

**Bremen Village Council**  
**Meeting Minutes November 9, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Anthony Taylor.

**Pledge**

**Council Members present:** Toni Harper, Debbie Wolfe and Troy Tripp. Todd Wesaw was present via telephone. Minutes were taken by Tracy Shahan at the request of Mayor Taylor and council.

**Visitors:** Jackie Hardman, Earl Lehman and Kelly Brown.

**Approval of prior minutes:** Motion to approve minutes for council meeting on October 12, 2020. Motion: T. Tripp; Second D. Wolfe. Roll Call: Harper yes, Wolfe yes, Tripp yes, Wesaw no (due to not having minutes with him). Motion to approve minutes for special meeting on October 28, 2020. Motion: D. Wolfe; Second T. Tripp. Roll Call: Harper yes, Wolfe yes, Tripp yes, Wesaw no (due to not having minutes with him).

**Business of Guests:**

**Earl Lehman:** Concerned with stop signs on Strayer/Angle intersection. Height, non-reflective to car headlights, etc. Also noted concerns with other stop signs throughout the Village. Discussed concerns with the amount of time the Village garage doors are open each morning. Mayor Taylor explained the reason the doors are open and the settings of the thermostat, as well as varying heights of stop signs. He also advised everyone the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices is available at the Village Office for anyone wanting to research the information.

**Jackie Hardman:** The American Legion would like to put Hometown Hero Banners on the mile lane and possibly downtown along side the American flags the village displays. The idea is to alternate flag and banner. The legion will be sending out forms for purchasing the banners and would like to include the form with the water bill. The legion will pay the extra postage required and help stuff the envelopes. They will also be having the Buy A Brick for the Memorial Wall again.

**Mary Woltz:** Spoke via telephone regarding the appearance of the building on Main Street. Asked if there was anything the village could do to force the owners to clean up the inside of the building visible through the store front windows. This is a zoning issue and needs to be discussed at their meeting. D. Wolfe advised this is the very thing Mary Hoffman discussed at the October meeting and suggested Mary talk with her.

**Kelly Brown:** Introduced himself as a possible choice for Village Council Member.

**Mayor Report:**

Three residents have sent in letters for vacant council positions and will be discussed in executive session later in the meeting.

3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2020-6 - Amend section 6 of 10-15-16 Municipal Income Tax Credit: Motion: T. Tripp; Second T. Wesaw. Roll Call: Harper yes, Wolfe yes, Tripp yes, Wesaw, yes.

1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2020-10 Increase Sanitary Sewer Rates & 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2020-11 Increase Water Rates. Mayor Taylor has emailed copies of these ordinances to all council members.

Revised Resolution for Alley Vacation from County Real Estate Office.

T. Tripp made motion to rescind resolution 2020-7; Second, D. Wolfe. Roll Call: Harper yes, Wolfe yes, Tripp yes, Wesaw yes.

T. Harper made motion to pass resolution 2020-12 (Vacation of Feed Mill/Alley) Second T. Tripp. Roll Call: Harper yes, Wolfe yes, Tripp yes, Wesaw yes.

Rushville Water: Mayor Taylor is going through everything again and will discuss with council at a later time.

#### **Finance Report:**

September & October bank reconciliations complete and were signed.

Purchase Orders 101-2020 for \$100.00, Ohio Tree Pro. Additional fund needed to cover the cost of stump grinding. Current PO 81-2020 for \$1,300.00. PO Signed and check will be issued for the total amount.

Check # 45036-45057 totaling \$124,384.26 presented for signatures.

Carter Street project: Total project cost: \$48,972. There was an additional cost of \$8,022. This was due to original estimate of 950 ft, was actually 1166 ft once aprons for alleys and driveways were factored in.

**Planning & Zoning:** Several responses to letters sent regarding property/zoning issues throughout the village. Next meeting, Dec. 7, 2020.

(Added by Mayor Taylor) A variance permit was purchased and not needed. Will need to refund \$375.00 to resident. Motion to approve refund: T. Wesaw, Second T. Tripp. Roll call: Wolfe yes, Harper yes, Tripp yes, Wesaw yes.

**Administrative Process:** Replacement of Fiscal Officer and filling 2 vacant council positions. Sorting and disposing of old records has been completed.

**Parks & Pool:** Wreaths are at concessions stand until ready to be hung. Sent memo to Frank to turn off the water and winterize. Mayor Taylor will go over procedure for shutting off water as well as winterizing pipelines. Dan Miller will be starting on the Shelter House sometime this month.

Debbie expressed her concern for the Barclay Petroleum Property. When it was originally brought to council, it was stated it would not cost the village anything. It was then disclosed the village would have attorney fees, EPA inspections and additional insurance. She would like to state she is against acquiring the land or future thoughts of the land.

Debbie would like to thank Janet Schmeltzer for her help with leaf pickup. She worked very hard along side the village employees. All council member expressed their appreciation.

Troy Tripp noted the original donor has decided to take a 6-month hiatus to look over all aspects of the donation.

**Safety & Infrastructure:** Troy thanked the Village for allowing the scouts to camp at Howell Park. There were 25 scouts camping and fishing.

October 21, 2020 meeting: Discussion regarding Strayer Avenue 2-way traffic and 3 way stop: All Good. The Carter Street project went well. Working on plan/funding for Marietta Street project for Spring, 2021. Manhole covers are big concern. A traffic study was done on Marietta Street. Over 1,000 vehicles drove on Marietta in a 24-hour period.

Tyson Rice will be holding a meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup> for anyone interested in a community block watch. Meeting will be held at the Village office.

**Tree Board:** Have spent their budget for 2020 and would like to have an increase in 2021. Trees have been removed and a few residents have offered to remove trees at their own expense. The committee will be working on a list that prioritized trees throughout the village that need to be removed in 2021.

**Economic Development:** No meetings due to CoVid-19. Will try to have one in December.

Motion to accept the minutes as presented by committees. Motion: T. Harper; Second D. Wolfe. Roll Call: Harper yes, Wolfe yes, Tripp yes, Wesaw yes

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

Mayor Taylor again expressed thanks to Janet Schmeltzer and Tristan for their help with leaves. Thank you cards will be sent.

**Executive Session:** T. Harper made a motion to go into executive session under ORC 121.22(1) to consider appointment, employment dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official. Second, D. Wolfe. Roll Call: Harper yes, Wolfe yes, Tripp yes, Wesaw yes. Time: 8:55 pm Return from executive session: 9:30 pm

**Council positions:**

Kelly Brown to fill the term that ends December 31, 2021.

Nick Claybourne to fill the term that ends December 31, 2024.

Motion to adjourn at 9:40 pm: T. Harper, Second D. Wolfe.

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