

# **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Village of Brighton Board Meeting**

**206 S. Main**

**Brighton, IL 62012**

**Monday, May 3, 2021 7:00 PM**

1. Pledge of Allegiance:
2. Roll Call: President Marcella Wilfong called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present Trustees- Matt Kasten, Bradley Arnold, Fred Benz, Dala Lawrence, John Bramley, and Aaron Mead. Also, present Cynthia Tucker Village Clerk, Public Works Manager Kaleb Kahl, Treasurer Ashley Lievers, and Attorney Jennifer Watson and Robert Watson.
3. Review Minutes and Approval: Aaron Mead made a motion to approve the minutes of 04/12/21 and place them on file, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Benz. Roll Call: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays. Motion Carried 6-0.
4. Mayor Marcella Wilfong swore in newly elected Mayor Matthew P Kasten.
5. Mayor Matthew P Kasten swore in re-elected village clerk Cynthia M Tucker.
6. Village Clerk Cynthia Tucker swore in re-elected Trustee Aaron Mead and Trustee Marcella Wilfong, newly elected Trustee Brad Arnold and Trustee James Winslade.
7. Roll Call: Mayor Kasten requested roll call: Present: Trustees- Aaron Mead, John Bramley, Dala Lawrence, Bradley Arnold, Marcella Wilfong, and James Winslade. Also, present Cynthia Tucker Village Clerk, Public Works Manager Kaleb Kahl, Treasurer Ashley Lievers, and Attorney Jennifer and Robert Watson.
8. Mayor Matthew Kasten presented his appointments to the Board of Trustees: All committee appointments will be decided on or before the July board meeting. Chairman for Economic Committee will be John Bramley and Co-Chairman Brad Arnold, Chairman for the Park Committee will be John Bramley and Co-Chairman Brad Arnold, Chairman for the Clerk Committee will be Dala Lawrence and Co-Chairman John Bramley, Chairman for the Public Works will be James Winslade and Co-Chairman will be Aaron Mead, Chairman for Public Safety will be Marcella Wilfong and Co-Chairman will be Aaron Mead, Chairman for Zoning will be Barry Stanley and Co-Chairman Matt Acord, Chairman for the Events Committee will be Marcella Wilfong and Co-Chairman Dala Lawrence, Marcella Wilfong will be Mayor Pro Tempore, Village Attorney will be the Watson Law Office, Auditors will be Loy, Miller, and Talley, and Engineer will be SMS, Treasurer will be Ashley Lievers, Collector will be Cynthia Tucker, and Public Works Manager Kaleb Kahl. Motion made by Aaron Mead to accept the Mayor Appointments and place them on file, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dala Lawrence. Roll Call: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays. Motion Carried 6-0.
9. Treasurers Reports (Village and Water): Aaron Mead made a motion to approve the report and place the report on file, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Bramley. Roll Call: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays. Motion Carried 6-0.
10. Review Bills and Approval: Marcella Wilfong made a motion to approve the bills and charge to appropriate accounts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aaron Mead. Roll Call: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays. Motion Carried 6-0.
11. Hours by Employees: Information purpose only

12. Audience Comment: Wayne Schafer spoke in length about the Business License Ordinance 2021-02 and has requested the current board amend or remove the ordinance, he also wanted to know why the Committee didn't come speak to all the businesses about the changes and the board should have been transparent with them. He also didn't appreciate when he received a response on Facebook that she should come to the Committee Meeting- Mayor Kasten said he will forward his concerns to the Economic Committee. Doug Feldmann spoke about all the speeders on Center Street and requests our police department start sitting there so they slow down- Mayor Kasten said he will forward his concerns to the Public Safety Committee. Michael Stevens is requesting some changes to the angle parking on Ransom Street be addressed and the rock behind his building in the alley needs to be lowered as water comes into his building- Mayor Kasten said he will forward the concerns to the Public Works Committee. Lynn Watts spoke about her concerns about the Business License Ordinance- Mayor Kasten said he will forward her concerns to the Economic Committee. Wreatha Hanold spoke about the Liquor License fee being too costly as she doesn't sell a large quantity of alcohol, the business license ordinance, the water in front of her building after the new street was installed, the Park Committee holding dinners on Thursdays and some of the grant money the Village received should be given to the businesses- Mayor Kasten said he will send her business concerns to the Economic Committee, the Park Dinners will be sent to the Park Committee, Mayor Kasten said he would contact her as there were additional grants she could apply for and add to the grant she had received , and the street problem to the Public Works Committee. Becky King spoke about wanting to get information on replacing her culvert- Mayor Kasten said he would forward that to the Public Works Department. John Mueller said that he received the business registration for his auto body, auto repair, and U-Haul and he has conjoined all these businesses under Brighton Auto Service he voiced his concerns over where the funds from this will go and feels the board is trying to shut businesses down- Mayor Kasten said he would forward his concerns to the Economic Committee. Kim Adams spoke about speeding cars and diesels coming into town in front of Feldmann Power and the north side of town she would like to see our police department sitting there again to catch people speeding as there are bus stops there also- Mayor Kasten said he would forward her concerns to the Public Safety Committee. Barry Stanley spoke about the highway speeders and something needs to get them to slow down before someone gets hurt- Mayor Kasten said he would forward his concerns to the Public Safety Committee. Jim Wickenhauser spoke said the \$50 for a business license is not a big deal but competition makes us better and without it we will not grow and develop. Leanne Muenstermann spoke as she explained she is on the Economic Committee and she felt having a business license was only going to improve our community. The ordinance states you must clean up your property and the ordinance doesn't say that the Board will not allow competition, but as a Village wouldn't there be some business types we do not want in Brighton? She personally would hate to see another Flower shop because she does all she can now to keep her doors open. She said she delivers to Shipman, Medora, Bethalto, Alton, Godfrey, etc. just to keep her doors open. If another flower shop would open, they both would suffer and both go out of business and then Brighton wouldn't have any shop. She stated no business is going to close and move out of Brighton for \$15.00 extra dollars- Mayor Kasten thanked her for her point of view.

