

Safety and Infrastructure Meeting

March 17, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Mayor A. Taylor, Chair K. Brown - absent, Troy Tripp, Debbie Wolfe

Old Business:

No quorum to hold February 2021 meeting.

New Business:

Potholes: Are being patched. The Broad St. / St Rte. 664 pothole is fixed and repaired by cold patch.

Street department will be working on the remaining potholes.

New stop sign: Stop sign on Angle St. and Strayer Ave. is helping control speed to some extent and the Village of Bremen is hearing positive comments.

Marietta St. Project update: We receive approval on the grant. Allen Brown came to council to discuss the project. Engineers will process the drawings and it will go out for bid which will not be ready until July. Will pave from Strayer Ave. to Broad St.

Main St. back to brick: Main St. downtown is an eyesore and asphalt needs removed. Rather than repave, we will look at bringing a stripper in and remove the asphalt off Main St. from Broad to Mulberry St. to expose the brick street downtown. We have plenty of extra brick to fill in where we will have brick missing. This will provide long term cost savings (rather than repaving) and will greatly improve the street aesthetics of the downtown area.

Police for the Village: Funds for 2021 is currently \$3,000 in the budget.

Committee discussed Bremen having its own police force similar to the Village of Sugar Grove. Concern is with having two bars in town there will be an increase in need for regular police activity throughout the village. The village receives regular complaints from residents about the need for police.

Committee recommends a 5M permanent levy would be needed to provide the funding necessary for a Bremen Police Department.

We will contact Josh VanDyke at the County Auditor to confirm the amount needed. Mayor will get ahold of Leslie Morgan with Board of Elections to get levy verbiage.

Council would need to pass an ordinance after three readings to be placed on the ballot this November, but we would need everything wrapped up by the first of August. (45 days before the election day)

Tim Rucker's house: Safety issues of broken windows, no water, rubbish on the property. Safety committee will request the property be condemned and removed. Troy will make a motion at council to condemn and remove the home. This property is worth more with the structure removed.

Old Hotel: Safety issues, there are reports of raw sewage exposed at the property. Committee recommends this property be removed.

Other Street Projects: Following Marietta St. project, we will be looking into a chip and seal for Ruff Dr. and Highland Blvd.

Next meeting April 21, 2021 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.