

Bremen Village Council

Meeting Minutes August 10, 2020

Meeting called to order August 10, 2020. By Mayor Anthony Taylor at 7:01p.m.

Pledge

Roll Call: Mayor Taylor: Aye Todd Wesaw (teleconference) -Aye, Toni Harper- Aye,, Tad Moyer -Aye, Debbie Wolfe-Aye, Connie Moyer-Aye, Troy Tripp- Aye.

Staff present, Ron Stephens, Village Administrator: Lisa Burnworth, Village Fiscal Officer: Volunteer, Tracy Shahan for video feed via Facebook

Approval of prior minutes: Motion to approve minutes for council meeting on July 13, 2020 made by T.Tripp, Second by D. Wolfe. **Roll Call:** Wesaw yes, Harper yes, T Moyer yes, Wolfe yes, C. Moyer yes. T. Tripp **Motion passed.**

Business of Guests : Craig Dennis- Expressed concern over the ongoing obstacle course to get around catch basin and manholes on Marietta. Poses a danger to those who travel the streets. Suggested that repair be completed even if street cannot be paved in 2020. Other options such as durapatching or steel plates to hold over the winter until paving completed in 2021. Mayor Taylor responded that options being reviewed and stated funding along with complete repair of Marietta is the priority. Second issue: Does not feel the property to the east of the park is a wise regardless of the funding. The ongoing care and maintainence of the property would be an issue as the village does not have the resources or funding to maintain in the future. Councilman Tad Moyer responded that all funding for the purchase of the property comes from outside sources. Future maintainance will not be the responsibility of the Village. Native grasses will be planted and hay will be made.

Mayor Report:

CT Engineering ; Mayor recommends payment of \$96,169.00 Mayor Taylor feels that items from invoice #5 are still in question. That invoice is in the amount \$15,831.00. Discussion followed. **Motion** made by T.Harper pay CT Engineering in the amount of \$112,000.00. Second C. Moyer. Further discussion regarding the service and payment that CT provided the village prior to the vote. . **Roll Call:** Wesaw yes, Harper yes, T Moyer yes, Wolfe yes, C. Moyer yes. T. Tripp **Motion passed.**

Rushville water billing: Rushville has contacted the Village regarding questions from Rushville going back to 2010. The Mayor, Administrator and Fiscal Officer will review the information and felt best to turn over to solicitor for reveiew and draft a response.

Finance Committee Report (Chairwoman Moyer): RITA Resolution or Ordinance. **Motion** made by C. Moyer Second by T. Harper. Request the solicitor review and draft appropriate Ordinance to reduce the current RITA tax credit from 100% to 50% effective January 2021. Discussion surrounding the amount the credit will generate as well as the need to have the Ordinance available for a 1st reading at September meeting . **Roll Call:** Wesaw yes, Harper yes, T Moyer yes, Wolfe yes, C. Moyer yes. T. Tripp **Motion passed.**

Fair Market wage Survey: Ron will begin working on the process to determine if current pay structures are competitive in our market.

Water overage rates Ordinance/Resolution 01-05-16 and 01/09/17. The need to review the current Ordinance regarding water rates. OWDA will require annual increases for Water and Sewer as a result of outstanding and pending loans for improvements. Ron is currently reviewing possible increases for 2021 for commercial and overage rates.

County Budget Hearing was held and Village budget was accepted for 2021. This budget projection will be used to adopt the temporary budget at the end of the year for 2021.

Planning and Zoning Report (Chairman Wesaw): Vacate alley for Rushcreek Feed/Steve Pontius.

Motion by T. Wesaw to move forward with process to vacate the alley for public notice. Second C, Moyer. **Roll Call:** Wesaw yes, Harper yes, T Moyer yes, Wolfe yes, C. Moyer yes. T. Tripp **Motion passed.**

Administrative Process (Councilwoman Harper): Harper: Meeting scheduled at 4:30p.m. August 12th.

Parks and Pool (Councilwoman Wolfe): Scheduling of shelter house and concession. Lydia doing a great job with scheduling. Would like for the process to remain with the office. Debbie is seeking estimates for shelter house and concession. Pool is closed for the season. Vending person is totaling funds on behalf of the village. Vendor will provide copy of what each machine performed. *Kona Ice and fund raising efforts (Dominos Cards) and cash donation* for 2020 are \$1781.35. Additionally, the Pool received \$9,000.00 in donation for the repair to the structure.

Economic Development (Councilman Wesaw): No meeting

Safety and Infrastructure (Councilman Cunningham) Meeting held July 15th. Discussed and reviewed the budget and the street levy. Priority is Carter Street paving and curbs. Tree trimming to make signage visible. Discussion on manhole covers and possible ways to fix those. Discussions around WWTP.

1st reading of Ordinance for all way stop at Strayer and Angle Street.

Tree Board: (Councilman Moyer) Trimming trees in the fall. Meeting minutes reflect visitors.

