

**Minutes of a Council Meeting
Aug 15, 2020
VILLAGE OF BRITTON COUNCIL MEETING
120 College Avenue, Britton, Michigan 49229**

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** - President Frazier called the meeting to order 9:30.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Led by President Frazier
3. **ROLL CALL**
 - Members Present: President Frazier, D. McCrate, C. McCrate, Wilt, Rafalko
 - Members Absent: Cline
 - Others Present: Escott, Frayer, Thomas
4. **GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT** - Auten: update on burned property next to his residence
J. Tuberville – proposed community /village annex
5. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 5.1 Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting July 18, 2020
 - 5.2 Bills & Transfers
 - 5.3 DPW Report – Ordinance violation lists , Sherriff contract/proposal,
No other concerns
 - 5.4 Clerk's Report - No issues to report
 - 5.5 Treasurer's Report –
 - Account balances given
 - Taxes coming in
 - 2 Sat/for tax collection
 - 5.6 Planning Commission Report NA
 - 5.7 Committee Reports – Personnel – met to discuss back up clerk position/Treasurer appointment – salaries
Ordinance – proposed wording for enforcement

Motion: Motion to Accept the consent docket made by Trustee C.McCrate supported by Trustee Wilt all in favor Motion Carried.
 - 5.8 Additions/Deletions – 7.6 Mobile homes/trailers
6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 6.1 USDA loan/repairs – gas line is complete North side construction is ready to move forward
Motion: Motion to contact Papenhagen with the scope of the project for the USDA with a proposed schedule for construction by Trustee D.McCrate supported by Trustee Rafalko all in favor Motion Carried.
 - 6.2 Street Banners – designs are approved
Motion: Motion to Accept the proposed designs and plans for banners to border as presented the village by Trustee D.McCrate supported by Trustee Rafalko all in favor Motion Carried.
 - 6.3 Treasurer position moved to appointment need to state intention post/pay
Motion: Motion to change the Treasurer position from elected to appointment with job description and requirements outline in the next 45 days made by Trustee Wilt supported by Trustee D. McCrate all in favor Motion Carried.
 - 6.4 Back up positions – clerk and treasurer options being explored need back up – perhaps cross training \$12/train
\$15/doing the job of the clerk

6.5 Open Seats – 5 seats available 3 petitions turned in prior to meeting.

6.6 Chicken Ordinance -

Motion: Motion to Accept the proposed ordinance as submitted including the six (6) chicken limit made by Trustee Rafalko supported by Trustee D. McCrate all in favor Motion Carried

6.7 Marijuana ordinance/ business – tabled with commitment from trustees to research

6.8 MML approval – unchallenged

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Water Accounts – Unpaid – approx 30 unpaid

7.2 Ordinance enforcement motions

Motion: Motion to add the following language to the ordinances “Ordinance enforcement will begin with a letter. The actions or resolutions to resolve the infraction should be completed within 15 days after the date of the letter. Should the resolution not be completed further legal action will be taken by the enforcement officer through the Lenawee County prosecutor office.” made by Trustee D.McCrate supported by Trustee Wilt all in favor Motion Carried.

7.3 Law Enforcement Contract

Motion: Motion to Accept the Law enforcement contract with the change of ten (10) hours rather than 30 written made by Trustee D.McCrate supported by Trustee C. McCrate all in favor Motion Carried.

7.4 Railroad Lease – will ask more questions may become the elevator responsibility

7.5 Manufactured home Development – council has the willingness to listen to the proposed plan, potentially annexing township land to the village. No formal commitments, only the willingness to entertain the proposal

7.6 Mobile Home / trailers – occupancy – it may be necessary to formalize ordinances to include living or not living in recreational vehicles and the time frame, the possibility of a required permit.

8. DISCUSSION – Marijuana facilities in Britton. Several licenses are available for Marijuana – the growth, the retail aspect, growing and which business licenses are available. The possibility of a community within and the cost and the necessary improvements to water and sewer systems

9. COMMUNICATIONS - several in the communications folder (copies in minutes)

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:55

Minutes prepared by Y.Thomas

Action items – Frazier – contact – Papenhagen

Sign contract for law enforcement

Talk to Ida Coop for Railroad lease

Escott – set dates for Saturday office hours