

**Record of Proceedings  
Village of Bremen Council Meeting  
May 8, 2017**

The Council of the Village of Bremen was called to order in regular session by Council President Dave Ray at 7:00 P.M. The council, residents and visitors stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. Members present were Debbie Wolfe, Toni Harper, Sue Henwood, Liz Lehman, Sherman Prince, and Dave Ray. The Clerk Treasurer Jennifer Storey, Village Administrator Jeff White and Sheriff's Deputy Michael Busby were also in attendance.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

The minutes for the April 10 meeting were discussed and corrections made. Ray motion to approve the April 10, 2017 minutes as corrected; Prince second. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; Lehman, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea; motion passed.

**Guests and Residents:**

**Karen Wolfe** reiterated her position regarding the proposed parking ordinance for Marietta Street. Extensive discussion ensued on the matter, including possible legal consequences for the village and input from the Sheriff's Deputy Michael Busby regarding measurements.

**Ron Van Meter** wanted to discuss with Council issues with drainage at the intersection of Fort and Carter. The Mayor agrees that there is definitely a problem and the Village will be sending a camera down the storm drains to assess them. Mr. Van Meter also complained of people speeding in the area. There was discussion, including Deputy Busby, about adding stop signs. The legality of having stop signs on each side of the railroad tracks would be determined by the easement.

**Dan Rutherford** suggested that there be a movie night at the park. Pricing for a projector and screen are estimated at \$800, but copyright costs may prove to be too much for this to be feasible. He also wanted to know why Waste Management hauls our trash, it's because they bought out Big O and that is who won the bid for the Village contract. Mr. Rutherford further said he would like to see a festival with alcohol come back to the Village of Bremen.

**Angie Marinacci-Young** expressed her shock and concern regarding the possibility of the pool not opening for the summer. She generously offered to serve on a committee to help keep the pool open. The Mayor responded that it was not an issue of funding; the money was set aside to open the pool. The issue is lifeguards; Jeff White and Roseann Elliot did their best, but there is a shortage of lifeguards at several pools in the area.

**Sheriff's Report: (Deputy Busby)**

Deputy Busby distributed his monthly report to Council. There were 48 calls for service; there was an unspecified threat from a parent to the school, and the building was placed on lockdown. Deputy Busby indicated that he cites people for speeding whenever he sees it, but he can't do anything about incidents he doesn't witness. There will be signs set up in the village by the Sheriff's department now that the weather is nice again. Council person Lehman presented photos of a vehicle that hasn't moved in at least a month. He will look into it.

**Mayor's Report:**

Thanks to Dave Ray for his help while he was away, and thanks to everyone for thoughts and prayers during his recovery. He will be around more often again.

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report:**

The Clerk submitted a report and read it to Council. Highlights of the report are as follows: The budget for 2017 has been prepared for Council's perusal and approval.

- Our current checking balance as of May 8 is \$497,210.28
  - April 30, 2016 was \$471,282.11
- Our fund balance as of May 8, 2017 is \$495,579.64
- We have spent 27.36 percent of our permanent appropriation budget for 2017.
- We have received 34.78 percent of our annual revenue budget for 2017.
- The Magic Number is 35%

There were no public records requests, but one complaint from Don Spangler regarding the insufficient time of public notice for a special meeting back in February.

The Clerk-Treasurer explained her changes to the budget in regards to Resolution 1141; where the money is coming from and where it is going. Councilman Harper requested explanations regarding the 'security issues' the money from the Pool will be used for. The Clerk-Treasurer expressed her concern regarding the very short time she was given to prepare ordinances for this meeting. There were five submitted to her in the past four days, and not all of them are ready to present for voting.

Jeff White and the Clerk-Treasurer met with Spectrum to talk about changing our service to them. There have been a number of problems with invoicing, and a startling lack of customer service from Frontier.

There was explanation of salary line shortages in the water and sewer funds; the budget was not set up for the rates of pay they currently make. The Mayor wanted the money from the sale of the benches be added to the General Fund, not the Parks line specifically.

