

Mayor Julie Robinson called the meeting to order at 600PM with the Pledge to the flag

<b>Attendance</b>	Mayor Julie Robinson
Trustees-	Bruce Widrick. excused
	Keith Bush
	Linda Nortz
	Lloyd Richardson
Treasurer	Charlene Moser
Deputy Clerk	Liz Jones excused
Clerk	Dawn Ashline
Village Maintenance	Mitch Robinson

The meeting was held at the Village Garage.

**Guests**

John Hodkinson

**Public Comment**

John Hodkinson came to state his concern for when we repave in front of the Village garage. He says for years he has had water drainage problems because the rainwater washes down the village driveway across the road and into his lawn. Years ago, someone had created a ditch the diverted the water and now he does not have the issue. He is concerned by repaving in front of the garage it may change the contour and he would start getting water issues again. Mitch and Trustee Richardson asserted that they would talk to the Town of New Bremen, who is helping with the project and Paverite who is doing the repaving and they would come up with a plan to make sure that it does not affect Mr. Hodkinson's property.

**Treasurer's Report**

The treasures report was read, Trustee Richardson made a **motion** to accept the treasures report, Trustee Bush seconded, adopted-Aye-3 Bush, Nortz, Richardson Nay-1 Widrick. Motion approved

After review-Trustee Bush made the **motion**, seconded by Trustee Nortz to pay the bills as presented and carried.

General Fund # 3	vouchers 39 to 53A for \$5,750.21
General Fund # 3A	vouchers 564 to 61 for \$3,225.37
General Fund #3B	vouchers 672 to 70 for \$3,574.64
Water Fund # 3	vouchers 14 to 23A for \$11,656.63
Water Fund # 3A	vouchers 24 to 26 for \$1,644.57
Sewer Fund #3	vouchers 22 to 26 for \$944.02
Sewer Fund #3 AB	vouchers 27 to 29 for \$1,947.26

Tracy Walseman asked for a refund of \$60 for the rental of the pavilion on August 1, 2021. The date she had reserved was rained out and she was unable to use it. It was approved to give her the refund.

It was discussed whether we could rent the pavilion or ice rink for one-hour increments. There was a concern on who would police the situation, so people did not go over the time allotment. It was decided that this discussion will come up again in the fall when updating the rules and procedures.

Water meter 302 have not paid their water bill for 2020. We are to the point that they will need to have their water shut off. During COVID there was a mandate/law that stated that homeowners could not be evicted or have utilities shut off during COVID because many people were out of work because of the illness. Charlene will check to see if this mandate/law has been lifted so that we may shut off the water if needed. Charlene will also check with the owners of Meter 302 personally to see if they will pay their bill.

Trustee Nortz would like the board to look into the possibility of having the North end of town, which is not in the village limits, but do receive village water to form a water district. By forming a water district, the village could then relevy any sewer or water bills that go unpaid.

Charlene has sent out the remaining water bills to the properties that the meters have not been read at.

Trustee Widrick and Treasurer Moser had a phone meeting with David Lyndaker from Lyndaker Timber Harvesting. The village had signed a contract for the services of tree removal with Lyndaker Timber Harvesting at the site where the Verizon Cell Tower will be erected. They were also to clear any wood/trees to thin out the area around the reservoir. Since talking to a couple of engineers and renegotiating the Verizon contract, it was decided that Verizon should do their own land clearing and the village should not disrupt anything around the reservoir. In their phone conversation explaining all of this to Mr. Lyndaker, Charlene stated he was congenial and understanding and stated the contract is voided with no penalties for either party.

Kevin McArdle, village attorney stated in an email to Mayor Robinson that Verizon has agreed to use propane at the cell tower site and they have agreed to using their own tree removal service to clear the site when they are ready to put up the cell tower.

The internet has not been working at the garage. Treasurer Moser, Mayor Robinson and Trustee Richardson have all tried to troubleshoot the issue along with Frontier and nothing seems to be fixing it. It was then discussed on whether we should switch to Spectrum instead of having Frontier keep coming out. Spectrum is cheaper than Frontier. A **motion** was made by Trustee Bush seconded by Trustee Richardson to cancel the Frontier contract and hire Spectrum for our telephone, fax and internet services.

Trustee Nortz abstained Trustee Widrick was not present so his vote would be nay Mayor Robinson broke tie with a vote of Yay to proceed with canceling Frontier and doing business with Spectrum.

Charlene explained where/how the \$33,000 pledge money is happening for the LED light project. She stated that we have \$170,000 in the general fund but only \$137,000 is available to us as the \$33,000 is frozen in the account until the project has been completed.

### **Clerk Report**

A **motion** by Trustee Richardson seconded by Trustee Bush to approve the minutes as corrected. 3-All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk Ashline reported she has sent thank you letters to Carthage Savings and Loan for their donation of \$15,000 to the Playground Rehabilitation Project and to the Town of New Bremen for their annual donation of \$4,000 for youth services.

Clerk Ashline also asked the board for permission to use the ice arena in case of rain for the Croghan Street Fairs that are scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. The board approved.

Treasurer Moser was excused at 7:25PM

### **Maintenance Report**

Public Works Maintenance Worker Robinson, stated that all the cameras are up. John Hodkinson has a concern about the camera that is on the garage pointing out toward the road. He does not want it pointed towards his house. The board discussed that part of the reason to have the camera on the garage was to see who was coming and going into the park. Mitch, Trustee Bush will check to see the angle of the camera and attempt to get the village driveway without getting the Hodkinson property in view as much as possible.

