

BROOKLYN VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 23, 2017

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Brooklyn Village Council held on Monday, October 23, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Brooklyn Village Office, 121 North Main Street, Brooklyn, MI.

Trustees and Officers present: **Roberts, Bliven, Krauss, Jensen, DeJeu**

Absent: **Lorenz, Lutz** Others present: **Guetschow, Linderman, McCutcheon**

Motion by **Bliven**, supported by **Roberts**, to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: **All**.

Motion by **Jensen**, supported by **Krauss**, to approve the Minutes of October 9, 2017. Ayes: **All**.

Public Comment:

Presentation about Redevelopment Ready Community by Brett Hanlon, MEDC.

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer – T Robertson supplied a report that was included in the Council packet.

Motion by **Jensen**, supported by **Krauss**, to approve the Financial Report for the period ending September 30, 2017. Ayes: **All**.

Communications:

Documentation was presented that outlined the potential legislation to regulate local zoning on a statewide basis. Council members are requested to make themselves aware and take action that they deem appropriate.

A notice regarding the Region 2 Planning Commission 2018 Annual Dinner was presented. Any Council members wishing to attend are asked to contact the Village office.

Discussion:

Corridor Improvement Authority – voting on this issue will be at the November 11, 2017 Council meeting. It was noted that there is not any requirement in this action to install sidewalks.

Brownfield Loan – it was noted that the Village has a signed letter to cover this expenditure.

Water and Sewer Rates Adjustment – Guetschow reviewed his memorandum on this issue. It was suggested that the Ready-to-Serve rate be reduced to one for Commercial and Industrial customers and changing the usage rate to \$.00635 per gallon on the sewer side.

Holiday Decorations – various options were discussed regarding which reindeer display should be purchased.

Action Items:

Motion by **Krauss**, supported by **Roberts**, to approve Resolution 2017-22 Water & Sewer Rate Adjustment. Ayes: **All**.

Motion by **Roberts**, supported by **Bliven**, to approve the draft letter of support by the Village Manager to the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Transportation Alternatives Program Grant to install eight-foot pathways/shoulders along both sides of the M-124 corridor. Ayes: **All**.

Motion by **Roberts**, supported by **Jenson**, to approve the use of a portable fire-ring with spark arresting grate at the Scout Cabin in Swain Memorial Park by the Scouts. A stipulation was included that its use must be supervised by an adult and that all fires are properly extinguished and the fire-ring be removed after each use. Ayes: **All**.

Motion by **Roberts**, supported by **Bliven**, to approve the concept of locating a kayak/canoe launch in Swain Memorial Park in collaboration with the River Raisin Watershed Council with a plan to allocate funds not to exceed \$750.00 in a future budget period. Ayes: **All**.

Motion by **Jenson**, supported by **Krauss**, to approve Option #1 authorizing the purchase of holiday decorations in the amount of \$8,447.00 in the current year and leasing the 41 assorted lighted pole decorations with LED lite garland for a three-year contract period. Ayes: **All**.

Staff Reports:

DPW Director: Kotsch reported that there has been a rash of thefts of street signs and actions are being taken to remedy the situation. The leaf-vac is currently operating on a Monday-Wednesday-Friday basis. Pumpkin Quest was an outstanding success. Swain Park Bridge renovation is completed along with the repainting of the Pavilion. There was a watermain break on Sunday October 22 in the Monroe/Broad Street area that resulted in an outage for approximately three hours. Suez Utilities (water tower maintenance) is spotlighting the Village in their 2018 calendar.

Village Manager: Guetschow noted that the Village engineer has advised him that we not pursue FEMA action on the Flood Plains. Several property owners have already starting action individually. We have a new DPW employee starting October 30th by the name of Ryan Lake and he will be introduced at a future Council meeting. The medical marijuana issue still requires action by the Village to allow it within the Village limits.

Others:

Bliven thanked the DPW Staff for their help in making the Pumpkin Quest a success.

Jenson thanked the DPW Staff and Phil Bliven for stepping up and helping with Pumpkin Quest.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. by President **DeJeu**.

Respectfully submitted,

Mick Linderman, Village Clerk

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