

**Record of Proceedings
Village of Bremen Council Meeting
February 12, 2018**

The Council of the Village of Bremen was called to order in regular session by Mayor Mike Henwood at 7:15 P.M. The council, residents and visitors stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. Members present were Sherman Prince, Todd Wesaw, Debbie Wolfe, Toni Harper, and Sue Henwood. The Clerk Treasurer Jennifer Storey, Village Administrator Jeff White Sheriff's Deputy Michael Busby with Sgt John Warner were also in attendance.

Guests and Residents:

Dan Rutherford expressed interest in open council seat. Has a materials list for baseball dugout repairs. He is working on the slide at the pool, submitted a public records request.

Larry Hanna, Fairfield Co. Dept. of Health distributed his budget for 2018 and gave a presentation describing the services and obligations of his facility.

Sheriff's Report: (Deputy Busby)

Deputy Busby distributed his monthly report to Council. Sgt John Warner was also present in place of Lt Churchill. There were 39 calls for service; no major incidents. The individual who was exposing himself in Bremen has been arrested. The contract for the Sheriff's department will be passed at the meeting. The Mayor stressed the importance of flexing Dep. Busby's hours in order to better deter crime. There is a rumor of a tier 3 sex offender in Bremen, Deputy instructed how to check for the presence of sex offenders in your community. The Deputy also clarified that the crosswalk in the road requires all drivers to stop for pedestrians whether the lights are flashing or not.

Michael Carder GGC Engineering discussed the Water Improvement construction loan. It's a 30 year loan at 2.67 per cent for \$202,500.00, and the payments will be around \$9000.00 per year. Bids will be accepted in April. Legal ads in the paper will be paid for by the Village but the rest will be covered by GGC. Wolfe asked if the average consumer will notice a change in water quality once the project is complete? He isn't certain. In regards to softening, the next phase of the project will address that.

Election of President Pro Tempore

Sue Henwood moved to elect Sherman Prince for President pro tempore; Wesaw second. Sherman Prince, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, nay; Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; motion passed.

Rules of Council

The Rules of Council from 2017 had been discussed and amended at the January 8, 2018 and the amended Rules were distributed to Council prior to this meeting. Wolfe moved to adopt the Rules of Council 2018; Sue Henwood second. Sherman Prince, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

There was discussion regarding the money the insurance company reimbursed back to the Village and where the money should be appropriated.

Sue Henwood moved to accept the minutes for the regular meeting on January 8, 2018; Prince second. Sherman Prince, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; Toni Harper, abstain; Sue Henwood, abstain; motion passed.

In the minutes for the January 22, 2018 Special meeting, Harper asked that there be explanation of Ordinance 1-3-18 to assure the public that there is no increase in the income tax rate. Prince moved to pass the minutes as amended; Wesaw second. Sherman Prince, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; motion passed.

Mayor's Report:

The Mayor attended committee meetings, council meetings, and Monday morning employee meetings. He, Jeff White, and Ron Stephens met with Barb Anderson from GGC to discuss the drawings for the filter project. The Mayor has set February 20th as a special council meeting to pass the permanent budget at 7pm. The Clerk added that GGC also needs Council to approve the 2-12-2018 minutes at this meeting, also. There will be a Pool committee meeting on April 3rd at 6:30pm.

The Mayor read Liz Lehman's resignation letter for Council. An ad will go in the paper to advertise for interested parties, and letters of intent may be addressed to Sherman Prince, President of Council. The Mayor read for Council the ORC 7310.3 instructions for filling a vacant seat, and indicated that he will give Council until the March 12 regular meeting to make the appointment. In the ad should be the following requirements: The person must have been a village resident for at least a year, and be a registered voter.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report:

The Clerk submitted an oral report to Council. Highlights of the report are as follows:

The Clerk apologized for the fifteen-minute delay.

She explained that our phone bill accounts need to be updated as we are getting overage on cell phones and charged for voice mail we don't use. The Clerk voiced serious concerns regarding the water fund and the large amount of purchase orders that Ron has submitted, and explained some of the other issues surrounding current bills. The first payment of 2018 for Lester Sharp and the OWDA payments need to be added.

Our current checking balance as of February 12, 2018 is \$562,415.73

- January 31, 2018 was \$536,999.21
- Our fund balance as of February 8, 2018 is \$536,322.56
- We spent 21.79 percent of our permanent appropriation budget for 2018.
- We received 9.61 percent of our annual revenue budget for 2018.

