

## BROOKLYN VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

**April 24, 2017**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Brooklyn Village Council held on Monday, April 24, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Brooklyn Village Office, 121 N. Main St., Brooklyn, Michigan 49230.

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

Absent: None Others present: Guetschow, McCutchen

Motion by Lutz, supported by Roberts to approve Agenda with addition of Action Item 9d.: Manager Compensation. Ayes: All

Motion by Jenson, supported by Krauss to approve written minutes from April 10, 2017. Ayes: All

Public Comment: None

Reports:

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Noted there were a couple of illegal storage; trash issues; and inoperable cars cited. It is time to start mowing and he will be paying attention to lawns.

**Financial:** The report ending March 31, 2017 to be approved. Motion by Jenson, supported by Lutz, to approve the financial report. Ayes: All

Public Hearing: None

Communications: None

Discussion:

**Manager Compensation:** Personnel Committee (Bliven, Lorenz, DeJeu) met, conducted a performance evaluation with Village Manager and is making a recommendation that a fair and deserving wage increase of \$3,000 would be an acceptable wage increase. This is a total of 6% which equates to 3% for each year this Village Manager has served the Village of Brooklyn.

**Budget Workshop Scheduling:** Village Manager is suggesting having either a special meeting or combining budget workshop in the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of May. Finance Committee will meet first. Budget will need to be voted on by the last meeting in June.

Action Items:

Motion by Roberts, supported by Lutz, to approve the lease amendment and order for payment by Savoy Energy. Ayes: All

Motion by Lutz, supported by Krauss, to pass Resolution 2017-11: Deficit Elimination Plan – Water Fund (Amended). Ayes: Roberts, Bliven, Lutz, Krauss, Jenson, Lorenz, DeJeu. Nays: None

Motion by Jenson, supported by Krauss, to pass Resolution 2017-12: Notification of Release of Right of First Refusal. Ayes: Roberts, Bliven, Lutz, Krauss, Jenson, Lorenz, DeJeu. Nays: None

Motion by Roberts, supported by Lutz, to increase the Village Manager's wage by \$3,000 (this is a total of 6% which equates to 3% per year for the years of service). Ayes: All

Staff report:

Director of Public Works: Reported that DPW is painting public buildings the same color; the Swain park mulch will be replaced (lasted since 2010); Bridge at Swain Park needs new decking which will temporarily covered with plywood until bridge can be replaced in the fall as the park is not as busy at that time; DPW will receive reimbursement from Consumers Energy of \$1200 for DPW standing by down power line for 12 hours and they have received \$350 from Omni Source for scrap metal; chipper will be out soon; tree on Chicago St. coming down soon; discussed current status on Veteran Monument.

Manager: Guetschow reviewed property updates for 225 S. Main St., 151 Constitution Ave., 168 S. Main St., and 103 N. Main St. with Council

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:37 p.m. by President **DeJeu**

Minutes taken by **Kara Lorenz**, Deputy Clerk