

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Village of Brighton Board Meeting

206 S. Main

Brighton, IL 62012

Monday, January 05, 2015 7:00 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance:
2. Resignation Chris Dawdy. Bill Oertel made a motion to accept resignation of Chris Dawdy as Board Trustee as of January 01 due to her new job taking her out of area, 2ND by Jacoby. Roll Call, All ayes, no nays, Motion carried
3. Appointment to fill vacancy on Board of Trustees, Mayor discussed Kent Scheffel as a fill in for Chris Dawdy's position as trustee. Oertel made motion to accept Kent Scheffel as Board Trustee fill remainder of Chris Dawdy's term.. 2nd by Jacoby, Roll Call. All ayes, no nays, Motion Carried. At this time, Clerk swore in Kent Scheffel as Board Trustee
4. Roll Call: Mayor Wayne Schafer, Trustee's: Kent Scheffel-Bill Oertel, Fred Benz, Ed Jacoby, Mike Roberts, Jamie Boyd, Clerk-Billie Laubscher, Attorney Robert Watson and Chief Levertt.
5. Review Minutes and Approve: Roberts discussed that he had looked at that on the last page, in the last meeting Jamie (Boyd) questioned if the Chief had been our sick and that Mayor had discussed that Chief had never really been out and that he been here every day and I don't think that's really what's transpired. Mayor discussed that even if not here physically he has been working in his capacity as Chief for the Village. The Mayor has met with Chief many times. Everything was worked thru Robin Manns, Dispatch and all orders were coming thru him. Roberts would like to make a motion then that even though he wasn't present, he worked as Chief. Roberts stated it looks like it he was here every day in the minutes and he wasn't here every day. Mayor stated that yes, he was here in capacity and presence of his position. Yes, he was out medically for a while, what is the point of making this motion? Roberts made the motion that the last line of the December minutes is incorrect and that he has been here in capacity but not physical. 2nd by Boyd. Roll Call: (Ayes) - Roberts, Boyd. (Nays) - Scheffel, Oertel, Jacoby, (Abstain)-Benz . Motion Failed.
 - Oertel made a motion to accept the minutes and place them on file, 2nd by Jacoby. Roll Call (Ayes) -Scheffel, Oertel, Benz, Jacoby (Nays) - Roberts, Boyd. Motion Carried.
6. Treasurers Report: Boyd made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and place it on file, 2nd by Jacoby. Roll Call: All ayes, no nays, Motion Carried.
7. Bills: The additional bills were read by Clerk Billie Laubscher. There was an additional bill sheet for approval from Brighton Water due to no Public Works Meeting in December. Benz asked about the work done in the bathrooms and was this a licensed plumber who repaired. Roberts asked about Bertels, which lawn mower was it? Mayor said this was one with bearings wore out and many repairs. He thinks it's the zero turn.
 - Oertel made a motion to accept the bills and charge to appropriate accounts, 2nd by Jacoby, Roll Call, All ayes, no nays, Motion Carried.
8. Hours by Employees: For informational purposes
9. Audience Comment:

10. Eleanor Hindley discussed that the old lights on W. Center need to be removed with exception at entrances of the two businesses there, Toms Market and Targhetta, Wooldridge Funeral Home. Mayor discussed that this was discussed last month with a motion to call Ameren. Ameren has been called and it is on a work order. We are at their mercy when the extra lights get taken out. Jamie Hirers Elevate Energy, does education and outreach, on new Ameren smart meters, how this helps consumers, any programs for energy efficient, and all energy groups. They do small group gatherings that try to improve energy savings to each consumer. She will leave information with clerk for any groups interested in setting up a meeting.
11. Wreath and Quarter Auction Appreciation: Mayor on behalf of the Parks Committee John Bramley Chairman of the Wreath and Quarter Auction presented plaques to the 3 first place winners by People's Choice in 3 classes, Churches, Businesses and Individuals: Churches- St. John's Church Bill Oertel accepting for Church, Southwestern Journal-Business, Sheila Hallgren- Individual. Plaques were from a donation Tonsor's Awards and Plaques.
12. Correspondence: Jacoby made a motion to accept the correspondence and place it on file, 2nd by Benz. Voice Vote, all Ayes, no nays, Motion Carried.

