

**BROOKLYN VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF
May 14, 2018**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Brooklyn Village Council held on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Brooklyn Village Office, 121 North Main Street, Brooklyn, MI.

Trustees and Officers present: **Roberts, Bliven, Lorenz, Lutz, Krauss, Jenson, DeJeu**
Others present: **Guetschow, Linderman, McCutcheon**

A "Moment of Silence" was led by President DeJeu in honor of Linda Weatherwax.

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

Motion by **Jenson**, supported by **Krauss**, to approve the Minutes of April 23, 2018. Ayes: **All**.

Public Comment: J Calhoun representing the Sportsman Club asked to have the "Stop" signs removed at Monroe & Irwin intersection.

Reports:

Code Enforcement officer – Guetschow introduced Rick Nicholson to Council as the new Code Enforcement Officer.

Fire Department – Assistant Chief Simpson reviewed the April 2018 activity report which was included in the packet.

The Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2018 was received.

Jackson County Representative – P Duckham stated that Jackson County at their meeting scheduled for May 15, 2018 would be discussing an ordinance to remove the ability of municipalities to opt out of the requirement to change street address'.

Police Department – Chief Elwell reviewed the April 2018 activity report which he passed out prior to the meeting.

Other – Guetschow spoke on the meeting that was held discussing road closures and other safety issues during upcoming events in the Village.

Communications:

Columbia Township Fire Department – a flier was introduced noting the upcoming Health & Fitness Open House on June 16, 2018.

An article dated April 23, 2018 “Nobody’s Going to Come Save Us”. Dealt with the issues faced with the deterioration of local roads.

State of Michigan Annual Road & Bridge Report email dated May 2, 2018 discussed the annual rating of roads & bridges.

An article in AWWA April 2018 issue “Rate Increases Call for Well-Planned Public Outreach” emphasized the importance of keeping the public informed.

A motion by **Krauss**, supported by **Roberts**, was made to close the Open Meeting and move into a closed meeting at 6:16 pm. Ayes: **All**.

A motion by **Roberts**, supported by **Jenson**, was made to reopen the Open Meeting at 6:27 pm. Ayes: **All**.

Discussion:

Street conditions & options for funding of improvements. Discussion followed concerning the need to raise funds to repair/rebuild the Village roads. Options discussed were: roll back the Headlee Amendment, raise mileage or bond proposal. Need to analyze the needs & costs. Then break it down on a taxpayer basis to educate the voters.

Shady’s Tap room waiver request. Owners wish to add outside seating in the rear of their property. Concerns were raised regarding parking and noise.

Public Comment:

T Knutson asked how will the Village repay The Brownfield loan if other taxes are maxed out? This loan should be paid back as soon as fiscally feasible.

R Matteson asked what longevity would chip sealing as to the roads?

C Magowan expressed his opinion that he feels that the Village is doing things the right way by discussing things openly.

Action Items:

Motion by **Bliven**, supported by **Lutz**, to approve the waiver request for Shady’s Tap Room as amended. Ayes: **All**.

Motion by **Roberts**, supported by **Lutz**, to approve Resolution 2018-10 – Notification of Release of Right of First Refusal. Ayes: **All**.

Motion by **Jenson**, supported by **Krauss**, to approve the Village Website Privacy Policy. Ayes: **All**.

Motion by **Jenson**, supported by **Lutz**, to hold a Budget Workshop on May 22, 2018 at 10:00 am.. Ayes: **All**.

Staff Reports:

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

Village Manager: Guetschow mentioned that the Brooklyn Library will be having an Open House on May 19th. A project request from Region 2 Planning Commission was received regarding a \$35,000 Economic Development District.

Others:

DeJeu asked about the status of the Mill Street Bridge project. Guetschow stated that the proposal was presented before the May 1st deadline.

Lorenz passed out a flier for the 1st Annual Safe Haven Benefit on June 14, 2018.

Motion by **Roberts**, supported by **Jenson**, to purchase a tree to be planted in honor of L Weatherwax. Ayes: **All**.

Motion by **Jenson**, supported by Lutz, 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