

**Record of Proceedings  
Village of Bremen Council Meeting  
October 10, 2016**

The Council of the Village of Bremen was called to order in regular session by Mayor Mike Henwood 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, Sherman Prince, and Dave Ray. The Clerk Treasurer Jennifer Storey, Village Administrator Jeff White Sheriff's Deputy Michael Busby were also in attendance; Council member Troy Tripp was absent.

Motion by Ray to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2016 regular Council Meeting as amended. Second Prince.

Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea. Motion passed.

**Guests and Residents:**

**Chad Bellville (Superintendent of Fairfield Union Schools)** Mr. Bellville introduced himself to Council and offered an open door if there were anything the Village needs from him. He spoke on the school's levy that is up for renewal in November, and reiterated that it is a renewal of a levy that has existed since 1982. He gave details regarding what the school has done with the money, which is limited to improvements lasting longer than five years.

**Bob Wolford (Utility Consultants)** Spoke briefly to Council on his program to re-structure the Village's Electric and Natural Gas service. Mayor Henwood invited him to address the Safety and Infrastructure meeting.

**Dan Rutherford (Resident)** He wondered about rising expenditures for fuel/diesel in the Street Department. He outlined his plan for re-installing the fence without paying more money. Debbie Wolfe praised Dan for his work ethic and dedication.

**Susan Dennis (Resident)** Expressed concern in regards to yellow/red water and provided pictures. She had sent some emails to the Mayor back in July but received no response. She wanted to know how old the pipes in the Village are, and where they collect water samples for testing. The Mayor responded that some of the pipes are more than 100 years old, but that is only part of the problem.

Extensive discussion ensued regarding how often the hydrants are flushed and how effective the flushing is. Mrs. Dennis also brought up pink water, which Mr. Ray explained was potassium permanganate, which is used to clean rust out of the pipes. It was determined that notice needs to be given to all residents door-to-door when the Village flushes hydrants.

There was also some discussion regarding storm drains giving off sewer gas and the possibility of dumping lime into them to fix that issue. Now that storm drains are separate from sewer drains, there is considerably less flow to keep the lines cleaned out.

Ray moved to go into executive session to discuss the candidates for the open Council seat. Second Wolfe. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea. Motion passed at 7:38pm.

Ray moved to come out of executive session; Wolfe second. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea. Motion passed at 7:48pm.

Ray commented that all candidates were qualified to fill the position, but what decided the issue was experience with the most pressing issues the Village is facing.

Ray moves to offer the position to Billy Montgomery; Wolfe seconds. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea. Motion passed.

Billy Montgomery accepted the offer and was sworn in to the open Council seat.

The Mayor asked for the Council to select a new Council President. Wolfe moved for David Ray to be Council President; Harper second; Ray accepted. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea; Montgomery, yea. Motion passed.

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

Deputy Busby distributed his monthly report to Council. There were 53 calls for service; and there were two dog bites. There was an incident of a Facebook 'cold threat' against a school by the "Killer Clown Posse", which Deputy Busby responded to and found no immediate threat. Council expressed concern regarding loose dogs running loose in the Village, and biting residents. He responded that the Dog Warden is largely responsible for responding to and handling dog bite issues. Deputy Busby wants specific descriptions of problem dogs reported so that a case can be built.

The white car that is disabled on Marietta is owned by a couple who were seriously injured in an accident. It was agreed that the car should be left alone until the couple are well enough to deal with the issue.

**Mayor's Report:**

The Mayor spoke to Hart VanHorn regarding the alley issue, and part of the problem is insurance. The Village has been using this alley for 20 years. The problem would be solved by giving the Village an easement to it. The Mayor wants to invite the Township Trustees (and advertise it in the paper) to a special Safety and Infrastructure meeting and invite the public to attend, listen, and give input.

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report:**

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

- Our current checking balance as of September 30, 2016 is \$500,422.57
  - August 31, 2016 was \$495,860.75
- Our fund balance as of October 10, 2016 is \$.
- We have spent 57.59 percent of our permanent appropriation budget for 2016.
- We have received 79.35 percent of our annual revenue budget for 2016.
- The Magic Number is 77.69%

The Clerk-Treasurer asked for a motion to allow Council President to sign off on the minutes of this meeting tomorrow without a vote of council. There was a consensus that he could do this without the motion and if there are corrections to be made, there would be a vote at the November meeting.

**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:

- Investigating Beggar's Night, found that most nearby villages are scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup>, so Bremen's will stay on the 27<sup>th</sup> as well;
- There is no recourse for the Village to get more work done on Strayer Ave; OPWC has no more funds, nor authority over the contractor's performance.
- Community Care Day had 21 volunteers to work in the Park;
- Updated the status of the Water Well project; we are waiting on the EPA for a response to the cost estimate.
- Received bids for paving; discussion ensued regarding the two companies. Montgomery made motion to go with Spires if they can do the job by November 14. Second Wolfe. Wolfe, yea; Harper, nay; Prince, yea; Ray, yea; Montgomery, yea. Motion passed.

**Resolution 1125 Honoring Kelley Tripp, Village-Clerk Treasurer**

Resolution was read aloud. Motion to pass Resolution Harper; Second Wolfe. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea; Montgomery, yea. Motion passed.

Jeff continued with his report to Council. The Mayor and Administrator have looked into creating a 'short list' of contractors that the Village can offer bids to. The Administrator has looked into purchasing salt on contract through DAS which would require a \$100 fee for a membership.