MFT: \$4,953.01

MUT: \$14,914.76

Committee Reports:

- 1) Burning Pile-No Meeting
- 2) Economic Committee- No Meeting
- 3) Clerks Committee-No Meeting
- 4) Park Committee-December 11, 2014 Meeting Minutes, Chairman Bill Oertel read the minutes.
 - *Action Item:* Oertel made a motion to purchase playground set Eagle Summit for \$14,435 for Schneider Park, 2nd by Benz. Roll Call, All ayes, no nays, Motion Carried.
 - *Action Item:* Door on concession stand at Betsey Ann Park, Roberts made a motion to spend up to \$500 to replace door, 2nd by Boyd, Roll Call, All ayes, no nays, Motion Carried.
 - *Action Item* Remove Tim Smith from Park Committee. Boyd made the motion, 2nd by Roberts. Roll Call: All ayes, no nays, Motion Carried.
 - Independence Day at the Park, Fireworks set for Friday, July 03, 2014. Benz still working on getting a carnival.
 - Discussed Schneider Lake, Roberts working with Jersey County Core, which he has a meeting next day.

Mayor informed the Board that Clerk/Municipal Meeting needs to meet within the next 60 days. That on a Friday night in December, both he and Billie had an emergency with deteriorating lines in the bathrooms that were leaking in walls. As emergency, a plumber and contractor were brought in. Since this was only a repair, nothing in the bathroom could be changed except for deteriorated lines. This is something we need to look at. Benz said this was something he saw in bills that he wanted to discuss. An executive decision this had to be done that night. He would like the committee to make some decisions about these public restrooms.

- Roberts made a motion to accept minutes and place them on file. Roll Call, All ayes, no nays, Motion Carried.

- 5) **Public Safety Committee** December 15, 2014 Meeting Minute, Chairman Ed Jacoby read the minutes.
- *Action Item:* Benz made a motion to hire Jered Carlen, 2nd by Oertel, Roberts discussed he would like to see resume, Boyd discussed she would like to meet candidate. Jacoby discussed that the Public Safety Committee has done this and met him and recommends Jered Carlen. Roll Call: (Ayes) Scheffel, Oertel, Benz Jacoby, (Nays) Roberts, Boyd. Motion Carried.
 - Boyd asked if the report from Public Safety included Macoupin County or just Brighton Police.
 - Roberts asked about impounding car on arrests. He asked if anyone had read the Prospective Magazine on impounding cars; that he didn't know if we had an ordinance in place that after an arrest, we impound car. Chairman Jacoby explained that if even submitted for seizure that Macoupin and Jersey do not act on it since there are State rulings on this. Roberts suggested Police read that article on impounding cars.
 - Boyd discussed that since there was only one ordinance violation, that we must be doing real good. Chairman Jacoby discussed that ordinance violations have been handled in different way lately, a lot of personal contact and walk and talk, with real good results.
 - Roberts made a motion to accept minutes and place on file, 2nd by Boyd. Roll Call, All ayes, no nays, Motion Carried.
- 6) **Public Works Committee**-No Meeting
- 7) **Zoning Committee**- December 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Clerk Laubscher read the minutes.
- Jacoby made a motion to accept the minutes and place them on file, 2nd by Roberts. Roll Call, All ayes, no nays, Motion Carried.
- 8) **Planning Commission**-No Meeting

Old Business:

- IDOT Audit 12/31/10-12/31/12 approved. As informational item, IDOT requests this be put in minutes. Jacoby made a motion to approve the IDOT Audit, 2nd by Benz. Roll Call, All ayes, no nays, Motion carried.

