

BROOKLYN VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

February 13, 2017

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Brooklyn Village Council held on Monday, February 13, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Brooklyn Village Office, 121 N. Main Street, Brooklyn, MI.

Trustees and Officers present: **Bliven, DeJeu, Jenson, Krauss, Lorenz, Lutz**

Absent: **Roberts**

Others present: Guetschow, Linderman, McCutcheon

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

Motion made by **Jenson**, supported by **Bliven**, to approve minutes of January 23, 2017 meeting. Ayes: All

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer – T Maletic expressed the fact that the ordinances to keep the sidewalks clear are in place for public safety.

Fire Department – Chief Cota spoke about the calls that were made during the month of January. Discussed a request by the owners of some property on Constitution to burn brush piles. He gave the opinion on connecting W Lowry with Huron Circle would be a positive thing for fire control.

Financial – received report for the period ending January 31, 2017.

Jackson County Representative – P Duckham reported that the YMCA millage request would not be on the next ballot. The county has authorized \$63,000 to add a workstation to the 911 service.

Discussion:

The potential of connecting W Lowry with Huron Circle was discussed. Benefits would be for plowing by the DPW and connecting infrastructure of both sewer & water. Council asked that the property owners be surveyed for their opinions and asked Manager Guetschow to compile cost information on the potential alternatives.

Trustee S Lutz arrived at 6:25 p.m.

Proposed changes to the Ready-to-Serve charges were discussed. Currently multi-unit residential properties and being subsidized by single family units. The Village is looking to make the billing system fair for everyone. The Council asked that the analysis be expanded to include commercial property.

Staff Report:

Director of Public Works. Kotsch stated that they are doing more salt applications than plowing this season. He gave his report on the O&M call outs. He noted that there was a 16" main break in the Columbia Township line that was handled very efficiently by our staff.

Manager - Guetschow reviewed his report. He noted that there was an issue with Itinerant Sales in the Village. This was a communication issue on the part of Columbia Township issuing permits but failing to

instructed the recipients that they were not allowed in the Village. A request was made by the Kiwanis to place flags in the “tree lawn” 5 times a year. The council instructed him to work on an ordinance to allow this. Chief Elwell will be attending the DDA meeting on February 21st to discuss the recent robberies of area business’. An article appeared in the Jackson Citizen Patriot claiming that the Village would be financing a park on the outskirts of the Village. This was totally incorrect and the Village has not even discussed this possibility.

A motion to authorize payment of bills presented in the Open Invoice Report was made by **Jenson**, supported by **Krauss**. Ayes: All

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m. by President **DeJeu**.

Mick Linderman, Village Clerk

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