

**Bremen Village Council**

**Meeting Minutes July 11, 2022**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Meeting called to order July 11, 2022 by Mayor A. Taylor at 5:31 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call:** Mayor A. Taylor- Aye, D. Wolfe- Aye, T. Tripp- Aye, S. Westenbarger- Aye, J. Cline- Aye, N. Bailor- Aye, B. Bunting- Absent.

B. Bunting came in at 5:36 P.M.

**Staff Present:** Lydia Coakley - Fiscal Officer

**Guests:** S. Grimm, M. Hoffman, D. Spangler, T. Shahan, T. Harper and S. Drumm

**Business of Guests:** S. Grimm -Pool chair donation from Fairfield Foundation. Fairfield Foundation's goal next year is to do new lights for the pool. Another fundraiser planned for April 2022. S. Grimm would like to use her community account to finish the concrete projects at the pool.

S. Drumm- The book box is on hold. The Girl Scout Troop has not determined who will be responsible for the box. Parents of the troop suggested a blessing box. Parks and Pool has declined a blessing box.

**Mayor's Report:**

June 13, 2022 meeting minutes distributed for reviewed and approved.

**Motion:** D. Wolfe **Second:** S. Westenbarger

D. Wolfe- Aye, T. Tripp- Aye, S. Westenbarger- Aye, J. Cline- Aye, N. Bailor- Aye, B. Bunting- Aye.

June 30, 2022 special meeting minutes distributed for reviewed and approved.

**Motion:** D. Wolfe **Second:** J. Cline

D. Wolfe- Aye, T. Tripp- Abstain, S. Westenbarger- Aye, J. Cline- Aye, N. Bailor- Aye, B. Bunting- Aye.

Equipment- Village will finance 50k with Vinton County Bank with 30k down payment from departments with trade in of Series 1 Backhoe. The village will take out a 5 year loan but can pay it early if the village has sufficient funds.

**Motion to pass purchasing E35-Bobcat compact excavator and S590 Bobcat skid steer loader for 50k loan with 30k down payment from Vinton County Bank for 5 years:** T. Tripp **Second:** J. Cline

D. Wolfe- Aye, T. Tripp- Aye, S. Westenbarger- Aye, J. Cline- Aye, N. Bailor- Aye, B. Bunting- Aye.

County funding – walking path is not to be funded this year.

B. Bunting believes there is funding to cover the walking path through another foundation. He is also looking into putting main street back to its original state / historical homes.

Update on Marietta Project – walked through July 7, 2022 and marked off curbs and side walks added to the project.

Shackleford rate increase \$.30 a week for residents and \$1.20 a week for commercial customers discussed. Further review at finance before committing to the increase.

Employee's raise discussion: Administration and Finance are bringing a 3% increase to the table for a cost of living. 8% is the amount over the last 18 months at average for employees. Our employees received a 3% max this year. T. Tripp suggested 3.5%.

**Motion to pass increasing all employees by 3.5% for regular employees effective June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022-July 10<sup>th</sup> payroll for cost of living raise: T. Tripp Second: D. Wolfe**

D. Wolfe- Aye, T. Tripp- Aye, S. Westenbarger- Aye, J. Cline- Aye, N. Bailor- Aye, B. Bunting- Aye

**Council Committee Reports:**

Finance Report: Councilman T. Tripp- June 22, 2022 minutes distributed.

Planning & Zoning: Councilman -B. Bunting -No meeting.

Administrative Process: Councilwoman N. Bailor – June 8, 2022 minutes distributed.

Safety & Infrastructure: Councilwoman S. Westenbarger -No meeting.

Tree Board: Councilman T. Tripp -No meeting.

Park and Pool: Councilwoman Wolfe- July 5, 2022 minutes distributed.

**Motion to accept minutes as presented by Committees:**

**Motion: S. Westenbarger Second: D. Wolfe**

D. Wolfe- Aye, T. Tripp- Aye, S. Westenbarger- Aye, J. Cline- Aye, N. Bailor- Aye, B. Bunting- Aye.

**Finance:**

May bank reconciliation for approved.

Payment listing for the month of June and July for approved.

Check #45802-45808 for approved.

Regular Blanket Certificate 45-2022 for approved.

Regular Purchase Order 61-2022 approved.

Regular Purchase Order 62-2022 approved.

Revenue/Appropriations reports for June and July.

Sunshine certification needed for all Elected Officials- Needing B. Bunting, T. Tripp and Mayor A. Taylor to finish this.