**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:

- Represented the Village at various board meetings and Council meetings.
- Produced Village newsletter.
- Byron Bowersox' last day was April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- It looks as if the Village will not have enough lifeguards to safely operate the pool.
- GGC is preparing bid documents for the Water Well project
- GGC is preparing the report for the water plant's filter project
- SRTS will begin in June
- Crystal Pritchard has volunteered to open and close the park bathrooms daily this summer.
- Due to mechanical failures, the Village signed a lease for a new Scag mower.

There was some confusion regarding Chance and Ron's new pay rates, which was discussed. There was also considerable discussion of the many and varied issues in both plants that they are dealing with. The new street department employee is doing well, despite working alone.

**Approval of Payment of Bills:**

The Mayor asked about the refund to the Township from the Solid Waste fund. The Clerk-Treasurer indicated that the money needs to be refunded from the fund that it was paid into. The Utility Billing Clerk and her programmer would be better equipped to answer the Mayor's questions more fully. The Pay Authorization was distributed to Council. Ray moved to suspend the reading of the bills and pay them; Harper second. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; Lehman, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea; motion passed.

**Old Business:**

GGC's initial opinion of cost for the Water Plant Filter is \$157,000. However, Ron and GGC will continue to talk and look into funding options. The need is to exchange or clean the media in the filter.

GGC has been working on plans to reduce cost for the Water Well project. They are also working on bid documents in anticipation of opening bids the first week of June. Afterward the bids have to be reported back to the EPA. Sue Henwood moves to go forward with GGC's plans to bid for the Water Well project, Prince seconds. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; Lehman, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea; motion passed.

The soccer fields have not been finished. The Clerk-Treasurer explained that the State requires a one-year limit to finish a project when there is a fund advance, which is why there is a negative balance in that fund. The project cannot be wrapped up until the field is finished and the expenditures submitted allowing the money to be transferred back to the General Fund. This issue is causing issues with the County Auditor's office and will be an issue with audit, which is starting this month. They are taking our records with them back to their firm to complete this audit, but most of the elected officials are not happy about this particular process. The Village is committed by contract to have them complete this audit.

The electricity is completed for the koi pond in the park, although it was more costly and the work more extensive than originally anticipated.

There was no Tree Board meeting, and Bill Montgomery has volunteered to serve. Troy Tripp has ordered a plaque for Jean Doan. Has there been any stump grinding accomplished? Not yet.

John Freeland has submitted a bill for unplugging his sewer line of tree limbs from the dog walk. The Mayor feels we approved this January or February.

**New Business:**

Jeff White feels that it should not be the responsibility of the street department to pick up yard waste from resident properties. The Mayor concurs, despite the fact that the Village did it in the past. We are not allowed to burn it. Waste Management will pick up yard waste provided it is bagged, and this will be posted in the Village newsletter.

There is a complaint about the tree damaging a sidewalk at 356 Fort St, the resident wants the tree removed. If it is a village-planted tree, we can do it.

## **Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Ordinance 3-9-17**                      **Amend 4-19-07(Tap Fees)**                      **Final Reading**

**Ordinance 3-10-17**                      **Amend 10-16-98(Var. Hearing)**                      **Final Reading**

**Ordinance 3-12-17**                      **Amend Variance Fees**                      **Final Reading**

There was advanced discussion regarding the wording of these Ordinances, which were submitted to the Clerk-Treasurer at the very last minute. She explained that ordinances which are intended to amend or change a previous ordinance, you must include the old ordinance in order to make a comparison. The Clerk-Treasurer expressed her extreme reluctance at the idea of voting on an ordinance that is not complete. Ray moves to table Ordinances 3-9-17, 3-10-17, and 3-12-17 for further review and revisions; Harper seconds. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; Lehman, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea; motion passed.

