

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Village of Brighton Board Meeting

206 S. Main

Brighton, IL 62012

Monday, January 8, 2018 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 Cynthia Tucker Village Clerk, Laura Doll Treasurer, Mark Fitzgerald Police Chief, and Attorney Robert Watson.
3. Review Minutes and Approval: December 4, 2017 Chris Seniker made a motion to approve the minutes and place them on file. 2nd by Bill Oertel. Voice Vote: All ayes, no nays. Motion carried.
4. Matters of Recognition: Outstanding Citizen of the month is Matt Kasten. The Village Board, Village Clerk, and Mayor Roberts would like to honor Matt Kasten as the Village of Brighton's Citizen of the Month. Matt is a lifelong resident of Brighton choosing to raise his family in our community and making it a better place to live. Matt has a long history of service to the Village of Brighton being a EMT and a Police Officer for four years for the Village of Brighton. Matt has continued to serve the community and is currently on the Public Safety Committee. Matt owns Digital Doc computer repair in Chesterfield, Missouri and recently helped solve a power issue on our Village Marquee Sign giving excellent timely service when called. This past month we all enjoyed his Fabulous Christmas Light Display. He used the popularity and interest of his display to host a food drive to assist our local food bank and the response was a huge success. Thank You and Congratulations Matt Kasten for helping create a Better Brighton! We would also like to recognize our Public Works Department on a great job during this cold weather. We have had only two water breaks and that is due to the prevention they have done this fall. We also would like to thank our Police Department for all their hard work going after ordinance violations and trying to keep our community cleaned up. The Park Department has decided to put on a Daddy/Daughter Valentine's Day Dance scheduled for February 10, 2018 and I thank everyone for all their effort to keep family events. All the Christmas Lighting this year was amazing. Seemed like more that has been around in years. Paige Beilsmith is the Chairman of the Economic Committee and established the Brighton Country Christmas Decorating Event and we would like to honor all who participated in that event. Home Participants were Brian & Annette Pentecost, Timothy Deppe, Mary Bilbruck, John Green, Greg & Kathy Dillender, Vicki & Terry McCreary, Matt Kasten (Winner of the Best Musical Synchronization Award) and Nic, Kristin, & Kash Hall (Winner of the Best Traditional Award). Business Participants were Robings Manor, Brighton Pharmacy, Step By Step, Brighton Memorial Library, Leanne's Pretty Petals, and Brighton Auto Service (Winner of the Best Business Award). Thank you all for all your participation and for donating all the food items to enter for our local food bank. We hope to continue this again next year!

5. Treasurers Reports (Village and Water): Kent Scheffel made a motion to approve the report and place the report on file, 2nd by Chris Seniker. Voice Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. Motion Carried.
6. Review Bills and Approval: Kent Scheffel 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: John Bramley asked for permission to use the Schneider Park on October 7, 2018 for the Annual Car Show. Bill Oertel made the motion to approve the request, 2nd by Fred Benz. Voice Vote All Ayes. Motion Carried.
9. Correspondence: Brighton North thank you note for all the hats and gloves donated to them from our Christmas Event. Illinois Board of Education looking for any interested parties for a summer lunch program, and Brighton Township on refund of funds given to them in error from Macoupin County.
10. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Clerk Committee**- 12/13/17 No Meeting Held
 - B. **Public Works Committee**- 12/25/17 No Meeting Held. Item to discuss a fire hydrant was damaged awhile back in an accident on the highway and they are asking for it to be replaced. Ron Smith did not turn into the insurance and we need to decide how to proceed. Board suggested to contact American Water.
 - C. **Economic Committee** – 12/05/17 Meeting Minutes, Chris Seniker made a motion to approve the Economic minutes and place them on file, 2nd Fred Benz. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
 - D. **Park Committee**-12/07/17 Meeting Minutes, Chris Seniker made a motion to approve Park Committee Minutes and place them on file. 2nd by Bill Oertel. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
 - **Action Item:** \$3,000 to the BAA for Lighting. Motion made to approve the payment and think of the new fundraiser to earn the money back for the budget as the parks need other items by Fred Benz, 2nd by Marcella Wilfong. Roll Call: 4 Ayes, 1 Nay by Kent Scheffel, 1 Abstain by Bill Oertel. Motion Carried.
 - E. **Planning Commission**-12/20/2017 No Meeting Held
 - F. **Public Safety Committee** 12/11/2017 Meeting Minutes, Chris Seniker made a motion to approve Public Safety Minutes and place them on file. 2nd by Paige Beilsmith. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
 - E. **Zoning Committee:** 12/19/17 Meeting Minutes, Bill Oertel made a motion to approve the Zoning Committee Minutes and place them on file, 2nd by Fred Benz. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried. It was noted that we need to work on getting 7 Committee Members that will attend the Zoning Meetings so that there is a Quorum in the future. Mike Roberts will work on this.
 - **Action Item:** Replace Ordinance #749 on approval upon Public Hearing, Chris Seniker made a motion to send the proposal back to the Zoning Committee to list out acceptable products to use and to not begin any work until after the Village Board has approved the recommendation by the Zoning Committee, 2nd by Paige Beilsmith. Roll Call: All Ayes, No Nays. Motion Carried.
11. **Old Business:**
12. **New Business:**

- Korte & Luitjohan Final Bill. Chris Seniker made a motion to not pay the final bill as the final work has not been completed. 2nd by Kent Scheffel. Roll Call: All ayes, no nays. Motion Carried.
- 2018 Annual Meeting Notice. Motion to approve by Bill Oertel. 2nd by Kent Scheffel. Voice Vote All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- Discussion on Enterprise Zone in Effect. A packet will be put together for each Board Member and it will be an asset for our town.
- Discussion on Village of Brighton Website. Motion made to move forward on becoming compliant and move forward and finding a new website for the Village of Brighton by Kent Scheffel. 2nd by Bill Oertel. Roll Call: All Ayes, No Nays. Motion Carried.
- Discussion of FEMA Grant. We will need to go to 4 Meetings and fill out a book that the Mayor is completing, but on completion we should be qualified for a grant for West Center and the drainage problem. This could really help us out on our streets.
- Discussion Sesquicentennial Committee. Mayor Roberts has been calling people and finding Chairman for this Committee. He will have it ready next month for the Board to Approve and we can start planning for the Sesquicentennial.
- Discussion of September 2018 Census. We have to do everything we can as a town to get these empty properties fixed up and occupied.
- Discussion of Condemning Properties. Suggestion was made to find out what other Cities are doing such as charging a vacancy fee, etc. to discourage long term vacancies and how they are obtaining funds to take down the buildings. Mike Roberts is going to find out and bring results back to the board.
- Clerk Computer. Paige Beilsmith made the motion to approve the purchase of a new computer with Maximum of \$2,000. 2nd by Bill Oertel. Roll Call: All Ayes, No Nays. Motion Carried.
- Dispatching Contract. Chris Seniker made a motion to approve the contract for 3 years. 2nd by Bill Oertel. Roll Call: All Ayes, No Nays. Motion Carried.

13. **Executive Session:** None

14. **Problems:** None

15. **Adjournment:** Chris Seniker made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m., 2nd by Kent Scheffel. Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes Submitted by Village Clerk, Cynthia Tucker
