

Bremen Village Council

Meeting Minutes October 12, 2020

Meeting called to order October 12, 2020. By Mayor Anthony Taylor at 7:01p.m.

Pledge

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

Staff present, Lisa Burnworth, Village Fiscal Officer

Visitors: Mary Hoffman, Tracy Shahan, Sally Grimm, Earl Lehman, David Seymour

Approval of prior minutes: Motion to approve minutes for council meeting on September 14, 2020

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

Business of Guests:

Carl Graham- Traffic on Marietta. Noticed increased speed recently. Concerned for children and General safety. Council advised the will send the matter to Safety and Infrastructure committee for review and possible solutions.

Mary Hoffman- Downtown revitalization and plans moving forward. Mary presented the history and research of this project. She would like to have a active role in moving the plans forward. Mary presented a slide show along with documentation of past and current work. Mayor asked that Mary attend the next zoning meeting to discuss further details on where the project goes next. **Roll Call:** Wesaw yes, Harper yes, Wolfe yes, T. Tripp yes. **Motion passed**

Craig Dennis – Copy of topic(s) attached. Craig expressed concerns regarding the potential purchase of the Barclay Petroleum property regarding the possible EPA concerns, financial condition of the Village to maintain the property. (statement attached).

David Seymour- Eagle Scout project. Proposing removal of the mat on the Tennis court, repairing, putting mat back, repairing net. Councilwoman Wolfe stated they were considering a pickle ball court rather than repairing the tennis court. David was asked to prepare a presentation for Council. He has a December 2, 2020 deadline.

Mayor Report:

Resignation of Councilman T. Moyer effective immediately

Marietta Street engineer estimate and recommendation. Resolution to authorize Mayor to apply of OPWC funding. Resoltion presented. Motion by T. Harper to proceed. Second by D. Wolfe. Resolution 2020-6 was presented and passed

Curb work underway on Carter Street

Tennis court patching complete with Mayor and volunteers

Work Order process. Since put in place August 25th. 99 total work orders. 89 have been completed.

Welcome Kyle O'Hare WWTP. Kyle carries a class III wastewater license and brings a great deal of experience to the Village.

Street department mounted leaf box on truck and replaced starter on utility truck, saving the village towing and shop repair fees.

3rd reading of 2020-5 All way stop Angle and Strayer. Motion to adopt by T. Tripp; Second T. Wesaw. **Roll Call:** Wesaw yes, Harper yes, Wolfe yes, C. Moyer yes. T. Tripp **Motion passed.**

Repeal 2-2-15. Revised traffic direction on Ford Street and Strayer Avenue letters sent. Motion to repeal by T. Tripp; Second by D. Wolfe. **Roll Call:** Wesaw yes, Harper yes, Wolfe yes, C. Moyer yes. T. Tripp **Motion passed.**

2nd reading of Ordinance 2020-6 Amend section 6 of 10-15-16 Municipal Income Tax Credit Resignation of Fiscal Officer, Mayor thanked for service.

Finance Committee Report (Chairwoman Moyer):

Councilwoman Moyer has been reviewing records at the Mulberry Street records area in compliance with the stated records retention schedule while searching for any documentation that would assist with the IRS W2/W3 penalty matter. She has been able to determine several hundred pounds of documents could be shredded in accordance with the policy. She along with Councilwoman Harper have taken several boxes to Community Action for shredding. Both Councilwoman have made sure several people have reviewed the documents prior to their disposal.

Councilwoman Wolfe presented two quotes to repair the Shelter House Roof in the amounts of \$2,700 and \$3,200. The quotes were detailed in the Park meeting minutes of 10/6/20 that all Council received. Finance agreed to recommend Council approve the \$3,200 quote however, Debbie was asked to see if the contractor would adjust the amount due to the Mayor wanting to keep the old metal roof to be used on other projects. Motion by D. Wolfe; Second by T. Harper. **Roll Call:** Wesaw yes, Harper yes, Wolfe yes, C. Moyer yes. T. Tripp **Motion passed.**

