted as received by DeJeu.

Jackson County – Duckham reported a mutual aid box system will be presented to the County Financial Committee at their next meeting. The Radio System study is still underway. Duckham emphasized the importance of passing the “911 Surcharge” that will be on the May 3rd ballot. Duckham announced that the Boy Scouts of America are looking at the possibility of gifting Camp Teetonkah to the County.

Police Department – None

Public Hearing – None

Communications

Guetschow presented the 2016 Community Improvement Award from the Brooklyn/Irish Hills Chamber of Commerce for the completion of the DPW Facility.

A letter of complaint was introduced from J Neely. The Council agreed to refund the cost of the missed plumbing meeting to Mr. Neely.

Guetschow summarized a letter from the Enterprise Group.

Discussion

Guetschow asked for any questions regarding his analysis of the Sewer Fund. The Council admits that errors of past Council’s must be corrected so that future payments can continue to be met.

Action Items:

Special Use of Public Space - Remax

Motion to approve use of Public Space by Remax for their annual Shredding Event was made by Co. Douglas and seconded by Cr. Douglas. Approved: Ayes: All

Special Use of Public Space – Village Peddler Gift Shoppe

Motion to approve the use of Public Space by the Village Peddler to set up table & chairs on sidewalk area for their patrons was made by Jenson and seconded by Roberts. Approved: Ayes: All

Special Use of Public Space – DDA Farmer’s Market

Motion to approve the use of Weatherwax Park as a Farmer’s Market was made by Cr. Douglas and seconded by Roberts. Approved: Ayes: All

River Raisin Watershed Council – Alternative Representative

Motion to approve the appointment of the Village Manager as the Alternative Representative on the River Raisin Watershed Council by Lutz and seconded by Jenson.

Approved: Ayes: All

Staff Reports

Director of Public Works – K Kotsch reported that there was a rash of accidents since the last meeting. The pay phone at the corner of Chicago and Main was removed by an automobile accident. A light pole and a tree were taken out by a hit & run driver at the corner of Irwin & Main. We will be turning in the light pole incident to our insurance carrier for coverage. Kotsch & Spitler will be attending a training conference out of town February 21st through the 25th.

Manager – Guetshow reported that 405 Marshall has been cleaned out and tarped. This property is going to be listed for sale once approved by the bank. The Village has been contacted by the owners of 120 Marshall (Gentle Dental) for a potential new structure. This issue will be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m. by President **DeJeu**.

Mick Linderman, Village Clerk