

**Record of Proceedings  
Village of Bremen Council Meeting  
June 11, 2018**

The Council of the Village of Bremen was called to order in regular session by Mayor Mike Henwood at 7:00 P.M. The council, residents and visitors stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. Members present were Sue Henwood, Sherman Prince, Scott Snider, Todd Wesaw, Debbie Wolfe, and Toni Harper. Clerk Treasurer Jennifer Storey, Village Administrator Jeff White, and Sheriff's Deputy Michael Busby were also in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Prince moved to pass the minutes for the May 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting; Wesaw second. Sue Henwood, yea; Sherman Prince, yea; Snider, yea; Wesaw, yea; Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; motion passed.

Wolfe moved to pass the minutes for the May 30<sup>th</sup> special meeting; Prince second. Sue Henwood, yea; Sherman Prince, yea; Snider, yea; Wesaw, yea; Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; motion passed.

**Guests and Residents:**

**Dan Rutherford** outlined his many complaints regarding what he sees to be the shortcomings of the Village administration and singled out Mr. White as the main target of his anger. When the Mayor told him he overstepped his allotted time, he refused to relinquish the podium and became hostile and very loud.

**Sally Grimm** reported that there are kids in probate who can work in the park or pool for free. This will help keep them out of jail; the County will provide the transportation. It was also suggested that the PAW program is available. The only cost to the Village for this is for the supervising deputies' time; the prisoners will work for free.

**Tad Moyer** was not present, but the Mayor indicated that he wanted to discuss a levy. The Mayor says it is too late in the year to put it on November's ballot. The Finance Committee has discussed a 3 mil levy; each mil will put \$35 per year to a homeowner and provide \$21,000 in revenue for the Village. There was intense discussion regarding whether this should be a street or parks levy.

**Sheriff's Report: (Deputy Busby)**

Deputy Busby distributed his monthly report to Council; there were 64 calls for service and no major incidents to report, this is the typical summer time increase in activity. There was suspected drug activity reported. A vehicle is reportedly on a resident's property with no tags; this is a zoning issue. The deputy reported that he will be moving to a new position with the Sheriff's office as the resource officer for Bloom Carroll. He will be training a new officer for Bremen as soon as they choose one. Residents continue to run the stop sign at Carter and Mulberry resulting in an increase in tickets issued.

**Mayor's Report:**

The Mayor reported going to Athens for the Ohio Municipal League meeting and discussing the effects of House Bill 49 on revenues. The Mayor also wanted to discuss how to protect

the Village bricks from theft during major projects. It is felt that better communication with the public will help, including ads in the Town Crier.

**Clerk/Treasurer’s Report:**

The Clerk read her report to Council. Highlights of the report are as follows:

Our current checking balance as of June 11, 2018 is \$668,410.93

- May 30, 2018 was \$685,253.76
- Our fund balance as of June 11, 2018 is \$640,232.52
- We spent 33.52 percent of our permanent appropriation budget for 2018.
- We received 52.39 percent of our annual revenue budget for 2018.
- The target number for this month is 44%
- The Clerk prepared special spreadsheets to report the pool income for the year.

**Administrator’s Report:**

-The Village Administrator submitted his report to Council. His report included the following items he has worked on since the last council meeting:

- Attended committee meetings and represented the Village at various councils at the state and county levels.
- Prepared materials for the Tree Board meeting
- Columbia Gas project is proceeding faster than anticipated, and they have started replacing sidewalks
- The pool opened on June 1
- Eric Sharb has been hired as the new Water/Wastewater technician at 16.00/hr
- Construction phase of the water treatment filtration project will begin soon.
- Preparing contract specs for the Dowling Park project
- September 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the income survey, and Mr. Montgomery is well on his to meet this.

**Approval of Payment of Bills:**

The Clerk distributed the Pay Authorization to Council; it was also displayed on power-point so that everyone present could see it. There was significant discussion regarding Wharton Electric at the pool; there was significantly more work to be done to the pool lights than expected.

**Old Business:**

-Mary Hoffman reported that a lot of progress is being made at Dowling Park. The old park has been entirely demolished.

**New Business:**

None

## Ordinances and Resolutions

**Ordinance 5-10-18**                      **Amend Salary Schedule**                      **Second Reading**

**Ordinance 6-11-18**                      **Dowling Park Bids**                      **Second Reading**  
The Mayor read the Ordinance aloud.

**Ordinance 9-16-17**                      **Park Rules**                      **Final Reading**  
Council Members asked that this be tabled for further review.

**Ordinance 6-12-18**                      **Amend Zoning Ordinance**                      **First Reading**  
There was extensive discussion regarding the need for the fees outlined in this ordinance. Some council members feel it places undue burdens on the homeowners, others argue that the village has expenditures surrounding these permits that the fees will cover. These include salary for the Zoning Inspector and advertising for hearings.

Residents then gave feedback to Council regarding the Zoning Inspector and the things they feel he should be doing to follow up with builds and demolitions. They feel that he should be checking to see that the measurements of structures are what the homeowner said they would be.

### **Around the Table:**

- Harper, Toni: Took complaints from residents about the trash on Main St; this fills in less than a day because residents fill it with their personal trash. She questioned the use of 'General Purposes' in the legal ads; the Clerk responded that it is permitted in the Sunshine Laws. She typically uses it if there are more than three items to cover. Wanted to know what happened with the bricks at Mulberry/Fort alley in the 300 block. Would like to see a picture of one of the Village employees in every newsletter so that residents can identify them. Residents need to be aware that companies are 'rental fishing' by sending postcards to homeowners; 3<sup>rd</sup> party power suppliers are scamming as well. She read an email from Brian Irwin regarding the importance of the pool.
- Henwood, Sue: Gave a brief outline of the extra duties she performs to help the Village.
- Prince, Sherman: Thanked Sue for her help with committee minutes.
- Snider, Scott: Nothing
- Wesaw, Todd: Would like to see a levy for parks in addition to the one for streets.
- Wolfe, Debbie: Would like to have another half skid of mulch for the park
- White, Jeffrey: Nothing
- Mayor Henwood: Sinkhole at Marietta/Broad is fixed. Columbia Gas may also fix another hole for us. The Tree Board meeting was successful with most members attending. The next meeting will be July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We need minutes from Tree meetings and pool meetings.
- Storey, Jennifer: Explained her new pool revenue spreadsheets to Council

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilperson Wolfe 9:00 P.M.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, June 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm. at the Village Offices located at 9090 Marietta Road.

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Sherman Prince  
Council President

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Jennifer R. Storey  
Clerk/Treasurer