

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Village of Brighton Board Meeting

206 S. Main

Brighton, IL 62012

Monday, September 11, 2017 7:00 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance:
2. Roll Call: Mayor Mike Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present Trustees- Bill Oertel, Kent Scheffel, Fred Benz, Paige Beilsmith, Chris Seniker, and Marcella Wilfong. Also present Ron Smith, Public Works Manager, and Attorney Robert Watson.
3. Review Minutes and Approval: August 7, 2017 Bill Oertel made a motion to approve the minutes and place them on file. 2nd by Kent Scheffel. Voice Vote: All ayes, no nays. Motion carried. Review Minutes and Approval: August 16, 2017 Kent Scheffel made a motion to approve the minutes and place them on file. 2nd by Fred Benz. Voice Vote: All ayes, no nays. Motion carried. Review Minutes and Approval: August 24, 2017 Chris Seniker made a motion to approve the minutes and place them on file. 2nd by Kent Scheffel. Voice Vote: All ayes, no nays. Motion carried.
4. Matters of Recognition: Outstanding Citizen PJ Ely Citizen of the Month. The Village Board, Village Clerk, and Mayor Roberts would like to honor PJ Ely as Citizen of the Month. PJ Ely works timeously with all youth sports programs and special events that are held in our community. He is an Officer in the Brighton Athletic Association, heads up our youth soccer program, and hosted the homerun derby contest recently at the Independence Day at the Park. He donates valuable time and efforts to ensure their success. A successful business man he also donates valuable funds to support events. He has the Community at Heart and we support all his efforts. He exemplifies all we desire in a citizen, so we would bestow this honor to him.
5. Treasurers Reports (Village and Water): Kent Scheffel made a motion to approve the report and place the report on file, 2nd by Bill Oertel. Voice Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. Motion Carried.
6. Review Bills and Approval: Kent Scheffel had a few questions on the educational expense for a water employee. The Treasurer was asked and replied it is in the contract that if we pay for the education the bonus for education is withheld. Chris Seniker stated as he is all for employees receiving higher education all must go by the same rules for others. Fred Benz thought in the future we should pay when class is completed. Kent Scheffel stated we have no tuition account in the budget. Chris Seniker made a motion to approve the bills and charge to appropriate accounts, 2nd by Bill Oertel. Roll Call: All Ayes, No Nays. Motion Carried.
7. Hours by Employees: Information purpose only
8. Audience Comment: Stuart Hays wanted to discuss his property on Palmer St. and how unhappy he was about the pump malfunction. He came home and 2/3 of his driveway was gone. On Wednesday he contacted the Mayors wife wanting to address this issue and did not receive a call back from the mayor. The following day he had a massive sewage leak and every 15 minutes a spray of sewage would come out from around the pipe for about 30 seconds. A little after 10:00 p.m. they called the emergency number at the water department and then called the Macoupin County Police to dispatch someone immediately. When Brighton Police Department showed up they tried to contact someone from American Water and the

Contractors that were doing the job. In the meantime, sewage was on my house, cars, in my house. I had to get the hose and continuously clean my house, my room, and my cars. It took 2 ½ hours for anyone to show up. The Village Water department never did show up. The Brighton Police Department did show up and made the report. Officer Bennett was wonderful. He was on the phone every 15 minutes calling us to check on us and telling us he was still making phone calls. He was awesome. They believe the emergency phone numbers need to go to someone. Getting back to someone in the morning during an emergency is ridiculous. No one bothered to come out to the house at 3 a.m. while I was washing my house. The Contractor that was hired walked his property and found a boat seat to stick in the hole. That is my boat seat. He has no right to take items from my property to retain the wall. He has contacted the Attorney General and the EPA. He knows the City is broke, but the emergency phones need to be addressed and calls need to be made back. Mayor Roberts addressed Stuart Hays and said when Stuart had phoned his wife he had call Police Chief Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald was on a police call at that moment, but when he completed the call he came out to Mayor Roberts's house and told Mayor Roberts he would head straight to the Hays' home and make a report. Stuart Hays stated that Fitzgerald had never shown up to his home and they waited over 2 hours. Mayor Roberts said he was misinformed by Chief Fitzgerald and that the issue would be addressed. Stuart said all he wanted was for the Mayor to contact him and he didn't for 9 days. Mayor Roberts stated he had sent the police to make a report on the boat seat and American Water had also contacted them. He apologized for the communication gap and he would work to fix all lines of communication. Stuart Hays stated he didn't even know the situation was temporary until the next day when the Construction Company came. Stuart stated he sent his business card with Mr. Noble from American Water on Friday after the meeting on this issue and has had no reply. Mayor Roberts stated this problem would be addressed immediately. Chris Seniker asked what time it started and was told it was a little after 10:00 p.m. due to them smelling it not seeing it at first. It took 2 ½ hours to get the contractor there to shut the pump off. It took the police until 10:30 p.m. to get there and they called the contractor and Ron Smith to come shut it off. "Two Officers there that night were great" Nicki Hays said. Chris Seniker said he and the entire board apologizes. Mr. Hayes said he is not blaming the city, but the contractor and someone hired the contractor. Nicki Hays stated she is only upset because no city workers showed up. Chris Seniker asked what the Hays' want? What would they like the city to do to make this better for them? The Hays' said they didn't actually know. Hays' said they have been going through this since the work on the street began and the generator was placed. All of it is gone now and beautiful Nicki stated. Mr. Hays' said they should not have to use his driveway to repair the sewer, they should have to use city property. Chris Seniker stated it all depends where the sewer easement is for the repair. Their daughter was even scared by the contractors and equipment. She was in her vehicle and the contractor lifted his forks to go over my daughter's vehicle instead of him asking her to move it. It scared the life out of her and she called me at work. Her daughter's life was endangered. Mr. Hays' stated they should have taped the clamps down. The next day it was done. The clamps vibrated to make the crack in the clamp. Mayor Roberts stated he would meet with the contractor and things would get straightened out.

