



Village of Brighton  
206 S. Main St. Brighton, IL 62012

## Board Meeting MINUTES April 1, 2024 at 7:00pm

### Village of Brighton Board Meeting

- A. Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance: 7PM
- B. Attendance: Present- Trustees Bradley Arnold, John Bramley, Don Little, Aaron Mead, Marcella Wilfong, Jim Winslade, Mayor Matt Kasten, Clerk Tamara Jenkins, Supervisor Kaleb Kahl, Treasurer Ashley Livers, Attorney Jennifer Watson.
- C. Approval of Minutes: Aaron Mead, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marcella Wilfong. Motion carried 6-0.
- D. Approval of Treasurers Report: Aaron Mead, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marcella Wilfong. Motion carried 6-0.
- E. Approval of Bills: Aaron Mead, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marcella Wilfong. Motion carried 6-Yeahs 0-Nays.
- F. Mayor Report: He will send out the fish fry totals in an email.
- G. Public Comment: Representatives from Globe Life spoke about voluntary benefits that wouldn't change the current insurance package. Mayor Kasten offered to meet with them later. Isaac Sandidge wishes to table the anti-camping ordinance because it discriminates against the homeless. He doesn't feel that tents damage the park grounds or that the use of the park would be affected if there are campers on the grounds. The Village needs to be more sympathetic to the homeless and not simply go along with all the surrounding communities who have adopted similar ordinances. Bob Weaver sympathizes with the homeless. But feels that if we don't pass the ordinance requiring a permit to camp, then Brighton will become a magnet for homeless people from surrounding areas. Deb Little suggests that we add ways to help the homeless instead of restricting their camping. She mentioned Illinois Valley as a resource.

### Committee Reports

- A. Clerk Committee: 3/13/24 Meeting Minutes: No meeting held.
- B. Economic Development Committee: 3/5/24 Meeting Minutes: Aaron Mead, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Little. Motion carried 6-0.
  - 1. Aaron Mead made a motion to spend up to \$500 on placemats from Business License funds. 2<sup>nd</sup> Marcella Wilfong. Motion carried 6-Yeahs 0-Nays.
- C. Park Committee: 3/14/24 Meeting Minutes: Aaron Mead, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marcella Wilfong. Motion carried 6-0.
  - 1. Aaron Mead made a motion to move metal chairs to Schneider Park permanently for events. 2<sup>nd</sup> Marcella Wilfong. Motion carried 6-0.
- D. Planning Committee: 3/7/24 Meeting No Quorum: Don Little said there would not be a meeting in April, but they are scheduling to meet with PGAV and Moran in May.
- E. Public Safety: 3/18/24 Meeting Minutes: Aaron Mead, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marcella Wilfong. Motion carried 6-0.
  - 1. Don Little made a motion to spend up to \$11802 to Motorola Solutions for 5 body cams, 1 police car camera. 2<sup>nd</sup> Marcella Wilfong. This will come out of the current fiscal year and 90 days after installation. 5 yrs. supporting cloud storage will be addressed after additional negotiations. We will get a \$10227 grant reimbursement after we receive the cameras. Motion carried 6-Yeahs 0-Nays.
- F. Public Works: 3/25/24 Meeting Cancelled
- G. Zoning Committee: 3/19/24 Meeting Minutes: Aaron Mead, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bradley Arnold. Motion carried 6-0.



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### Old Business:

- A. Water Infrastructure Project & Heneghan invoice update. Kaleb stated the project should go to bid this fall.
- B. Aaron Mead made a motion to approve a 3-year loan through Altonized CFCU for the purchase of a Police Cruiser that was previously approved. 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Little. Motion carried 6-years 0-Nays.

### New Business:

- A. New Rates for Health Insurance. Aaron Mead made a motion to approve the 7% rate increase in the employee insurance package. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Winslade. The monthly cost will be \$7681 with the increase. Motion carried 6-Years 0-Nays.
- B. Aaron Mead made a motion to put the change of the Clerk position from elected to appointed on the November ballot. 2<sup>nd</sup> John Bramley. The Mayor would make the appointment with the approval of the board. Having an appointed Clerk would allow for specific qualifications and consistency within the office instead of a potential new person each term. It also gives the board the ability to discharge if they are not performing. The deadline to get the item on the November ballot is August 2024. Motion carried 6-Years 0-Nays.
- C. Aaron Mead made a motion to spend up to \$700 to purchase a laptop to upgrade from Windows 7. 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Little. The current laptop is not compatible with new security. The new laptop needs to be Windows 10. Motion carried 6-Years 0-Nays.
- D. Aaron Mead made a motion to give permission for the Mayor to choose the most appropriate bid and replace the Water Department exterior door once all bids are received. Not to exceed the current quote of \$7500. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Winslade. The Kitchen exterior door needs to be replaced but can wait. Motion carried 6-Years 0-Nays.
- E. Don Little made a motion to table Ordinance 2024-02 'Unauthorized camping on public property' and send to Public Safety for further review. 2<sup>nd</sup> Marcella Wilfong. Don stated that fining the homeless is futile. Mayor Kasten referred to the ordinance where it states the Police are responsible for enforcing the ordinance and issuing the fines following verbal and written warnings. Mayor Kasten also stated that the ordinance already contains verbiage accepting outside resources for assisting the homeless. Motion carried 6-0.

**Problems:** N/A

**Adjournment:** Aaron Mead made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bradley Arnold. Motion carried 6-0.

**Time:** 7:50PM

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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tamara Jenkins, Village of Brighton Clerk