

Minutes of a Council Meeting
April 13, 2019
VILLAGE OF BRITTON COUNCIL MEETING
120 College Avenue, Britton, Michigan 49229

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Frazier called the meeting to order at 9:30

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Frazier

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Cline, D. McCrate, C. McCrate, Tiede, Longnecker, Frazier, Rafalko

Members Absent:

Others Present: Frayer, Escott, Thomas, L. Rafalko

4. GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT - Tiffany Hall, Barb Carter, Nichole Cleary, Rhonda Clay, Jessie Layton, Tim Cleary (all regarding Dollar General)

Guests spoke regarding concern for the impact the Dollar General and the TLC ATM will have on their business. Liquor License questions were discussed as well.

Regular meeting was closed at 10:00 a.m.

****** Public Hearing**** Opened at 10:00 a.m. No guest present, all Council members were present. The floor was opened to the discussion of the budget. The budget proposed by the finance committee was presented and discussed. The millage rate has not been updated. The county has begun working on it but it has not been proposed to our village as of yet. The public hearing closed at 10:27 am. Predicted total budget of \$677,265.30. Projected income is \$587,900.00 – leaving a projected shortage of \$89,365.30 from General Fund**

The Regular meeting was opened at 10:27 a.m.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting March 16, 2019

5.2 Bills & Transfers

5.3 DPW Report – TLC drive through, Well #4 issue in the North Well house – bacteria. Quotes and the repairs have begun. Guesstimate is \$2000.00 at least. TLC will be invited to attend the next meeting. Planning Commission should review the zoning ordinance and possibly look at rezoning. Interviews for DPW will be addressed.

5.4 Clerk's Report - \$18,000.00 plus was processed for water payments, catching up filing, the website is in progress, and preparing for the auditor.

5.5 Treasurer's Report – Account balances were given, water receiving reflects the large deposit but is still a concern for the lack of funds for transfer.

5.6 Planning Commission Report - minutes were submitted 3 members were present at the last meeting.

5.6 Committee Reports – No meeting reports. Employee (DPW) is being worked on.

5.7 Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Motion: Motion to Accept the consent docket made by Trustee Cline supported by Trustee Tiede all in favor Motion Carried.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Website- website is being populated. Discussion held on content – concern regarding information other than village information on the website (i.e. School, PYS, PTO). Richard – contacting lawyer

6.2 Back up Clerk- posting job for interviews.

6.3 USDA loan Information- President Frazier will present at a later date.

6.4 Elevator Environmental – Grant application is in. We are waiting for approval of the application. Further action depends upon the approval.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Accept the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget and Proposed Property Tax Millage Rate.

Motion: Motion to accept the recommendation of the Finance committee we accept the 2019/2020 Fiscal year budget as presented as well as the property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget. Predicted total budget of \$677,265.30. Projected income is \$587,900.00 – leaving a projected shortage of \$89365.30 from General Fund. The motion includes a 1% administration fee made by Trustee Cline, supported by Trustee Tiede. All in favor. Motion Carried.

7.2 **Village Wide Garage Sale** – The month of May will be free for permits on garage sales. There will be no village wide sale date this year.

Motion: Motion to name May as a month of no permit fee garage sale license for the village of Britton made by Trustee D. McCrate supported by Trustee C. McCrate all in favor Motion Carried

7.3 **Citizen Complaints** – several complaints regarding, burning, noise, bedbugs, and trash have been verbally presented. No formal complaints have been lodged. Reminders will be posted on the new website of ordinances. Further research and clarification on the DPW ordinance enforcement suggestion will be reviewed with lawyers and President Frazier.

7.4 **Lenawee Now Email** - made council aware the site ready grants are a big opportunity – President Frazier committed to finishing them and filing them.

7.5 **Blue Cactus/Dollar General** – Recommendation by the Planning Commission to accept the variance of 25 parking spaces.

Motion: Motion to accept the recommendation of the planning commission for approval of the site plan presented for Blue Cactus (the proposed Dollar General) at 490 E. Chicago Boulevard made by Trustee Cline supported by Trustee Rafalko all in favor. Motion Carried

Trustee Longnecker absent during this vote

8. DISCUSSION

Email address from the website for all council members.

Newsletter will be made – Treasurer Escott will with help from Trustee Rafalko and Trustee Cline.

Campfires are permissible, burning logs and trees is not permitted.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Y.Thomas