9. Correspondence: Bill Oertel made a motion to accept correspondence and place it on file, 2nd Marcella Wilfong. Voice Vote: All ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

10. **Committee Reports:**

A. **Clerk Committee- 08/09/17 No Meeting Held**

B. **Public Works Committee- 08/28/17 Meeting Minutes & 09/05/17**

- **Action Item:** Recommendation to hire Cynthia Ireland for part time clerical position. Bill Oertel made a motion to hire Cynthia Ireland, 2nd Fred Benz. Roll Call: All Ayes, No Nays. Motion Carried.
 - **Action Item:** Recommendation to hire Sam Porter & Shawn Stuckey for two full time Public Works Positions. Kent Scheffel made motion to approve the hiring, 2nd Bill Oertel. All Ayes, No Nays. Motion Carried.
- C. **Economic Committee** – 09/05/17 No Meeting
- D. **Park Committee**-08/10/17 Meeting Minutes, Kent Scheffel made a motion to approve Park Committee Minutes and place them on file. 2nd by Bill Oertel. Roll Call: All Ayes, No Nays. Motion Carried.
- C. **Planning Commission**-08/16/2017 Meeting Minutes, Kent Scheffel made a motion to approve Planning Committee Minutes and place them on file. 2nd by Chris Seniker. Roll Call: All Ayes, No Nays. Motion Carried.
- D. **Public Safety Committee** 08/21/2017 Meeting Minutes, Bill Oertel made a motion to approve Public Safety Minutes and place them on file. 2nd by Marcella Wilfong. Roll Call: All Ayes, No Nays. Motion Carried.
- E. **Zoning Committee:** 08/15/17 Meeting Minutes
- **Action Item:** Approval of Zoning/building permits and a motion to approve the minutes and place them on file Chris Seniker made a motion to approve the Zoning/Building permits, 2nd by Kent Scheffel Voice Vote: All ayes, no nays. Motion Carried.
- Old Business:** Ordinance vacating alley between Lots 1 & 2 and Lots 5 & 6 of Hermes Subdivision. Chris Seniker made a motion to approve Vacating Ordinance. 2nd by Kent Scheffel. Roll Call: All Ayes No Nays. Motion Carried.
11. **New Business:**
- Budget Approval 2017-2018, Kent Scheffel made a motion to approve the Budget, 2nd by Chris Seniker. Roll Call: All ayes, no nays. Motion Carried.
 - Adoption of Appropriation Ordinance for 2017-2018 Motion to approve Adoption by Chris Seniker and 2nd by Kent Scheffel. Voice Vote All Ayes, No Nays. Motion Carried.
 - Resignation of Lisa Pasley, Motion made to approve the resignation by Kent Scheffel and 2nd by Bill Oertel. Roll Call: All Ayes, No Nays. Motion Carried.
 - Resignation of Lee Blackwood, Motion made to approve the resignation by Chris Seniker and 2nd by Bill Oertel. All Ayes, No Nays Motion Carried.
 - Bids for Building Repair from Train/Auto Accident. Fred Benz made a motion to request additional bids and to place in newspapers to see if the current bids are in order. 2nd by Marcella Wilfong. All Ayes, No Nays Motion Carried.
 - Korte Palmer Pump Station Issue & EPA Complaint. Chris Seniker made a motion to have this listed as an action item for further follow up, 2nd Bill Oertel.
12. **Executive Session:** Chris Seniker made a motion to go into executive session, 2nd by Kent Scheffel.
13. **Problems:** None
14. **Adjournment:** Chris Seniker made a motion to adjourn at 8:52 p.m., 2nd by Fred Benz. Meeting Adjourned.