

BROOKLYN VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

August 14, 2017

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Brooklyn Village Council held on Monday, August 14, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Brooklyn Village Office, 121 N. Main Street, Brooklyn, MI.

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

Absent: **DeJeu, Lutz**

Others present: Guetschow, Linderman, McCutcheon

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

Ayes: All

Motion made by **Krauss**, supported by **Jenson**, to approve minutes of July 24, 2017. Ayes: All

Public Comments: None

Reports:

Code Enforcement: Tonya Robertson was introduced to Council as the new Code Enforcement Officer by Guetschow.

Fire Department: Chief Cota reviewed his report which was included in the packet.

The Financial Report for the period ending July 31, 2017 was received.

Jackson County Representative: P Duckham reported that the Jackson County Fair went very well. The 2018 Budget is being prepared. The Enterprise Group is finalizing the purchase of 110 acres north of I-94.

The Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report for the Planning Commission was received by Council. This report was approved by the Planning Commission at their meeting on July 26, 2017.

Communications:

A letter from Anton Eichmuller of Maxable was presented for review to Council. Mr. Eichmuller was concerned with the increase in rates for the Water/Sewer Billings and the effects to his company.

An article dealing with "Panhandling" from July 25, 2017 was presented to Council.

Discussion:

The Code Enforcement Officer selection process was reviewed with Council by Guetschow. He explained that he choose the candidate that best fit the requirements of the position.

Commercial/Industrial water/sewer rates. Guetschow expressed the desire to make the rates equitable between residential/multi-family/commercial customers. Funding needs to increase to properly match cash outflow. He proposed that the rates on water to be by "business" and the sewer rates to be based on "REU".

Farmers Market. Guetschow asked for comments on this subject regarding the need for a "Temporary Sales Permit". If the sale is for a limited basis should we charge or not?

Action Items:

Motion by **Jenson**, supported by **Krauss**, to Resolution 2017-20: Corridor Improvement Authority. Ayes: All

Motion by **Jenson**, supported by **Krauss**, to approve the tree removal at 400 Mill Street. Ayes: All

Motion by **Krauss**, supported by **Lorenz**, to remove the deciduous trees from the boulevard and replace them with ones to be determined later. Ayes: All

Motion by **Bliven**, supported by **Jenson**, to approve Resolution 2017-21: Water/Sewer Rate Clarification. Ayes: All

Staff Report:

Director of Public Works – Kotsch displayed selections of decking material for the Swain Park Bridge. He should be receiving a quote on the decking material by next meeting.

Manager - Guetschow stated the recent sidewalk replacement on the boulevard was a preemptive measure for the safety of walkers/shoppers. The auditors were in the office for 3 days recently. There are additional reports required this year by Federal/State regarding Act 51 Funds.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. by President Pro Tem **Roberts**.

Mick Linderman, Village Clerk