13. Correspondence: Thank You card from Diann Groves, motion made by John Bramley to accept the correspondence and place it on file, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Arnold. Motion passed by voice vote 6-0.

14. **Committee Reports:**

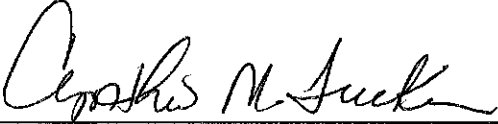
- a. **Clerk Committee-** 04/14/21, No Meeting Held
- b. **Public Works Committee-** 04/26/21, No Quorum. John Bramley made a motion to table the purchase of water meters in the amount of \$49,991.04 until the Treasurer can inform the board if funds are available, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marcella Wilfong. Roll Call: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays. Motion Carried 6-0. John Bramley made a motion to approve the purchase of a Trimble GPS Equipment in the amount of \$15,540.41 if the treasurer can confirm the funds are available, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aaron Mead. Roll Call: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays. Motion Carried 6-0. Jim Winslade made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$15,000 for the Jersey County interconnect which would include ½ engineering, all materials, and ½ labor- estimated cost \$13,285.16 if Treasurer can confirm the funds are available, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Bramley. Roll Call: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays. Motion Carried 6-0.
- c. **Economic Committee:** No Meeting Held
- d. **Park Committee:** No Meeting Held. John Bramley made a motion to table the approval for the parking lot sealing, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Arnold. Roll Call: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays. Motion Carried 6-0.
- e. **Planning Commission:** 04/21/21, No Meeting Held
- f. **Public Safety Committee:** 04/19/21, Aaron Mead spoke about the angled parking that wasn't approved by the board on Ransom Street that the Fire Chief approved the angled parking but it needs to go to committee about repainting as that was done temporarily. Marcella Wilfong made a motion to accept the Public Safety Minutes and place them on file, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Arnold. Roll Call: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays. Motion Carried 6-0.
- g. **Zoning Committee:** 04/20/21, Barry Stanley spoke about a letter that received concerning a business in town and all the junk etc. on their property. He spoke to the business and the business cleaned it up. He spoke to the home owner that made the complaint and the home owner is happy with the improvements. He asked Mayor Kasten to write a response to the Attorney that sent the letter for the homeowner for an update. John Bramley made a motion to approve the Zoning Committee Minutes and place them on file, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marcella Wilfong. Motion passed by Voice Vote 6-0.
- h. **Ordinance Committee:** No Meeting Held
- i. **Policy Manual Committee:** No Meeting Held
- j. **Closed Session Examination Committee:** No Meeting Held
- k. **Finance Committee:** No Meeting Held

11. **Unfinished Business:**

- Mayor Kasten informed the board that Union negotiations will be starting this week. The negotiation committee is himself, John Bramley, and Attorney Watson.

- Mayor Kasten informed the board that the Royal Banks contract for the ATM at Schneider Park is still on hold waiting for the draft contract to come from Royal Banks.
12. **New Business:** None
  13. **Executive Session:** None
  14. **Problems:** None
  15. **Adjournment:** John Bramley made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aaron Mead. Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes Submitted by Village Clerk, Cynthia Tucker



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