

**BROOKLYN VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF
April 23, 2018**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Brooklyn Village Council held on Monday, April 23, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Brooklyn Village Office, 121 North Main Street, Brooklyn, MI.

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

Absent: **Lorenz** Others present: **Guetschow, Linderman, McCutcheon**

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

Motion by **Krauss**, supported by **Jenson**, to approve the Minutes of April 9, 2018. Ayes: **All**.

Public Comment: None.

Reports:

Code Enforcement officer – Guetschow reported that a candidate (Rick Nicholson) was interviewed earlier today and will be starting next week

Fire Department – Chief Cota announced that he placed a “Burning Ban” today. He reviewed the March 2018 activity report which was included in the packet last meeting. The first meeting for Faster Horses was held for this season. A new “wagon wheel” traffic pattern will be used to control traffic flow this year.

Motion by **Lutz**, supported by **Bliven**, to approve the Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2018. Ayes: **All**.

Police Department – Chief Elwell reviewed his report of March 2018 data which he passed out before the meeting.

Communications:

President DeJeu passed around a “Thank You” note for the flowers at Caroline Baker’s funeral. (J Guetschow’s Mother-in-Law)

Discussion:

Design & engineering quotes – Mill Street Bridge: Guetschow reviewed the process to this point. We have received 4 proposals to date. Three of the for firms sent representatives to answer questions from the Council. They were Matt Johnson of Fleis & Vanderbrink, Inc., Sam Leach of Wightman & Associates, and Tony Rached of Abonmarche Consultants. They each made a brief statement and discussion followed.

Street funding – Discussion surrounded the issue of how to raise funds to provide for the repair/maintenance of Village streets. Emphasis was made on increasing the millage to fund

future projects or a possible bond issue. The consensus is that a decision must be made between millage versus bonds.

Public Comment: Resident S Paul talked about the effect of bridge construction on surrounding property owners.

Action Items:

Motion by **Roberts**, supported by **Krauss**, to approve the parcel combination at 200 N Main Street. Ayes: **All**.

Motion by **Roberts**, supported by **Bliven**, to select the firm of Fleis & Vanderbrink, Inc. to submit application to MDOT by May 1, 2018 on behalf of the Village for the Mill Street Bridge Reconstruction Project. Motion passed by a vote of 5-1.

Motion by **Roberts**, supported by **Lutz**, to approve Resolution 2018-09 – MDOT Local Bridge Program application. Ayes: **All**.

Motion by **Roberts**, supported by **Krauss**, to ignore the request from the City of Escanaba for assistance in their lawsuit “Dark Store” appeal process. Ayes: **All**.

Motion by **Jenson**, supported by **Lutz**, to approve Resolution 2018-08 – World War I Centennial. Ayes: **All**.

Staff Reports:

Director of Public Works – Kotsch had nothing to report at this time.

Village Manager: Guetschow reviewed his manager’s report. He talked about the plan to handle the Code Enforcement duties when the position is vacant. The budget process is getting a late start and he asked if Council would like to have a Special meeting in May for a workshop.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. by President **DeJeu**.

Respectfully submitted,

Mick Linderman, Village Clerk