The Town of New Bremen will be here on Monday August 16<sup>th</sup> to look at and plan the repaving in front of the garage project. Once the plan is in place, they will probably start working on it late next week or the following week.

Mitch called DAKtronics and got a price on the replacement parts needed for the ball field scoreboard. It will be \$555 for the 2 parts needed that will light the 3 lights back up that are out right now. Since it is at the end of the ball season it was determined that Trustee Richardson should get an estimate as to the cost of totally replacing/updating the scoreboard to LED. Trustee Richardson stated that DAKtronics should be getting back to him in 1-2 business days with a quote. It was also discussed that we should have the scoreboard fixed and running by May of next year before the ball season starts up in 2022.

Mitch called Gleason's to have them come and put a camera in the drainage line on State Route 812 (Main Street) in front of Monnat and Nortz's to determine where the line goes. Gleason's cameras are all broke, so Mitch contacted someone else and when they looked in the line, they found that it runs over to under the canopy at Monnat and Nortz's and that is where it ends. It has already been approved for Mitch to divert the drain bins in front of the post office to acceptable drain lines without going over a \$5,000.

Mitch stated he had to jet a drainage line in back of the LaPlatney/Petrie property on George Street because it was backing up and causing flooding in the back yard of the LaPlatney/Petrie property. The drainage line is village owned and Mitch wanted to know if he should dig up line and replace or just plan on jetting it every 3 years. The homeowner stated to Mitch he had no problem digging it up and repairing it. Mitch will talk to the homeowner about repairing the line.

The 2 quotes for removal of the tree beside the library and old fire hall is \$1,600 from Virkler's and \$1,100 from Eager Beaver Tree Service. This will include grinding the stump. There was no vote.

Mitch is concerned that the concrete picnic table and benches will be coming from Jefferson concrete and there is no level spot beside the library where one of them are to be placed and asked about installing something to make it level. Trustee Richardson suggested 4 sonotubes filled with concrete where the legs of the table will set.

Mitch will be calling Jefferson Concrete to ask if they could bring up the picnic table, benches and sewer covers all in one trip, to save on delivery costs.

It was reported to Mitch that the ball field held up very well this year since they put in the clay ground.

Charlotte Schweitzer, head lifeguard, contacted Mitch regarding the lifeguard chair. The concern was that it was not high enough, the steps were too small, and it was uncomfortable for the lifeguards. Mitch has fixed the lifeguard chair according to the complaint.

Mitch was excused at 6:42

### **Mayor's Report**

Ed Mothersell spoke to Mayor Robinson about his new laundry mat that he is opening. He needed Mayor Robinson to sign off with the county code officer stating that he has met his requirements with the village by having a large enough septic to be able to accommodate the extra wastewater caused by the washing machines. Mayor Robinson agreed that he has met the requirements. The business will be called 'Skidsaway' and there will be 5 Big Boy washing machines and several driers.

Mayor Robinson has received several complaints about the pool being closed at different hours. When Mayor Robinson inquired with Charlotte Schweitzer, head lifeguard, she stated that she could only imagine it was due to weather. Mayor Robinson remembers specifically the day of the complaint and stated it was nice out.

Clerk Ashline will invite Charlotte to the next village board meeting so that she can give a report on the pool/park season and to answer any questions the board may have.

Some questions were raised regarding the LED light project. Mayor Robinson and Trustee Nortz will sit in on a conference call with NYPA and the other towns and villages that are doing the same project and will get more information ask questions and get answers.

Mayor Robinson feels that State Route 812 (Main Street) is looking shabby in some sections, particularly by the railroad tracks. She feels that the rail cars that are sitting abandoned should be moved out of sight and will inquire with the rail car owners as to moving them.

Mayor Robinson also brought up the unregistered vehicle parked beside the Bruce Lee residence on State Route 812 (Main Street). Our property maintenance law does not allow any unregistered vehicles to be kept on private property within the village limits. Clerk Ashline was asked to pen a letter to the property owners that are in noncompliance of this law. The following will be sent a letter, Bruce Lee, David Stevens, Bruce Tabolt and Bush's Auto.

Laurie Halladay from the Railroad Historical Society has requested the village supply garbage cans near the museum as garbage coming from Wishy's customers is being left all over by the museum. Mayor Robinson has talked to Wishy's owner Charlotte Schweitzer about the concern.

Laurie Halladay was also concerned about the dog feces that is all around the museum area. Apparently, people are allowing their dogs to defecate on the railroad tracks. Trustee Richardson will have Mitch take the Doggy Doo bag rack that is in front of the Arlington and relocate it near the tracks so people will curb their dogs hopefully.

Mayor Robinson informed the board that she was able to visit a legal pot dispensary so she could gain knowledge about the industry. She stated that she asked questions and they were answered but it still has not given her enough information to decide regarding the opting in/out of the new NYS opt in/out law. Mayor Robinson will write a lengthy notice regarding the information she has regarding the rules of opting in or out so that the public will be informed before the public hearing, set for August 25<sup>th</sup> 6PM.

ARPA funding has been accepted and deposited.

National Grid asset purchase is tabled until after phone call at 1:00 on Tuesday August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Nortz made a **motion** to approve the raising of the village's liability insurance from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 to accommodate the requirements needed to complete the LED project. Trustee Richardson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A new Lenova lap top computer has been purchased from Best Buy.

Trustee Richardson reported that he has contacted Kim Meyer at the Northern Credit Union in the village regarding the sponsoring of a vehicle charging station. She has not gotten back to him yet.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM by a **motion** by Trustee Richardson, seconded by Trustee Bush. All in favor. Motion carried.