Motion to accept all committee meeting minutes by C.Moyer. Second T. Wesaw **Roll Call:** Wesaw yes, Harper yes, T Moyer yes, Wolfe yes, C. Moyer yes. T. Trip **Motion passed.**

Village Administrator

1) Administration

Received updated quotes for Carter street paving and curbs.- \$69,348.00 for two contractors. T. Moyer moved, T. Wesaw second. –to move forward. Discussion. **Catch basins replacement is not in that cost and has not yet been scheduled.** **Roll Call:** Wesaw yes, Harper yes, T Moyer yes, Wolfe yes, C. Moyer yes. T. Tripp **Motion passed.**

- a) Mosquito spraying has started. Every 2 weeks. Weather dependent process.
- b) Hired street leader (Richard Kessler)
 - i) Started 10 Aug 2020
- c) Working on water rate structure for Bremen-will bring to finance.
- d) Working on Rushville water rates- will bring to finance
- 2) Wastewater Plant
 - a) Continuing with WWTP improvements- quote for the screen. New engineer (Hull) has provided new costs. Approx.. \$700,000 to complete that portion of the project.
 - i) Reviewing comments and quotes from engineer
 - b) Preparing to install new transfer pumps. Will bring to Finance meeting on 8/24
- 3) Water Plant
 - a) Installed 7 new water meters. This allowed us to collect over \$1000.00 in delinquent water billing.
 - b) Installed new water tap on North Bend
 - c) Doing turn offs and turn ons
 - d) Received salt from new vendor- savings of approximately \$800-1k
 - e) Awaiting the installation of the automatic dialer (SCADA) system. Waiting on the vendor to arrive.
- 4) Streets
 - a) Mowing
 - b) Trimming
 - c) Received gravel
 - d) Working with Rick
 - e) Going to work on some repairs in park
 - f) Backhoe needs hydraulic lines replaced
- 5) Pool
 - a) Pool is now closed August 9th.
 - b) Team is cleaning things up this evening. Some remaining items we will clean up.
- 6) Parks
 - a) Bench/ Table showed up by horseshoe pits
 - i) No one asked
 - ii) No one knew about it
 - iii) Chained up with lock
 - iv) No one has a key
 - v) Going to kill more grass
 - vi) Trash in it

Additional Items. Referring to Park and Pool committee for accepting picnic table and donated items in general for the park.

- 7. Inline Boring would like to Dump their Vac truck at the dump at the WWTP.
 - a. Would pay a rate per load- C. Moyer asked where he is currently taking it. T. Harper asked what could be contained in the truck. Believes he is paying \$40.00 per dump. Convenience. T. Harper what are we going to do with it, how much can we take. Council is not interested in pursuing at this time.

Fiscal Officer Report

Weekly reports sent to Mayor & Council

Payments totaling \$151,495.21. Payment listing from 7-27-2020 to 8 10 2020. Check #'s 44931-44946

Regular Purchase orders 70-2020 through 73-2020. Blanket purchase orders 54-2020 through 56-2020

Interfund transfer in the amount of \$2000.00 from General Fund #1000-910-910 to Agency fund #9201-931-0000. Overpayment of municipal tax from Worthington Industries.

June bank reconciliation complete and waiting for signatures.

July bank reconciliation is in process.

Motion to approve payments, transfers and purchase orders by T. Wesaw, Second by D. Wolfe.

Roll Call: Wesaw yes, Harper yes, T Moyer yes, Wolfe yes, C. Moyer yes. T. Tripp **Motion passed.**

Old Business: Flags – C. Moyer asked when project will be put into action. Ron responded the Navy flag is back ordered . The intention is to begin putting them out next week.

2" snow sign removal & replacement – C. Moyer asked when these signs will be removed and replaced. Ron advised there are many projects ahead of this task but will add to the list.

New Business:

Bremen Clock – C. Moyer advised the Village clock is not correct again. Asked if and when it could be repaired. Ron advised he would look into the matter.

Employee Appreciation Party 8-16-2020 from 6-8 Bremen Pool

Mandated Public Records Training Class – C. Moyer advised she completed this course and that all officials must complete the course and maintain the certificate in your file.

Motion made by T. Harper. Second C. Moyer. **Roll Call:** Wesaw yes, Harper yes, T Moyer yes, Wolfe yes, C. Moyer yes. T. Tripp **Motion passed.** **Executive Session:** Executive Session 121.22 (G)(1) to consider appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee(s).

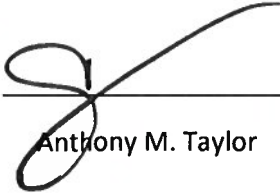
Time: 8:55p.m. to Executive session:

RETURN to Regular Session: 10:02 p.m.


Motion by C. Moyer. Second by T. Harper. Increase employee Frank Fondale rate of pay by \$3.00 per hour as the Operator of Record for Rushville effective 8/9/2020. **Roll Call:** Wesaw yes, Harper yes, T Moyer yes, Wolfe yes, C. Moyer yes. T. Tripp **Motion passed.**

Motion by T. Harper. Second by T. Tripp. Presented Council with the revised Village Administrator Agreement for approval. **Roll Call:** Wesaw yes, Harper yes, T Moyer yes, Wolfe yes, C. Moyer no. T. Tripp **Motion passed.**

Motion to adjourn by C. Moyer at 10:17 p.m.



Anthony M. Taylor
Mayor



Lisa A. Burnworth
Fiscal Officer