

# BOARD MEETING

## MINUTES

Village of Brighton Board Meeting

206 S. Main

Brighton, IL 62012

**Monday, June 5, 2017 7:00 PM**

1. Pledge of Allegiance:
2. Roll Call: Mayor Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present- Trustees-Kent Scheffel, Bill Oertel, Paige Beilsmith, Fred Benz, Chris Seniker, and Marcella Wilfong. Also present Ron Smith, Public Works Manager, and Attorney Robert Watson.
3. Review Minutes and Approval: Bill Oertel made a motion to approve the minutes and place them on file. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kent Scheffel. Voice Vote: All ayes, no nays. Motion carried.
4. Matters of Recognition: Jim Bazillion & Barry Stanley. Jim loaned his boat to help with the Schneider Lake that had turned and Barry worked over time to help with the lake. Fred Benz- took his tractor and tried to fix the damage caused by the Circus on the Soccer Field from the mud and truck getting stuck. Thank you All for your Public Service. John Bramley for being guest Ring Master at the Circus. And thank you to all the Public Works Employees- Lee, Tim, and Richard for all their hard work during the storms.
5. Treasurers Reports (Village and Water): Kent Scheffel made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and place it on file, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Oertel. Voice Vote: All ayes, no nays. Motion Carried.
6. Review Bills and Approval: Bill Oertel made a motion to approve the bills and charge to appropriate accounts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kent Scheffel. Roll Call: All ayes, no nays. Motion Carried.
7. Hours by Employees: information purpose only
8. Audience Comment: Suzanne Nowaski- Backyard Chickens, passed out information due to the past the people and board thinking chickens would be a nuisance. Medora, Bunker Hill, Alton, St. Charles have conditions for backyard chickens. It seems the others have 4 Chicken Limit and no Roosters. You will need a chicken coop and chicken run located at least 10 feet from property line. This includes the run and coop. Coop has to be large enough for all chickens. No Free Range and all will be contained. Rodents and Predators so they can cut down on attracting them. All food items will be in a metal sealed container. Waste material will be kept in compost and smell should not be an issue if you keep the area clean and keep the 10 distance to neighbors like you are supposed to. Government officials are allowed to inspect at any time and no slaughtering of chickens would be allowed. Can be rules on cleaning guidelines. The chickens would not be used for company use only for fresh eggs. Suzanne believes it would be a positive for our community and she believes other communities wonder why Brighton does not have backyard chickens and a new person might like the choice to have back yard chickens when deciding to move to Brighton. Could possibly help children that are delayed and not sure if 4H would be available. She believes not being caged like they do in companies would be great for poor chickens. City could charge for permit fees, yearly fees and maybe make the city a little money. She asked board if they had any questions. Chris Seniker asked Bob Watson if there would be any subdivision restrictions. Bob answered even if the Village approved backyard chickens each subdivision etc. would have their own ruling on if it could be approved per neighborhood. Mayor Roberts stated we do not have any animal control in Brighton where the other towns have animal control so, the Public Safety Committee would have to police it. Bill Oertel states as of right now there is an ordinance against any wild life, horses, ducks, and farm animals within the city limits. Suzanne asked how old the ordinance was and Bill Oertel said the last revision was in 2010. Bill said the Ordinance would have to be rewritten. Suzanne asked if there was any expense to this and Bill Oertel explained there is an expense to rewrite an