**Ordinances 3-11-17**                      **Marietta St. Parking**                      **Final Reading**

Ray moves to table Ordinance 3-11-17 and send it back to the Safety and Infrastructure Committee for further review and analysis. Wolfe seconds. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; Lehman, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea; motion passed.

**Resolution 1137**                      **Transfer \$20,000 to Pool Fund**                      **Pass As Emergency**

**Resolution 1143**                      **Transfer \$5,000 to Pool Fund**                      **Pass As Emergency**

After some discussion, it was decided that only \$5,000 would be transferred so as to do necessary repairs, and as a contingency. Therefore, Resolution 1137 will be scrapped and Resolution 1143 will be in its place. Ray motion to Waive the three-reading requirement and pass as an emergency; Harper seconds. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; Lehman, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea; motion passed. Ray moves to pass the Resolution; Harper seconds. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; Lehman, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea; motion passed.

**Resolution 1140**                      **Road Salt Contract**                      **Pass As Emergency**

Wolfe moves to waive the three-reading requirement and pass the Resolution as an emergency; Prince seconds. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; Lehman, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea; motion passed. Wolfe moves to pass Resolution 1140; Lehman seconds. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; Lehman, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea; motion passed.

**Resolution 1141**                      **Amend Budget**                      **Pass As Emergency**

There was discussion and changes made to the Resolution. Harper asked for more explanation as to what changes are being made. Because the money from the sale of the benches is going into the General Fund and not the Parks line specifically, the Swimming Pool money will not be affected. Harper moves to waive the three-reading requirement and pass the Resolution as an emergency; Wolfe seconds. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; Lehman, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea; motion passed. Harper moves to pass Resolution 1141; Lehman seconds. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; Lehman, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea; motion passed.

**Resolution 1142****Tax Abatement****Pass As Emergency**

Ray moves to waive the three-reading requirement and pass the resolution as an emergency; Wolfe seconds. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; Lehman, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea; motion passed. Ray moves to pass Resolution 1142; Prince seconds. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; Lehman, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea; motion passed.

**Around the Table:**

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| Harper, Toni:     | There are a lot of people in town placing out brush for pick-up.  |
| Henwood, Sue:     | Nothing   |
| Prince, Sherman:  | Wants ice cream.  |
| Ray, David:       | Nothing   |
| Lehman, Liz:      | Her issue with the parked vehicle was addressed earlier.  |
| Wolfe, Debbie:    | Tires have been dumped over near the mural next to the apartments. Property owner needs notified.   |
| White, Jeffrey:   | Nothing   |
| Mayor Henwood:    | Nothing   |
| Storey, Jennifer: | Wanted everyone to know that even though she doesn't drive her truck often, it is being moved and driven regularly per Village Ordinance. |

**Committee Reports:**

**Financial Process:** This committee met on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 and minutes were submitted to council members by Council chair. This committee will meet again on Wednesday, May 31 at 6 pm at the Village Office.

**Safety and Infrastructure Committee:** This committee met on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and will meet again on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm here at the Village office.

**Administrative Process:** This committee met on Thursday, April 6 and will meet again on Thursday, June 1 at 7pm at the Village office.

**Recreation and Facilities Committee:** This committee met on Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup> and will meet again on Wednesday, June 7 at 6pm at the Village office.

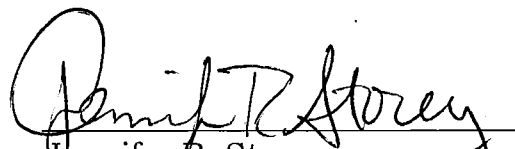
**Zoning, Property Maintenance & Planning:** This committee met on Monday, May 1st, at 6:30 pm and will meet next on Monday, June 5th, at 6:30pm at the Village Office.

**Design Review Board Committee:** No meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilperson Dave Ray at 9:12 P.M.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm. at the Village Offices located at 9090 Marietta Road.

  
 David Ray  
 Council President

  
 Jennifer R. Storey  
 Clerk/Treasurer