

**BROOKLYN VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF
June 11, 2018**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Brooklyn Village Council held on Monday, June 11, 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**

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

Motion by **Jenson**, supported by **Roberts**, to approve the Minutes of May 14, 2018. Ayes: **All**.

Motion by **Bliven**, supported by **Lutz**, to approve the Minutes of May 22, 2018 Special Meeting for a Budget Workshop. Ayes: **All**.

Public Comment: P Blackburn spoke about the proposed budget and surplus noted in it.

K Caryl addressed the blight on Sheridan Street specifically 115 Sheridan.

D Kolehmainen discussed the signage situation in the Village and how it is affecting views about his "air dancer".

Prestation by Lt. Jim Jarrett of the Michigan State Police regarding the proposed traffic pattern for the upcoming Faster Horses event.

Reports:

Code Enforcement officer – a report was included in the Council packet.

Fire Department – Chief Cota reviewed the May 2018 activity report which was included in the packet.

The Financial Report for the period ending May 31, 2018 was received.

Jackson County Representative – P Duckham mentioned that the Tax Forfeiture auction will be on August 30, 2018, an agreement with MPSCS and the County was made allowing them to connect with the new 811 Service, the Equalization Department is restructuring the tax assessment system. Taxing authorities under 500 parcels will be required to contract with the state for assessing while the larger will be allowed to conduct their own assessing.

Communications:

A Thank you card was received from the Family of Linda Weatherwax.

The Brooklyn Food Pantry sent a letter acknowledging the Village's contribution in honor of Linda Weatherwax.

A motion by **Jenson**, supported by **Roberts**, was made to close the Open Meeting and move into a closed meeting at 6:38 pm. Ayes: **All**.

A motion by **Roberts**, supported by **Lutz**, was made to reopen the Open Meeting at 6:40 pm. Ayes: **All**.

Discussion:

Street conditions & options for funding of improvements. Discussion regarding potential methods to attain the funds to maintain/improve the Village Roads. A vote by the people to roll back the Headlee Tax Repeal would raise approximately \$50,000. A mileage increase of up to 2 mills would bring in around \$102,000 this could be used to cover a bond payment to allow the roads to be addressed within the next two years.

Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget amendments. The proposed amendments are moving funds between categories within a given Fund not between Funds.

Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget proposal. The key factors in the upcoming budget are: Tiffany & King Streets in this fiscal, replacing a pump at the M-50 Lift station, purchase a new backhoe versus leasing, LED lighting for the Village Office, fencing of the DPW property, engineering of the Mill Street Bridge and repay interfund loans.

Public Comment:

P Blackburn asked what level of surpluses we are attempting to achieve?

Action Items:

Motion by **Roberts**, supported by **Lutz**, to approve the signs acknowledging Alissa Fish. Ayes: **All**.

Motion by **Jenson**, supported by **Krauss**, to approve Resolution 2018-11 – Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget Amendments. Ayes: **All**.

Motion by **Roberts**, supported by **Lutz**, to approve Resolution 2018-12 - General Fund millage request of a 2 mill increase. Roll call Vote: Roberts – Yes, Bliven – Yes, Lorenz – NO, Lutz – Yes, Krauss – Yes, Jenson – Yes, DeJeu – Yes. **Motion passed 5-1**.

Motion by **Roberts**, supported by **Lutz**, to approve Resolution 2018-13 – Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget with the addition of 2 mills to the General Fund. Roll call Vote: Jenson – Yes, Krauss – Yes, Lutz – Yes, Lorenz – No, Bliven – Yes, Roberts – Yes, DeJeu – Yes. **Motion passed 5-1**.

Motion by **Jenson**, supported by **Roberts**, to approve Resolution 2018-14 – Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Sewer Rate Tax Exemptions. Ayes: **All**.

Motion by **Roberts**, supported by **Jenson**, to approve Resolution 2018-15 – Rate Schedule of Fines, Costs and Fees. Ayes: **All**.

Staff Reports:

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

Village Manager: Guetschow announced that the Village received a grant from the Jackson Community Foundation of \$500.00 for a proposed canoe/kayak launch. The annual Engagement Letter from Yeo & Yeo has been received with the audit to begin on July 30, 2018. A letter from Columbia Township was received stating that the transmission fees would be increasing from \$.65 to \$3.50 per REU.

Others:

Roberts thanked everyone for their work on this year's budgeting process.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m. by President **DeJeu**.

Respectfully submitted,

Mick Linderman, Village Clerk