ordinance and legal fees. Paige Beilsmith asked what the total cost of building the area for the chickens would be and Suzanne answered 8 or 900 dollars probably and honestly doesn't know what the yearly amount would be due to winter time and chickens needing additional needs in the winter. Paige also asked what happens to the chickens in a few years when they quit laying eggs. Suzanne would personally keep them. She would never eat a chicken. Paige asked how she would keep getting eggs if she was only allowed 4 chickens and they were all older. Paige also asked in what manner the waste would be taken care of. Suzanne stated she has seen other people keep it for compost for flowers, vegetables, also chickens are great for weed control. Paige asked what would happen with chickens making the neighbor's dog bark. Kelly Huber from Moore St. said she plans on doing square fencing to protect chickens. Bill Oertel asked Suzanne where she lived and she stated SunnyAire and Bill asked if there was any rules in the subdivision for chickens. Suzanne was unaware of any. Suzanne stated Mr. Bonnell lives behind her and he is very interested in chickens also. Kelly Huber wants to have the right to have them if she wants to and have compost for her own garden and health concerns of eating store bought chickens. Kelly Huber states chickens are not livestock it's like apples and oranges. Suzanne stated Jerseyville has incorporated in their school district. Suzanne says it's just a start. She would never ask for cow, horses, etc. that Brighton is just not built for those animals and each person that would want chickens should have a big enough yard where it would not be problem to care for their animals. Kent Scheffel asked what the normal size of the runs is. Kelly Huber said it depends on how many chickens you have and Kent asked if you had the 4 chickens you are requesting. Kelly plans on two runs for her chickens so when one run is used up she has the other one. Mike Roberts asked Kelly's name and where she lived. He said his concern was we have 900 homes in Brighton City Limits and he thought there would have been a bigger turn out tonight if many were interested and we need to see what the majority is for the homeowners. Mayor Roberts said he would really like to hear what the community would like. He asked if Suzanne or Kelly had a dog. Kelly stated she does have a Dotson dog. He asked if she had bought her dog license this year. She stated she does not and Mayor Roberts said that's what he sees as the problem. We have an ordinance for dogs and we can't get people to purchase the dog tags now. Currently we have sold 36 dog tags. How would we police to keep the chickens safe, correct and updated housing etc. after the initial check? We have an on our honor system with the dogs and only 36 dogs are legal. Mike stated the Board would have to make some arrangements on someone to take care of this. Suzanne stated the Police Department would be able to see who had chickens because you can't hide them. She knows we don't have it set up in this town any animal control but someone would see it. Bob Bays said if he had a lake in his back yard and 75 homes how many homes would be feeding all the geese coming into his lake and they would have droppings. It's not right to say we can't have chickens because of the feed and droppings when geese have droppings and geese are a lot nastier than a chicken. Kim Graham stated her daughter would love to have chickens. Mike Roberts asked the board if they wanted to move on this or discuss at later date. Bill Oertel suggested it be sent to the Public Safety Committee so that it could be gone over and rules made up etc. before coming to the Board. The Board needs to make a decision on the final proposal. Chris Seniker – Chairman of the Public Safety Board said he needs to pull the ordinances from the other towns and talk to neighbors etc to see if there would be any issues. Chris stated he doesn't believe the Police Officers would be a good choice to patrol the chicken coops so someone would have to be named to do that job. Chris also stated Mayor was correct when he made the reference to the dog tags and if people won't get the \$5.00 dog tag on their own how would we enforce any chicken regulations without someone being in force. Bob Bays asked if someone could volunteer for that job and Bob Watson stated no because of liability issues. Paige stated that she believes the ones here would not harm their chickens, but someone would. Chris Seniker stated his June Public Works meeting would have to be dedicated to the July 1<sup>st</sup> budget for fiscal year end, but

they would put it on their July 17, 2017 meeting agenda. Plus this would give time to request the other towns' ordinances.

9. Correspondence: A.) Dwight Bonnell letter concerning chickens. He recommends chickens but warns of food source for chickens can be a food source for rodents and other unwanted critters and appropriate actions should be used. He also thinks there should be an ordinance on burning barrels as he believes some are being used to burn trash. B.) Bond Council recommendations on Bonds C.) Betsey Ann Fire Dept requesting donations for the July softball tournament. Bill Oertel made a motion to give \$250.00 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Benz. All ayes, no nays. Motion Carried. Motion made to put correspondence on file by Bill Oertel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kent Scheffel. All ayes, no nays. Motion Carried.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **A. Clerk Committee- 05/10/17**

- **Action Item:** New locks Municipal Building Doors and Offices- Will get prices
- **Action Item:** Employee Restroom- Motion made to reinstall Stool and to call Puskar for price by Chris Seniker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Benz All Ayes, No Nays. Motion Carried.
- **Action Item:** Dispatching Duties and Training- Chris Seniker made a motion on Training Cynthia Tucker and to Contact the County for Training. Collector Compensation to be \$7,200. Motion made by Chris Seniker 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paige Beilsmith All Ayes, No Nays Motion Carried.
- **Action Item:** Remittance Agent Work, Including Vehicle Stickers & Notary- Chris Seniker wants Bob Watson to check the legal issues of Vehicle Stickers. Notary was made a motion to approve by Chris Seniker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marcella Wilfong. All Ayes, No Nays
- **Action Item:** Discuss Clerk Appointment as Collector and possible adoption of Ordinance-
- **Action Item:** Fire in Auditorium Plug in, Auditorium Leaking to see if old Contractor has an recourse or warrantee- Mike Roberts states the wall has a major problem and needs to be addressed.
- **Action Item:** FOYA Designation of Open Meetings Act. Motion made by Paige Beilsmith 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marcella Wilfong All Ayes, No Nays Motion Carried

##### **B. Public Works Committee- 05/22/17 Meeting Minutes.**

- **Action Item:** Approval to Hire Summer Employment & Full Time Public Works Employee. Chris Seniker made motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Oertel. Roll Call: All ayes, no nays. Motion Carried. Motion Made by Chris Seniker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paige Beilsmith to allow Ron Smith, Kent Scheffel & Mike Roberts decide who to hire for summer part time employment.
- **Action Item:** Summer Street Maintenance of E. Center, E. City Limits, & North Maple- Kent wants to delay until after the budget is completed. Motion made by Chris Seniker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Oertel. Roll Call: All ayes, no nays. Motion Carried.
- **Action Item:** Water Rate Increases- Will be addressed on the July Board Meeting
- **Action Item:** Bids received and recommended for 2017 MFT Maintenance- Kent Scheffel made motion to accept the bids 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Benz All Ayes, No Nays Motion Carried. Kent Scheffel made a motion that bids be put on file 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Oertel. All Ayes, No Nays Motion Carried.

