

BROOKLYN VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 13, 2017

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

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

Absent: **DeJeu**

Others present: Guetschow, Linderman, McCutcheon

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

Motion made by **Bliven**, supported by **Lorenz**, to approve minutes of February 27, 2017 meeting. Ayes: All

Public Comments:

D Meyers (167 W Lowry) spoke against extending W Lowry.

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer – T Maletic will be checking on Wednesday for current violations based on the recent snowfall

Fire Department – Chief Cota reviewed his report which was included in the packet. He noted that have exceeded the 200 mark so far in March. The grant application for wetland protection was approved and the equipment has arrived. They experienced 1,888 calls from the wind storm on March 8th.

Financial –the financial report was received for the period ending February 28, 2017.

Communications:

We received a telephone call from the Village of Onsted asking if any of our officials would be interested in attending an Elected Official's Seminar. No date has been set and they were looking for a number from us for potential attendees.

A postcard was received from the Brooklyn-Irish Hill Chamber inviting Council members to attend this year's award ceremony for March 23, 2017.

Discussion:

Ready to Serve rates proposed changes – Guetschow reviewed the data included in the packet showing the differences between current rates and proposed rates We would be adding a section for Multi-family Residential Rates. Commercial and Industrial rates would only change on the sewer side by \$5.00 per category.

Trustee S Lutz arrived at 6:23 p.m.

Commercial property registration – Multiple reasons for implementing the registration process were discussed. The primary issue is for safety and changes in use of the property when tenants/business' change. Voluntary registration for existing businesses would go until July31, 2017.

Action Items:

A motion was made by **Jenson**, supported by **Krauss**, to establish a 20-foot utility easement between 318 & 320 Huron Circle and sell all parcels Ayes: All

A motion was made by **Krauss**, supported by Lutz, to pass Resolution 2017-07 – Rate schedule of Fines, Costs and Fees.

Ayes: **Roberts, Bliven, Lorenz, Lutz, Krauss, Jenson, DeJeu** Absent: **DeJeu**

A motion was made by **Lutz**, supported by **Bliven**, to pass Resolution 2017-08 – Water and Sewer Rates.

Ayes: Roberts, Bliven, Lorenz, Lutz, Krauss, Jenson, DeJeu Absent: **DeJeu**

A motion was made by **Lutz**, supported by **Bliven**, to approve Commercial Property Registration requirement. Ayes: All

Staff Report:

Director of Public Works – Kotsch stated that the impact of this past week's wind storm was minimal except for the loss of power to the entire Village. We will be obtaining bids to remove any damaged trees. Colbrook lift station is the only one that does not have a generator but there is a plan to add one in the near future.

Manager - Guetschow reviewed his report. The telephone is routed through the Manager's cell phone when the office experiences a power loss. The property at 225 S Main needs a Site Plan Review due to a change in use when square footage exceeds 12,000. This will be presented at the next Planning Commission meeting. He will be taking some PTO days over the next 5 business days. We have received numerous inquiries on 168 S Main.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m. by President Pro tem **Roberts**.

Mick Linderman, Village Clerk