New Business:

- Adoption of An Ordinance 762 authorizing the issuance of up to \$1,725,000 waterworks revenue bonds of the Village of Brighton, Jersey and Macoupin Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of defraying the cost of acquiring, constructing, improving and extending. Water works facilities, and related matters. Jacoby made a motion to accept Ordinance 762, 2nd by Oertel. Roll Call, All ayes, no nays, Motion carried.
- Resolution 763 transfer of funds from Water Dept. Bond & Interest, Alternate Bond & Interest to Water General Fund. Roberts made a motion to accept Resolution 763, 2nd by Boyd Roll Call, All ayes, no nays, Motion carried.
- Resolution 764 Authorizing President and Clerk to execute documents for Water Main Replacement Project. Roberts made a motion to accept Resolution 764, 2nd by Benz. Roll Call All ayes, no nays, Motion Carried.
- Resolution 765 Authorizing the use by the Village of its Street, Alleys and other Village property in the Water Main Replacement Project Jacoby made a motion, 2nd by Roberts. Roll Call, All ayes, no nays, Motion Carried.
- Resolution 766 Authorizing the Execution of Highway Authority Agreement, Attorney Watson discussed the contaminates in the ground from tanks which were previously taken out. Benz asked if the property owner, Paul Phelan, is paying for this. Attorney Watson

discussed that yes, Paul Phelan was responsible for costs. Roberts made a motion to accept this resolution, based on street names correction on Resolution 766. 2nd by Jacoby. Roll Call, All ayes, no nays, Motion carried.

- Acceptance of Treasurer Kirsten Blackorby resignation who has taken a full time position elsewhere, Roberts made a motion to accept resignation of Kirsten Blackorby-Treasurer, 2nd by Oertel, Roll Call, All ayes, no nays, Motion Carried. Mayor discussed that Kirsten certainly deserves more than thanks for all the work she has done in the last year and half. She has saved us a lot of money and made many changes. She simplified the budget. She saved money by helping create the new re occurring bills. She not only automated payroll with direct deposit, she has online banking with State checks direct deposited which puts money in account faster than checks being mailed from State taxes. She left detailed notes and left the job with all quarterlies for year done and W-2's out. Mayor wishes to thank Kirsten for all work in the last year in half.
- Appointment to fill vacancy of Village Treasurer, Laura Doll, Accountant who previously worked for Scheffel Auditors would like to accept the position upon Board Approval with pay at \$21 per hour and will try to stay with same amount of hours as previous stated for IMRF 1,000 hours. And with IMRF, if there are circumstances that require at PT position to go over 1,000, there is some lead way before that has to take effect, such as indepth audits or special projects. Since Kirsten left the treasurer's desk in such great shape, Mayor feels that with the experience Laura has, this will be a smooth transition. Mayor discussed that Laura has limited hours until April due to a prior commitment and that Billie will do the treasurer's job during the time of Kirsten's and would like a motion to pay Billie same rate. Billie spent most of today doing treasurer's work.
- Jacoby made a motion to appoint Laura Doll at \$21 per hour as treasurer and putting Laura on all bank accounts. 2nd by Oertel, Roll Call, All ayes, no nays, Motion Carried.
- Oertel made a motion to pay Billie the treasurer's wage for hours worked as treasurer until Laura can come in. 2nd by Jacoby. Mayor asked Attorney to draw up a contract. Attorney says Clerk cannot do this, according to state statute, the only other job clerk can do is Collector. Billie discussed that for the first 3 months of her term, that she did all of payroll and bills with no compensation working 60 hour weeks along with her clerk duties and with police dispatching and clerical. Why was it not illegal then? Mayor discussed that payroll and bills have to be done. Oertel made a motion to hire Scheffel and Boyle accountants at \$80 to \$100 an hour. 2nd by Jacoby, Roll Call, All ayes, no nays, Motion Carried.

Attorney Watson discussed that seizing automobiles, if there's a lien against car, that has to be paid first and a lot of times they owe more on the car than it's worth, so it's a useless act. And if it's a junker, then it doesn't bring anything, Same for houses, seized and sold, only do it if a lot of equity to close on mortgage and value of loan. There's a lot of issues that have to resolved for a city to get cash and he knows for a fact that there was a pick up Bunker Hill and it took months to get thru. He does not suggest doing this unless extreme circumstances.

Adjournment: Boyd made the motion to adjourn at 8:11 PM, 2nd by Benz. Voice Vote, All ayes, no nays, Motion Carried.