**Approval of Payment of Bills:**

The Clerk distributed the Pay Authorization to Council; Mr. Ray moved to waive the reading of the Pay Authorization. Second Wolfe. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea; Montgomery, yea. Motion passed. Motion by Harper to pay the bills; Prince Second. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea; Montgomery, yea. Motion passed.

We are waiting for the EPA to make a decision on the Water Well, so that issue is tabled for now.

**New Business:**

We are doing a first reading on Resolution 1126 Rushville Contract, Jeff White distributed the first draft to Council.

Mayor received an email from Fairfield County EMA about our Emergency Mitigation Program from 2011. We have to work on this plan or we won't be able to ask for emergency funds from EMA. We are going to send a response that no work will be done at this time because the Flood Plain is being re-evaluated.

Mayor Henwood distributed a letter from Sue Fisher at the middle school inviting Council to come to talk to her government studies class about how individuals make decisions in government.

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Resolution 1126 New Service Contract with Rushville First Reading**

**Resolution 1127 (Emergency) Purchase of Leaf Vacuum Machine**

Council needs to decide whether to finance this purchase to the bank or purchase it out of the General Fund. The consensus is to get the loan through the bank so as not to short us

on funds in case of emergency repairs. The bank gave us a soft quote of 2.8%, and would accept semi-annual payments. The loan would be for five years, and we have the option of early repayment if funds should become available. Payments would be approximately \$1600 semi-annually.

Motion by Ray to waive the three reading requirement; Montgomery second. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea. Motion passed.

Motion by Prince to pass Resolution 1127; Ray Second. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea; Montgomery, yea. Motion passed.

### **Resolution 1128 Pursuing Line of Credit First Reading**

Revise by adding section stating that if purchase order is not submitted, employee will be charged for the purchase. Clerk asked if Council wanted copies of Res/Ord submitted before meeting; they do.

### **Resolution 1129 (Emergency) Create Appropriation for Park Donations**

Motion by Harper to waive the three reading requirement; Wolfe second. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea; Montgomery, yea. Motion passed.

There was some discussion regarding how the appropriation would be used in the budget; it was decided that the footnotes added to the budget submitted to the County will suffice and cover the Village at audit.

Motion by Prince to pass Resolution 1129; Ray Second. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Prince, nay; Ray, yea; Montgomery, yea. Motion passed.

### **Resolution 1130 (Emergency) Transfer \$454.75 to Pool Fund**

Motion by Harper to waive the three reading requirement; Wolfe second. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Prince, yea; Ray, yea; Montgomery, yea. Motion passed.

Motion by Wolfe to pass Resolution 1130; Montgomery Second. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Prince, nay; Ray, yea; Montgomery, yea. Motion passed.

### **Ordinance 9-11-16 Final Reading Certification of Water/Wastewater Employees**

Motion by Wolfe to pass Resolution 1130; Prince Second. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Prince, nay; Ray, yea; Montgomery, yea. Motion passed.

### **Around the Table:**

Harper, Toni:	Asked for and received explanation of Zoning Letter to Township regarding a demolition.
Montgomery, Billy:	Nothing
Prince, Sherman:	What is the status of the Liberty Bell building? The owner who had been paying property taxes is deceased, the Eagles have nothing more to do with it; it is in limbo.
Ray, David:	Nothing
Tripp, Troy:	Absent
Wolfe, Debbie	Spoke to Dan Mole about historical events in Howell Park; he is willing to help restore the wooden planks under the oil derrick. Lisa Burnside with Harvest Adventures gave pumpkins and gourds to the Pumpkin Walk. Fran Tiburzio with the Fairfield County Visitor's Bureau has worked to promote various places in Eastern Fairfield County; a Mr. Mowry would like to mow Howell Park for free. It was agreed he would mow the soccer fields before they are striped as a trial run.

White, Jeffrey: Crystal will be having a medical procedure this month; he would like Council to be thinking about what could be done to cover the Utility Billing Office if she ever needs a longer amount of time off.

Mayor Henwood: The State of the Village dinner will be November 10, 2016. The Mayor would like to see all Village officials and employees to attend with their spouses. Let Jennifer know so that she can pay the fee and make the reservations.

Storey, Jennifer: Would like Council to make the motion to use 1000-820-0000 the revenue stream for park donations. Motion by Wolfe; Harper Second. Wolfe, yea; Harper, yea; Prince, nay; Ray, yea; Montgomery, yea. Motion passed. She expressed that she didn't feel that it was necessary to re-negotiate our electric bill through an intermediary. She feels there will be a cost even if it isn't apparent yet, and our natural gas bills are so low we don't need it.

Wolfe asked if it is ok for Earl Lehman to proceed with gathering funds for a flag to be placed on the oil derrick? Mayor says yes, but make sure it is one that is easy to mount.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Financial Process:** This committee met on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 and minutes were submitted to council members by Council chair. This committee will meet on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the Village Offices.

**Safety and Infrastructure Committee:** This committee will meet on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the Village Offices.

**Administrative Process:** This committee will meet on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Offices.

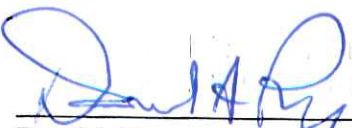
**Recreation and Facilities Committee:** This committee will meet on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 12:00 P.M. at the Village Offices.

**Zoning, Property Maintenance & Planning:** This committee will meet on Monday, October 17, 2016 starting at 6:30 P.M. at the Village Offices.

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilperson Ray at 9:48 P.M.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Offices located at 9090 Marietta Road.

  
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David Ray  
Council President

  
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Jennifer R. Storey  
Clerk/Treasurer