OWDA suggested in order to move forward with the Wastewater improvement project and qualify for financing; the village will either need to increase rates by either 8 % in 2021 another 8% in 2022 and 3% thereafter. Or 12.5% 2021 and 3% thereafter. After discussion the committee agreed to recommend Council to enact the 12.5% fee for 2021. Motion by T. Harper; Second C. Moyer. **Roll Call:** Wesaw yes, Harper yes, Wolfe yes, C. Moyer yes. T. Tripp **Motion passed.**

The 2021 Water Rates were discussed. Proposing a 3% base rate increase. 6 % overage rate increase with Rushville bulk water rates increased by the same amounts. **Motion by T. Harper; Second C. Moyer. Roll Call:** Wesaw yes, Harper yes, Wolfe yes, C. Moyer yes. T. Tripp **Motion passed.**

The above motions will be brought forward as an Ordinance prepared by solicitor to begin the three reading process in November, 2020. The Fiscal Officer will provide all necessary documentation to the solicitor for the preparation of the ordinance.

Shackelford Disposal Service contract was reviewed that included their proposed increase sheet.. The increase was fifty cents for residential customers. Comparable pricing was much higher. Therefore, the committee recommends Council extend Shackelford's contract for one year. Note: Senior Citizens will

need to verify proof in order to obtain the discount. **Motion by T. Harper; Second by C. Moyer. Roll Call:** Wesaw yes, Harper yes, D. Wolfe yes, C. Moyer yes. T. Tripp **Motion passed.**

Councilwoman Moyer resignation letter attached, effective immediately.

Planning and Zoning Report (Chairman Wesaw): Resolution 2020-7 presented to Council . Motion by T. Wesaw; Second D. Wolfe. **Roll Call:** Wesaw yes, Harper yes, Wolfe yes, T. Tripp yes. **Motion passed.**

Administrative Process (Councilwoman Harper): Committee minutes attached

Parks and Pool (Councilwoman Wolfe): Committee minutes attached. The Mayor made an error in skipping the committee chair report, which can be addressed at next meeting.

Economic Development (Councilman Wesaw): No minutes

Safety and Infrastructure (Councilman Tripp): Committee minutes attached. Next meeting October 21, 2020 at 6pm

Tree Board: (Councilman Moyer): October 26, 2020 at 5:30

Motion by T. Wesaw; Second by T. Tripp to accept committee minutes. **Roll Call:** Wesaw yes, Harper yes, Wolfe yes, T. Tripp yes. **Motion passed.**

Fiscal Officer Report: 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. I believe this is the final transfer. \$24,000.00 is available in the account to make the payment but will contact our RITA representative to confirm amounts and balance remaining

August bank reconciliation complete and waiting for signatures.

Purchase Orders 92-2020 and 93-2020

Check # 45017-45021 totaling \$1153.01 since the Finance Meeting on 10/05/2020

September reconciliation is in process.

Received notice from Ohio EPA of our 2020 Annual Discharge fee in the amount of \$2,600.00 which will need to be disbursed by October 30, 2020 pursuant to ORC 3745-11

Motion to approve payments, transfers and purchase orders: Motion by T. Wesaw; Second by T. Harper. **Roll Call:** Wesaw yes, Harper yes, Wolfe yes, T. Tripp yes. **Motion passed**

Old Business: IRS penalty and payment information was send via fax to Agent Shilling for review late filing of W2/W3 information. IRS has denied the request for waiver of penalty. Letter of intent to levy received. 2016 penalty is being assessed in the amount of \$32,339.38. To avoid the levy and additional penalties the Village must either dispute of mail a check. The Finance Committee advised the same is a possibility for 2017 and even 2018 were not handled properly. Council must advise how to proceed. An additional letter and documentation will be sent by the Fiscal Officer disputing the 3rd quarter 2019 941 remittance issue. The visiting Fiscal

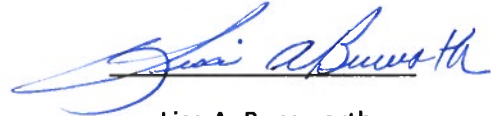
Officer recognized the delinquency and did pay it in the 4th quarter. However, the penalty portion should still be due. The current Fiscal Officer has twice faxed documentation to the IRS where the amount was paid. Despite efforts the IRS has not acknowledged this nor a refund check that was sent to the Village for a overpayment in the 1st quarter of 2020 by the visiting Fiscal Officer.

Motion to adjourn: T. Tripp, Second T. Wesaw 8:56 p.m.



