

BROOKLYN VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

July 11, 2016

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Brooklyn Village Council held on Monday, July 11, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Brooklyn Village Office, 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**, to approve the Agenda. Ayes: All

Motion made by **Lutz**, supported by **Roberts**, to approve minutes of June 27, 2016 meeting. Ayes: All

Public Comment:

J Blackburn spoke out against further cuts to the budget, but acknowledged that she finds the Village taxes higher than other areas. She also mentioned the poor condition of the sidewalks and streets in the Village. She would like to see a regular article in the Exponent from the Manager like a "State of the Village".

P Blackburn was asking for an update on the street lights & the marking for a "Bike Path" on Constitution Avenue.

J Mitoska as rep for the DDA spoke about meeting with the realtors in the area to improve their opinion of the Village. As a property owner he spoke about the Mural Ordinance.

A Cray talked about the Mural Ordinance and how she sees it as ground breaking on the subject. She also asked that we look at the sign ordinance in the same light as the murals.

S Roulmel expressed her opinion that a three person panel to decide on murals should not happen and noted the "tagging" on area buildings seems to have stopped with the appearance of the murals.

S Harrison stated that she felt that privately owned buildings should be governed by the owners regarding murals on their buildings. She also feels that the "Street Art" is attractive to the younger generation.

C Harris gave her support to the current movement of "Street Art" in the Village

Reports:

Fire Dept – Chief Cota discussed his report which was included in the Council packet and asked everyone to use caution regarding fires under these dry conditions.

Code Enforcement – Maletic reported that even with the reduced growth of grass he is still noting some areas that need to be addressed along with maintaining sidewalk height & width requirements.

Financial – report for period ending June 30, 2016 was received in the Council packets

Communications:

Announcement regarding the Robert Sieghart Award by the Michigan Economic Developers Association was presented.

The Water System Consumer Confidence Report for 2015 was included in the Council packet.

Discussion:

Headlee Override ballot proposal analysis was presented by Guetschow.

Action Items:

Motion to approve parcel separation/combination of 114 & 118 Chicago Street was made by **Co Douglas**, supported by **Lutz**. Ayes: All

Motion to approve the Title VI Non-discrimination Plan was made by **Cr Douglas**, supported by **Roberts**. Ayes: All

Motion to approve the Title VI Coordinator & Equal Employments Officer to be the Village Manager was made by **Lutz**, supported by **Cr Douglas**. Ayes: All

Motion for Ordinance No. 2016.07.01 - Amendment to Mural Regulations was made by **Jenson**. **Motion failed due to no support.**

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016.07.02 - Amendment to Mural Regulations was made by **Roberts**, supported by **Co Douglas**. Motion passed by vote of 5-2.

Motion to authorize the Village Manager to accept a bid to repair/replace A/C for Village office not to exceed \$15,000.00 was made by **Bliven**, supported by **Cr Lutz**. Ayes: All

Staff Report:

Guetschow presented his report to Council and asked if Council was in favor allowing MIS to do sidewalk chalk ads on Village sidewalks. Due to short notice they passed on this proposal. He discussed to potential penalty for not applying for permits before work is done.

Motion to authorize payment of bills presented in the Open Invoice Report was made by **Co Douglas**, supported by **Jenson**. Ayes: All

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. by President **DeJeu**.

Mick Linderman, Village Clerk