

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Village of Brighton Board Meeting

206 S. Main

Brighton, IL 62012

Monday, July 6, 2020 7:00 PM

Meeting held by virtual format, with all comments, meeting content, and public comments via phone or otherwise being recorded. Access to the Board of Trustees Meeting was provided via teleconference online via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/97963356126> or by phone (312)626-6799 with meeting ID 97963356126.

1. Pledge of Allegiance:
2. Roll Call: Mayor Mike Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present Trustees-, Fred Benz, Marcella Wilfong, John Bramley, Bill Oertel, and Aaron Mead. Also, present Cynthia Tucker Village Clerk, Public Works Manager Kaleb Kahl, Leanna Akers Village Treasurer, Chief Mark Fitzgerald, and Attorney Robert Watson.
3. Review Minutes and Approval: Bill Oertel made a motion to approve the minutes of 06/01/20 & 06/22/20 and place them on file, 2nd by Marcella Wilfong. By Voice Vote Motion carried.
4. Matters of Recognition: Mayor Roberts wanted to recognize all the Village Employees for keeping everything going every day with all the added duties due to Covid-19. Mayor Roberts also wanted to appoint Bradley Arnold to fill the vacant position on the Village Board as Bradley has volunteered his time, attends the board meetings and is a concerned citizen that he believes would do a good job. Marcella Wilfong made a motion to approve Bradley Arnold as the appointed Trustee, 2nd by John Bramley. Roll Call: 5 Yeas; 0 Nays. Motion Carried 5-0. The Oath was given by Village Clerk Cynthia Tucker and repeated by Bradley Arnold.
5. Treasurers Reports (Village and Water): Marcella Wilfong made a motion to approve the report and place the report on file, 2nd by John Bramley. Roll Call: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays. Motion Carried 6-0.
6. Review Bills and Approval: John Bramley made a motion to approve the bills and charge to appropriate accounts, 2nd by Bill Oertel. Roll Call: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays. Motion Carried 6-0.
7. Hours by Employees: Information purpose only
8. Audience Comment: Briarwood Lake Estates Deb Conroy spoke about their last meeting and asking the Village to lower speed limit on their streets, change lights to LED and add an extra pole light, add a no outlet sign, and fix/patch some potholes, etc. Mayor Roberts said he would check into what could be done, repaired, and fixed. Elaine Weaver spoke to the Board about how unhappy she is for the way the Board treated her husband Bob when the Mayor tried to appoint him last month as appointed Trustee. She believes the silent treatment from the Board was disrespect for the Mayor. Elaine informed the Board that her and Bob would resign from all committees and not be helping or volunteering in the future. Vernon Davis spoke to the Board about the vacant land he inquired previously concerning and would still like to know the amount to purchase the vacant land. Mayor Roberts told Vernon he would call him after the meeting.
9. Correspondence: Village Clerk Cynthia Tucker read a thank you note to the Board from Kelly Orban on the last blood drive, a thank you note from Ricki Bock to the Water Department and

Clerks office thanking us for all that we do, a letter received from Bob Weaver addressed to the Board Members concerning 4 of the Trustees rejecting the Mayors nomination for him to fill the vacancy on the village board. He feels he and the Mayor have been treated poorly and two of the four board members do not know him personally. If it was due to him being the Mayor's brother in law, he feels this is insincere and deceitful as one Trustee's children are employed by the Village and another's wife and daughter serve on a committee with him. He believes the board's action demonstrated lack of openness and disservice both to the Mayor and Brighton. Bob reminded the Board of all the help and donations he has contributed to the Village and informed them he has resigned from all committees. Mayor Roberts spoke about an email received from Dawna Egelhoff concerning the great help Village Clerk Cynthia Tucker gave to her during the Covid lockdown. Bill Oertel made a motion to accept the correspondence and place them on file, 2nd by Aaron Mead. Roll Call: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays. Motion Carried 6-0.

10. Committee Reports:

- a. **Clerk Committee-** 06/10/20, No Meeting Held
- b. **Public Works Committee-** 06/22/20, No Meeting Held
- c. **Economic Committee:** 06/02/20, No Meeting Held
- d. **Park Committee:** 06/11/20, No Meeting Held
- e. **Planning Commission:** 06/17/20, No Meeting Held
- f. **Public Safety Committee:** 06/22/20, No Meeting Held
- g. **Zoning Committee:** 06/16/20, No Meeting Held
- h. **Ordinance Committee:** No Meeting Held
- i. **Policy Manual Committee:** No Meeting Held
- j. **Closed Session Examination Committee:** No Meeting Held

11. **Unfinished Business:** Water Data Usage Agreement with Illinois American Water; Mayor Roberts stated this will be tabled until next month's board meeting. Illinois American Water Shut off Agreement; Mayor Roberts stated this will be tabled until next month's board meeting. 303 E. Center St. Appraisal; Motion made by Bill Oertel to accept the appraisal amount for the sale of the property, 2nd by John Bramley. Roll Call: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays. Motion Carried 6-0. Country Christmas Carriage ride contract and Country Christmas Ice Skating Rink was updated by John Bramley and he stated he has spoken to each company and due to Covid19 they are scheduling dates for any events this year at this time, but will bring back to the August Board Meeting if he can get a contract from them. Mayor Roberts Committee & Official Appointments; Bradley Arnold was appointed at the beginning of the meeting and Mayor Roberts has Village Clerk Cynthia Tucker read the Mayors nominations to the Board for approval. John Bramley made a motion to approve the nominations of each committee except the Zoning Board as Attorney Robert Watson said he wanted to review the nominations, 2nd by Marcella Wilfong. Village Clerk Cynthia Tucker was asked to email Mayor Roberts lists to Attorney Watson for review and he would have Mayor Roberts review and return nominations to the August board meeting. Roll Call: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays. Motion Carried 6-0. Fireworks Contract; John Bramley said he is working with the Fireworks company on the details concerning Fireworks at the Fall fest and will bring back to the August board meeting.

12. **New Business:**

- Azavar FEMA Proposal and Agreement Azavar Audit Agreement; After board review, the Board has decided to table this until after the fiscal budget is complete.
- John Bramley made a motion to accept the MFT Bids for Maintenance Material Letting- Bid Tabs provided from the Bid Opening Tuesday June 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., 2nd by Aaron Mead. Roll Call: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
- John Bramley made a motion to approve the applying for the \$25,000 Neighborhood assist grant for a neighborhood project of a dog park or community garden, 2nd by Marcella Wilfong. Roll Call: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays. Motion Carried 6-0. Mayor Roberts asked the Board Members if anyone else would like to join John Bramley and Marcella Wilfong apply for the grant as pictures would have to be taken and they were all given what would need to be submitted online on July 15, 2020. If they submit for the grant the community has the opportunity of voting for the grant as only 40 communities would receive the funds. Fred Benz also wants to help out John and Marcella on the submission.

13. **Executive Session:** None

14. **Problems:** Attorney Watson will look up what was done before concerning Vernon Davis. Brad Arnold made a motion to pay for the appraisal and survey for the Davis property, 2nd by Aaron Mead. Roll Call: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Attorney Watson will schedule the appraisal and survey.

15. **Adjournment:** John Bramley made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m., 2nd by Bill Oertel. Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes Submitted by Village Clerk, Cynthia Tucker


