

**Record of Proceedings
Village of Bremen Council Meeting
June 10, 2019**

The Council of the Village of Bremen was called to order in regular session by Mayor Mike Henwood at 7:00 P.M. Roll call was taken. Members present were Toni Harper, Sue Henwood, Sherman Prince, Scott Snider, Todd Wesaw, and Debbie Wolfe. Fiscal Officer Crystal Pritchard, Administrator, Corey Spackey and Sheriff's Deputy Kristy Peck attended.

Guests and Residents:

Earl Lehman – The pool was filled without it being cleaned. Where is the vac for the pool? There was a pothole in front of Worthington Industries on Broad Street. He stated that it got filled after he asked to be put on the agenda to speak about it. Mayor Henwood stated that it was actually filled before and they're not satisfied with it so it will be cut out and redone as time allows. There are cars driving both ways on Strayer Avenue again. Sally would like a quote for a pool vac.

LT Churchill spoke about the benefit of having a deputy in Bremen. In 2018 there were 777 calls for service; 222 were handled by the Bremen deputy. In 2019 as of May 15th there have been 282 calls for service and 101 of them have been handled by Deputy Peck. The average response time for a deputy to respond to a call is 11.2 minutes; Deputy Peck's response time is 4 minutes. 53 calls have been initiated by the Bremen Deputy; 30 is average for other Fairfield County Deputy's. Deputy Peck routinely evaluates the needs of the village by engaging with residents and business owners. This is not something that a sector car is able to do.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for council meeting on 05/13/19 were discussed. Sue Henwood moved to accept the minutes for 05/10/19, Wesaw second. Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; Sherman Prince, yea; Scott Snider, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; motion passes.

Sheriff's Report: (Deputy Peck)

Deputy distributed her monthly report to Council; there were 68 calls for service in May. Fifteen reports were taken and one felony and one misdemeanor charges filed with the courts. There was a fire in one of the apartments at the Shellhammer Building. Narcotics and Narcotic equipment was found. The Major Crimes Unit is investigating the incident. There were no other major incidents to report. Community Pool Day on June 18th from 11 AM – 1 PM.

Mayor's Report:

Bricks have been replaced at 356 Fort Street. Scott Snider said that the bricks have caved in. Mayor Henwood said someone will call to have the contractor come back out to fix it. An invoice has been resent to Columbia Gas for the damages incurred during the gas line project. New street signs have been going up. The sale of any property that the Village owns has to be done under the rules laid out in the ORC. It has to be done by auction or sealed bids. Mayors Court requires a magistrate, a clerk and a prosecutor. In addition to needing to have somewhere to hold it, the Village would also need to hold Mayor's Court every 3 weeks because you only have 30 days on a traffic violation to adjudicate it. Zoning has requested information regarding the status of the junk yard. The solicitors opinion is that we would have to prove that there has been no business activity for the past 2 years in

order to shut it down. The Mayor had a discussion with Mike Carder from CT about the handicapped ramps. He suggested that we contact Eric Sandine and have the cost of the survey placed on the invoice to Columbia Gas for their ROW cost this year. The Village received an email from the liquor control agency concerning the application from Mr. Rowe and how the Village wants to proceed.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report:

The Clerk read her report to Council. Highlights of the report are as follows:

From the previous Council meeting, the Fiscal Officer has:

- Prepared and distributed payroll for pay periods ending in 5/19/19 and 06/02/19
- Prepared reports and attended Finance Committee meeting on 5/29/19
- Met with the Village's liaison from the State Auditor's office
- Prepared documents for Van Levier with BHM group for the 2017/2018 audit
- Prepared the following for council:
 - Ordinances and Resolutions for passage
 - Copy of minutes from the May 13th council meeting
 - Completed clerks report
 - Compiled pay authorization
 - Copy of the May 2019 and current day Bank Statement.

