

**Record of Proceedings  
Village of Bremen Council Meeting  
July 8, 2019**

The Council of the Village of Bremen was called to order in regular session by Mayor Mike Henwood at 7:00 P.M. Roll call was taken. Members present were Toni Harper, Sue Henwood, Sherman Prince, Scott Snider, Todd Wesaw, and Debbie Wolfe. Fiscal Officer Crystal Pritchard, Administrator, Corey Spackey and Sheriff's Deputy Kristy Peck attended.

**Guests and Residents:**

Tad Moyer: Starts with the appearance of the downtown. With all of the new businesses going in downtown the street department does zero trimming or spraying. Tad stated that he's trimmed it twice and sprayed once himself. Tad stated that he spoke with the administrator three times regarding weed growth. Within the first two conversations Corey assured him the trimming would be taken care of. Corey told him it hadn't been done because the street department was getting their spray license. On the third call, he was told that the Village has other priorities. Concerning the streets; There are potholes that are five or six inches deep and are a huge liability. Why isn't the Village at least patching potholes as it's been done in years past? Are the streets being neglected to get the street levy passed? Mayor Henwood stated that wasn't the case. The street department just hasn't had time to get to it. Concerning the weeds in the streets; if the village isn't going to spray can the street department at least trim them? What is the street department doing if they're not out in the streets? The volunteers are doing more work for free than the employees are doing with residents tax money. Tad stated that he has proposed several times that the Village Council should cancel the contract with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office for a few years. The Village could use the \$89,000 that we budget for contract expense to take care of the streets, repair the pool and hire someone to mow our parks so that the street department can get back in the streets. He stated that it is his opinion that we don't need to pass a levy raising taxes to take care of our streets. Tad asked the council to address the condition of the downtown and the streets. Council discussed the issues that Mr. Moyer brought up.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for council meeting on 06/10/19 and 06/24/19 were discussed. Toni Harper moved to accept the minutes for 06/10/19, Prince second. Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; Sherman Prince, yea; Scott Snider, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; motion passes. Todd Wesaw moved to accept the meeting minutes for 06/24/19, Prince seconded. Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; Sherman Prince, yea; Scott Snider, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; motion passes.

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

Deputy distributed her monthly report to Council; there were 44 calls for service in June. Seven reports were taken and several misdemeanor charges filed with the courts. There were no major incidents to report.

**Mayor's Report:**

Met with Barb Anderson and two engineers from CT Consultants to go over the sewer plant upgrades. Options for the plant process and equipment were discussed in detail.

Corey, Chance and Mike has had several discussions about the storm sewers and their deficiencies that have shown up after heavy rains. The sewer drains were not grouted in and thus the storm water has been eroding the soil around the lines and creating sink holes.

Attended meetings with the legion to discuss the community day on September 14<sup>th</sup> with the tractor parade. Toni suggested that Mike coordinate efforts with the activities committee.

Val Martindill donated a vanity to the pool. Mike will set up a time for the street department to go pick it up.

### **Fiscal Officer Report:**

From the previous Council meeting, the Fiscal Officer has:

- Prepared and distributed payroll for pay periods ending in 06/02/19 - \$13,605.43, 06/16/19 - \$15,932.90, 07/05/19 - \$16,622.68
- Prepared reports and attended Finance Committee meeting on 6/26/19
- Prepared the following for council:
  - Ordinances for passage
  - Copy of minutes from the June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup> council meeting
  - Completed clerks report
  - Compiled pay authorization
  - Copy of the June 2019 and current day Bank Statement.

### **BANK STATEMENT & REPORT TOTALS**

- Our current checking balance as of June 28, 2019: \$605,949.80
- Our current balance as of today: \$614,464.49
- Our fund balance as of 07/08/19: \$510, 190.29

We received our notice from the county for our budget hearing. It is August 5, 2019 at 11:05 AM.

### **Village Administrators Report:**

The administrators report was distributed. Updates were given for the Street Department, Safety and Infrastructure, Economic Development and the Swimming Pool. Corey would like Safety and Infrastructure to meet with the Zoning Committee to start planning future projects. The Pool operation has been going smooth. Management quickly addresses issues and the guards all work well together. The Village received a certified copy of a citizens initiative petition from Tom Tipple regarding a dispensary. There will be a petition for people to sign that will be circulating. The Administrator has an open door policy and is happy to answer or meet with anyone if concerns or questions arise. Corey wanted to go on record with the statement that with election time right around the corner that he didn't want to be in the middle of any election debates. He stated that he will end the conversation as soon as it's brought up.

### **Approval of Payment of Bills:**

Council reviewed the pay authorization, the Fiscal Officer answered questions. After discussion of the list bills Toni Harper moved to pay the bills, Sue Henwood seconds. Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; Sherman Prince, yea; Scott Snider, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; motion passes.

### **Old Business:**

Mary Hoffman: Grand Opening will be September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business:**

Scott: the bricks that sat on the corner of Mill and Mulberry for over a year were finally replaced. Did anyone actually fix the issue or were the bricks just replaced? Corey stated that it was his understanding that the work was done and the brick work just needed to be done. Scott asked Corey if he could get a quote paving the entrance to the park. Corey stated that he would.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

#### **Ordinance 7-8-19**

#### **Park Rules**

#### **Final Reading**

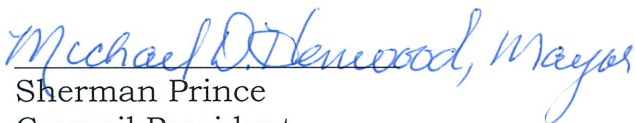
An ordinance establishing rules and regulations for the parks of the Village of Bremen, Ohio. The ordinance was discussed in great length. There are several typos in the ordinance. Toni Harper moves to accept the ordinance with corrections; Todd Wesaw seconds. Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, nay; Sherman Prince, nay; Scott Snider, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; ordinance 7-8-19 passes.

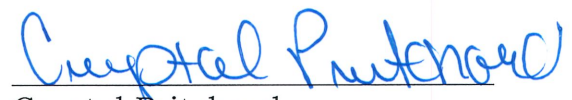
### **Around the Table:**

Harper, Toni: Thanks to the street department for putting up cones on Marietta Street.  
Henwood, Sue: Nothing  
Prince, Sherman: Nothing  
Snider, Scott: Thanks to Carrie and Christy Maurer for their volunteer efforts.  
Wesaw, Todd: Voted incorrectly for the park ordinance. He wasn't clear and he does not support anyone driving in the parks. He's very concerned about driving in the park.  
Wolfe, Debbie: Thanks to Pat and Irene Konkler for their volunteer work.  
Mayor Henwood: Resolution of respect was read in memory of Gene Qualls. We are not allowing the streets to deteriorate to try to pass the street levy.  
Pritchard, Crystal: Nothing  
Spackey, Corey: Nothing

Motion by Todd Wesaw to adjourn at 8:31 pm.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, August 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm. at the Village Offices located at 9090 Marietta Road SE.

  
Sherman Prince  
Council President

  
Crystal Pritchard  
Fiscal Officer/Clerk of Council