Anthony M. Taylor

Mayor



Lisa A. Burnworth

Fiscal Officer

I DON'T KNOW WHO THE PEOPLE ARE THAT PROVOCK
LISA TO THE POINT OF QUICKING BUT THEY SHOULD STEP
DOWN FROM COUNCIL, AS YOU PROBABLY WILL LOSE 2 PEOPLE
BEFORE THIS IS DONE LET ANOTHER ONE

IF YOU DON'T DROP THIS THING ABOUT THIS 10 ACRES
IT IS GOING TO BE AN E.P.A. NIGHTMARE FOR THE TOWN

THE PERSON PUTTING UP THE MONEY FOR THIS THING SHOULD
ALREADY SEE WHAT IT HAS COST THE TOWN. (2)
VERY GOOD PEOPLE GO LOOK AT THE SIGHT

LISA B. HAS WORKED VERY HARD TO GET THE TOWN'S
BOOKS IN ORDER AND SINCE AUG. HAS BEEN DOING
THE ADMINISTRATIVE JOB ALSO, WHICH THIS SHOULD BE
A ONE PERSON FOR BOTH JOBS

I'VE SEEN (3) ADMINISTRATORS COME IN THE LAST
5 YRS AND THEY DID VERY LITTLE, IF ANY THING

NOW YOU WANT TO SPEND MONEY ON ^A SHELDER HOUSE
ROOF, WHEN THERE ARE PROBABLY PLENTY OF PEOPLE WHO
WOULD VOLUNTEER TO DO THIS AND WOULD SAVE THE TAX
PAYERS MONEY.

THE TOWN'S PROMBLE SHOULD COME FIRST BEFORE ANY
THING ELSE, STORM, SANITARY, TREES AND MISCL.

Faint, illegible handwriting on yellow lined paper. The text is mirrored across the page, suggesting bleed-through from the reverse side. The handwriting is cursive and spans most of the page's width and height.

Shame On This Council for Letting
This happen!

Seem's like the only ones on the
Council that have any BRAIN'S ARE the ~~WOMAN~~
WOMAN

That's putting it a lot nicer than I
would have like's too

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November 12, 2020

Mayor Taylor and Bremen Council Members:

The Finance Committee has repeatedly been dealing with financial problems at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, the Water Department, and the Street Department. All of these departments are part of an infrastructure that has been neglected for years by current and past administrations. The Finance Committee was notified of the catch basin at Mill & Oak that is sinking with a repair cost of \$5,900.00. Marietta Street has 3 or 4 additional areas that are sinking. I have suggested, to no avail, that those items be repaired this year until we could do the paving project in the Spring of 2021.

The 2016 and 2017 W-2 and W-3's were filed incorrectly as has been discussed repeatedly. Not only were they filed incorrectly but the office copies were not signed or dated. The unsigned records were sent to the IRS in January and recently the IRS has notified us they will not waive the penalties. The 2018 tax reports were also filed incorrectly and the IRS will not look at them at this time so everything could be dealt with at one time. The IRS is requesting \$30,000+ for 2016 and has not calculated 2017 nor 2018. The Village could be looking at penalties in the \$100,000 area.

As I stated in my letter volunteering to serve on Council, I would devote my time and effort to get the financial status of this community back in a firm position. Since that time, with the Fiscal Officer, Mayor, and Finance Committee have moved forward. Early on, the Fiscal Officer, with my blessing, told this Council that we must work together and focus on the entire pie not just individual pieces.

At the September Council meeting Toni Harper and myself along with the Fiscal Officer were the only members advising against moving forward with the purchase of additional ground. Many reasons were cited however ignored. If the majority of your finance committee members urge against this type of procurement, have sound reasons, just to be ignored is in my opinion not focusing on the entire pie, just individual pieces.

Please be advised that effective immediately, I am resigning my position as a council member for the Village of Bremen. I wish you all the best, but more importantly, I truly hope that you will reconsider looking at ALL of the problems in our wonderful community instead of focusing on personal goals.

Most Sincerely,



Connie Moyer



Mayor Taylor:

Sir do to no longer residing in the village of Bremen I relinquish my position on the Bremen village council effective immediately.

Tad M. Moyer 12th of October, 2020

Tad M. Moyer