Administrator's Report:

The Village Administrator submitted his report to Council. His report included the following items he has worked on since the last council meeting:

- Attended committee meetings and represented the Village at various councils at the state and county levels.
- Gathering estimates for the 2018 budget.
- Pool job postings started on 2-9 and the deadline is 3-16.
- Various projects in the sewer and water departments are progressing
- Winter weather events necessitated overtime for the street department.
- Boy Scout troop 95 will have a their Klondike event at the park Sunday 2-18

Approval of Payment of Bills:

The Clerk distributed the Pay Authorization to Council and some expenditures were discussed. Wolfe moved to pay the bills; Second Wesaw. Sherman Prince, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; motion passed

Old Business:

-In regards to the water tap for Rushcreek Township, the Mayor would like to drop the late charge and reduce the fee by \$2,000 as an act of good faith and improve relations with the Township.

-Harper asked why the Village Council would be willing to give the Township a break on this tap fee, but won't waive permit fees for the park? Sue Henwood responded that the Zoning Committee voted on it because they need to gather as many funds as possible to cover their costs.

-Prince moves to waive the late charge and reduce the Township's tap fee to \$8,000; Sue Henwood second. Sherman Prince, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; Toni Harper, nay; Sue Henwood, yea; motion passed.

-Jeff White presented an agreement to allow the Red Cross to use Bremen's pool to train lifeguards. Wesaw moved to adopt this agreement; Prince second. Sherman Prince, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; motion passed.

-Jeff White asked Council to revisit the Comp Time accrual limits for employees, and it was discussed. Wolfe moved to raise the Comp Time accrual limit for employees to 40 hours; Sue Henwood second. Sherman Prince, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; motion passed.

New Business:

-We have volunteers willing to work on an income survey so that the Village can qualify for CDBG grants; discussion ensued. Sue Henwood moved to allow Jeff White and volunteers to move forward with the income survey; Wesaw second. Sherman Prince, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; motion passed.

-Jeff White presented an agreement for GGC to provide oversight for the Filter Improvement project; costs would be folded into the loan. Prince moved to approve Jeff White to enter into this agreement; Harper second. Sherman Prince, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; motion passed.

-The Mayor is suggesting that Council have an Economic Development Committee to make a plan to bring business to Bremen.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance 2-6-18 Sheriff's Dept Contract Pass As Emergency

Harper moved to waive the three-reading requirement and pass the Ordinance as an emergency; Prince second. Sherman Prince, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; motion passed. Prince moved to pass Ordinance 2-6-18; Wolfe second. Sherman Prince, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; motion passed.

Resolution 1156 OWDA Coop. Agreement Pass as Emergency

Prince moved to waive the three-reading requirement and pass the Resolution as an emergency; Wolfe second. Sherman Prince, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; motion passed. Wolfe moved to pass Resolution 1156; Harper second. Sherman Prince, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; motion passed. The Clerk informed the officers that the ordinance is worded differently than the contract that the Village received because the numbers were input incorrectly, and that they should contact us again if they have further needs or questions.

Resolution 1157 Bidding for Water Project Pass as Emergency

Sue Henwood moved to waive the three-reading requirement and pass the Resolution as an emergency; Prince second. Sherman Prince, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; motion passed. Prince moved to pass Resolution 1157; Sue Henwood second. Sherman Prince, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; motion passed.

Resolution 1158 Pool Rates First Reading

There are corrections needed before this Resolution passes.

Ordinance 2-5-18 Adopt Ohio Basic Code 2018 Pass As Emergency

Prince moved to waive the three-reading requirement and pass the Ordinance as an emergency; Sue Henwood second. Sherman Prince, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; motion passed. Sue Henwood moved to pass Ordinance 2-5-18; Wolfe second. Sherman Prince, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; motion passed.

Around the Table:

Harper, Toni: Absent
Henwood, Sue: Discussed the possibility of paying legislators by meeting instead of a salary.
Prince, Sherman: Nothing
Lehman, Liz: Nothing
Wesaw, Todd: Nothing
Wolfe, Debbie: Nothing
White, Jeffrey: Nothing
Mayor Henwood: Jeff is sending out a budget planner spreadsheet.
Storey, Jennifer: Nothing

A resident in attendance said that she wanted to see the minutes updated on the website.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilperson at 8:10 P.M.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, March 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm. at the Village Offices located at 9090 Marietta Road.

Sherman Prince
Council President

Jennifer R. Storey
Clerk/Treasurer