BANK STATEMENT & REPORT TOTALS

- Our current checking balance as of May 31, 2019: \$609,703.44
- Our current balance as of today: \$625,071.44
- Our fund balance as of 06/10/19: \$518,854.84

Village Administrators Report:

The administrators report was distributed. Updates were given for the Street Department, Water Department, Wastewater Department, Swimming Pool and Zoning concerns were addressed. The Administrator has an open door policy and is happy to answer or meet with anyone if concerns or questions arise.

Approval of Payment of Bills:

Council reviewed the pay authorization, the Fiscal Officer answered questions. The Fiscal Officer read the bills that will be paid and the amounts. Toni Harper moved to pay the bills, Prince second. Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; Sherman Prince, yea; Scott Snider, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; motion passes.

Old Business:

Mary Hoffman: Roof on gazebo at Dowling Park will finally be completed on 6-11-19.

Mayor Henwood started a discussion about the letter from the liquor control agency. Mayor Henwood told council that if they wanted a hearing that the solicitor would have to be the one to go to the hearing on behalf of the village. Another option is to email questions to Mayor Henwood and the solicitor will get the questions answered without going to the hearing. Council decided that getting Brian Zetts to get answers to their questions would be the best route. Toni Harper moved to table the decision until Brian had an opportunity to

get some answers about the liquor permit, Scott Snider seconds. Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; Sherman Prince, yea; Scott Snider, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; motion passes.

New Business:

Debbie: Is the bathroom door going to be fixed before the event on the 29th? Scott said he is waiting on a quote. Frames around the doors and restrooms haven't been painted. Nothing has been weed whacked and in the park and the baseball diamonds haven't been weed whacked. Debbie said there is a lot of work to be done before we have out of town guests come into the village. Mayor Henwood and Scott Snider said that the baseball group is responsible for upkeep of the baseball diamonds.

Scott: When is the work on Bartlett Street going to be done? Mike answered that Chad will be out the following week to start. Are there any updates on grants? Corey stated that Lydia is looking into it. Corey said that he and Lydia are looking at putting in a packet for a nature work grant to be disbursed in 2020. Toni stated that we need more action on this matter.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution 1177 A resolution to proceed with placing the issue on the ballot for a three (3) mil five year addition tax levy for resurfacing and repairs of streets and roads and declaring as an emergency. Motion to suspend the rules made by Sue Henwood; Debbie Wolfe seconds. Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; Sherman Prince, yea; Scott Snider, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; motion passes.

Motion to pass as an emergency by Debbie Wolfe; Todd Wesaw seconds. Toni Harper, yea; Sue Henwood, yea; Sherman Prince, yea; Scott Snider, yea; Todd Wesaw, yea; Debbie Wolfe, yea; motion passes.

First read of the park ordinance: Toni Harper made the correction in section 2B that some wording needs to be changed.

Second reading for the charges for the shelter house and concession stand to take effect January 2020.

Around the Table:

Harper, Toni: Nothing

Henwood, Sue: Nothing

Prince, Sherman: Nothing

Snider, Scott: Nothing

Wesaw, Todd: Nothing

Wolfe, Debbie: Would like Council members to make more of an effort to come to activities.

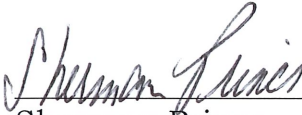
Mayor Henwood: Electric panel at the park is coming loose. That is 440 volt. An electrician will be called to get it fixed.

Pritchard, Crystal: Nothing

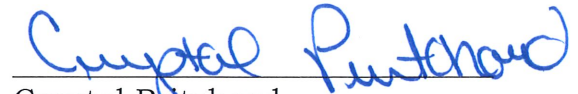
Spackey, Corey: Nothing

Motion by Todd Wesaw to adjourn at 9:09 pm.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, July 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm. at the Village Offices located at 9090 Marietta Road SE.



Sherman Prince
Council President



Crystal Pritchard
Fiscal Officer/Clerk of Council