

BROOKLYN VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 10, 2017

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Brooklyn Village Council held on Monday, April 10, 2017, at 6:01 p.m. at the Brooklyn Village Office, 121 N. Main Street, Brooklyn, MI.

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

Absent: **None**

Others present: Guetschow, Linderman

Motion made by **Lutz**, supported by **Jenson**, to approve the Agenda with the addition of Action Item 9.g.

Ayes: All

Motion made by **Bliven**, supported by **Krauss**, to approve minutes of March 27, 2017 meeting with amendments to remove Lorenz as an attendee. Ayes: All

Public Comments:

None

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer - Maletic announced that he is ready for the growing season.

Fire Department – Chief Cota stated that calls have been up due to the high winds recently. They are purchasing a new thermal imaging camera. He introduced his newly appointed Assistant Chief, Jeff Simpson.

Financial –financial report for the period ending March 31, 2017 was received.

Jackson County Representative – Duckham reported that the number of recorded deeds are up and foreclosures are down from previous years. The county has approved the purchase of 4 heated asphalt trailers.

Communications:

An article detailing the prolonged recovery of Michigan's taxable values was included in the Council's packet.

Discussion:

The three proposals for the purchase of 168 S Main were discussed. Time was made available for each party to discuss their proposal. Trustees were allowed to ask questions to each party on the proposal. The Council decided that if negotiations with the selected party could not be effected then the remaining proposals would be revisited before reopening the process.

The proposed Property Registration Policy was discussed. Guetschow stated the reasons for implementing the registration process. The Trustees discussed extending the grace period for existing businesses. The Council will revisit the penalty for failure to register later.

Ordinance 2017-04-01 – Amendment to Chapter 22 was discussed. This ordinance will allow the Council to implement the registration policy.

Ordinance amendment to Chapter 51: Special Assessments for Public Improvements. This ordinance addresses the assessment of special taxes for specific projects.

Action Items:

A motion was made by **Jenson**, supported by **Lutz**, to pass Resolution 2017-09 – Michigan Department of Transportation. **Ayes: All**

A motion was made by **Roberts**, supported by **Lutz**, to accept the proposal by Fountain Leasing, LLC, contingent upon execution of a mutually agreeable purchase agreement, and authorize the Village Manager to proceed with said purchase agreement through ReMax Realty with closing to occur no later than June 30, 2017, with the proceeds from the sale of the property to be earmarked for street improvements in the Village. **Ayes: All**

A motion was made by **Bliven**, supported by **Lutz**, to pass the Property Registration Policy. **Ayes: All**

A motion was made by **Krauss**, supported by **Lutz**, to pass Ordinance 2017-04-01 – Chapter 22: Businesses (amendment). **Ayes: All**

A motion was made by **Roberts**, supported by **Lutz**, to pass Resolution 2017-10 – Rate Schedule of Fines, Costs and Fees.

Ayes: **Roberts, Bliven, Lorenz, Lutz, Krauss, Jenson, DeJeu** **Nays: None**

A motion was made by **Roberts**, supported by **Lutz**, to accept the quote from Ropes & Rigging Tree Service, LLC not to exceed \$950.00 for removing the storm damaged tree at 228 Chicago Street. **Ayes: All**

A motion was made by **Roberts**, supported by **Jenson**, to approve the affidavit to combine the three parcels 000-19-24-481-001-00, 000-19-24-482-008-02, & 000-19-24-481-003-00 commonly none as 168 S Main. **Ayes: All**

Staff Report:

Manager - Guetschow reported that the Brooklyn Scouts wish to have permission to have an area designated to have bonfires near the location of their Scout Cabin. The Council asked to have more detailed information before taking any action on this issue.

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 6:49 p.m. by President **DeJeu**.

Mick Linderman, Village Clerk