##### **C. Economic Committee – 5/02/17 Meeting Minutes, Marcella Wilfong made a motion to approve Economic Minutes and place them on file. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paige Beilsmith. Voice Vote: All ayes, No Nays. Motion Carried.**

##### **D. Park Committee-5/11/17 Meeting Minutes**

- **Action Item:** Repair Baseball Tower at Schneider Park Chris Seniker made a motion to approve with bid received from Jung Construction, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marcella Wilfong. Roll Call, 5 Ayes, One Nay from Kent Scheffel. Motion Carried.
- **Action Item:** Schneider Park Beautification Estimate-Bill Oertel motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marcella Wilfong. Roll Call, All Ayes, no nays. Motion Carried.

- **Action Item:** Fireworks Company lost their license and Central States has agreed to do the fireworks. New Contract is \$10,000. Motion made by Kent Scheffel to approve new Contract and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marcella Wilfong. All Ayes, No Nays. Motion Carried.
  - Paige Beilsmith made a motion to approve the Park Minutes and place them on file. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Seniker Voice Vote: All ayes, no nays. Motion Carried.
- C. **Planning Commission-5/24/2017 Meeting Minutes** Kent Made Motion to put the report on file and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paige Beilsmith All Ayes, No Nays Motion Carried.
- D. **Public Safety Committee 5/15/2017 Meeting Minutes**
- **Action Item:** Purchase New Computer System at Bid \$1,390. Motion made by Chris Seniker to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marcella Wilfong. Roll Call: All ayes, no nays. Motion Carried.
  - **Action Item:** Purchase of Light Siren Box for 2013 Charger \$450.00 Chris Seniker made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marcella Wilfong. Roll Call: All ayes, no nays. Motion Carried.
  - **Action Item:** 3 Bids Received for Crown Vic- Fred Benz made a motion to accept the high bid from Diane Smith of \$850.00 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Seniker. Roll Call, All Ayes, No nays. Motion Carried.
  - **Action Item:** Discuss adoption of Occupancy Ordinance and Permits- Chris Seniker will contact other towns to see how their building inspectors are paid. Bob Watson suggesting looking into this further before any actions were made.
  - Chris Seniker made a motion to approve the Public Safety Minutes and place them on file. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Benz. Voice Vote: All ayes, no nays. Motion Carried.
- E. **Zoning Committee: 5/16/17 Meeting Minutes**
- **Action Item:** Approval of Zoning/building permits, Chris Seniker made a motion to approve the Zoning/Building permits, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paige Beilsmith. Voice Vote: All ayes, no nays. Motion Carried.
  - Paige Beilsmith made a motion to approve the minutes and place them on file, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Oertel. Voice Vote: All ayes, no nays. Motion Carried.
10. **Old Business:** Circus made a profit of \$456.00. Felt weather and mud created low attendance.
11. **New Business:**
- Brighton Library requesting use of hall every Thursday from June 15, 2017 to July 27, 2017 from 9am to Noon at no charge. Bill Oertel made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Benz. Roll Call: All ayes, no nays. Motion Carried.
  - Western Utility Bond Payment Refund of \$1,000- Chris Seniker made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paige Beilsmith. Roll Call: All ayes, no nays. Motion Carried.
  - IML Conference- Will be on the 2017 Budget for Clerk, Mayor, and possibly Treasurer.
  - SMS- S. Main Culvert Replacement Final Payment- Motion to approve Kent Scheffel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Seniker. Voice Vote All Ayes, No Nays. Motion Carried.
  - Non- Union Employee Raises- Police, Clerk, Water Clerk, and other Non- Union Employees Motion to approve as of July 1, 2017 by Chris Seniker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kent Scheffel. All Ayes, No Nays Motion Carried.
12. **Executive Session:** Motion Made by Bill Oertel to go into Executive Session for personal matters 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Seniker. Chris Seniker made a motion to go out of Executive Session 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Benz. Roll Call- All Present. Chris Seniker made a motion to amend the Treasurers Position to coordinate with the other part time Village employee's positions and offer her a one year contract of employment prepared by the Village Attorney at the Current Rate plus 3% as of July 1, 2017. Chris Seniker made motion to approve and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paige Beilsmith. All Ayes, No Nays- Motion Carried Chris Seniker made a motion to have the Police Chief salary changed to \$60,000 retroactive from the date he was appointed and not receiving 3% in 2017 and has to sign a contract 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Benz. All Ayes, No Nays. Date Set for June 22, 2017 at 6:00p.m. to work on the Budget.
13. **Problems:**
14. **Adjournment:** Bill Oertel made a motion to adjourn at 9:19PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marcella Wilfong Meeting Adjourned.