

Mayor Michael Monnat called the regular meeting of the Village Board to order at 6:05 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Mayor Michael Monnat, Trustees David Schneider, Dawn Ashline, Bruce Widrick and Matt Nortz. Also present were Treasurer Charlene Moser, Deputy Clerk Liz Jones, Clerk Kay Sabo, and Public Works Maintenance Worker Chris Nortz. Guests at the meeting included Becky Knight, Pete and Mike Monnat, John Whitaker, Candy Aiken, AJ Veith, and Glen Gagnier

The meeting began with Becky Knight representing the Search and Rescue. She plans to attend monthly to answer any questions or concerns. She also reported there have not been any problems or unanswered calls. She excused herself and the meeting continued.

Pete Monnat and Mike Monnat (Monnat's Plumbing) presented a drainage issue that has been a problem for quite some time on their property. After seeking help at the State and County levels, without any success, decided to ask the Village for \$3,688.59 (with tax) reimbursement for repairs that they had made along with their neighbor Mr. Richard Higby. Repairs included 120' of pipe, crushed stone, and labor. After they left the meeting, discussion was held. As a result, a **motion** was made by Trustee Ashline, seconded by Trustee Nortz to pay \$1,100.00 of the bill. All were in favor.

John Whitaker and Candy Aiken from Lewis County Real Property gave a presentation explaining the process of the County handling Village Assessment. Advantages would be savings in money. We would no longer need to pay the County a fee for keeping a separate book for records for our village, and fewer legal ads would need to be published. Also, the board would not have to meet to review assessments or hear grievances.

. A possible disadvantage would be that full value from the Town would be applied to the Village. The Village would still be able to grant exemptions. The Village at any time could revert back to the Village doing their own assessment if this process wasn't working well. John and Candy left and the issue was tabbed for more discussion.

Next Glen Gagnier and AJ Veith from Fourth Coast, Inc. gave information for the Village to plan on using Solar Energy to help pay for electricity. We could apply for grants from NYSERDA. The Village would likely pay off the project in 15 years, then the Village would have a greatly reduced electricity bill including repairs and a monthly service fee, which at this time is \$21.00 per month. Glen advised to plan now so next year's budget could plan for installation in the spring. A **motion** was made by Trustee Widrick, seconded by Trustee Schneider to pay \$2,000.00 to have AJ do a study to find out information the Village would need to proceed. All were in favor. They left and the meeting continued.

Chris Nortz report:

- Chris met with Pete Walseman (GIS). The village could be canvassed in one to two days with help from college kids.
- The new employee Jake Kennedy is working out well.
- He has been working on getting the pool ready for summer.
- The Wodka residence has been mowed. The Village would need to bill.
- Wendell Kuhl fixed Well # 1 and it has been working fine.

Mayor Monnat report:

- Received a quote from Jason Cherry of \$600.00 for a new laptop, and \$60.00 for him to take care of the set-up.
- Reported the price from T & D Blacktop & Sealing to pave and repair the library parking lot is \$19,000.00.
- Trustee Widrick reported that the Lion’s Club does not have funds, but would help with manpower to update the playground, or acquiring money for the improvements. He was waiting to hear back from Fibron Decking Sales Rep. about cost of repairs that could be made.
- The Board agreed to hire two more people for summer help. It was figured according to budget, 3 employees, at 30 hours per week for 10 weeks.
- Mayor Monnat heard from Joey Aueter from the town of New Bremen that they received our letter requesting consideration for an increase in their donation for the park. Their budget has already been passed for the year, and it would depend on whether the Beaver Falls swimming pool would be able to open this year. If that did not happen they may be able to make a donation.
- The owner of Josh’s restaurant asked about the water eroding the bank behind his place. He was looking for direction on how to fix this problem.
- The Mayor also brought up possibilities of using CDBG monies for Basselin House, and questions about the program of Loving Lewis County. There was discussion but no clear answers.

The minutes for meetings on May 10, and May 31, 2017 were approved on **motion** by Trustee Ashline, seconded by Trustee Schneider. All were in favor.

The Treasurer’s report was reviewed and after discussion, a **motion** was made by Trustee Ashline seconded by Trustee Schneider and carried to approve the report as read.

Motion made by Trustee Ashline seconded by Trustee Nortz and carried that

General Fund Abstract	#1	1 – 11	\$1,979.98
Water Fund Abstract	#1	1 – 3	\$ 788.67
Water Fund Abstract	#1A	4 – 6	\$2,107.60
Water Fund Abstract	#1B	7 – 15	\$5,526.03
Sewer Fund Abstract	#1	1 – 2	\$ 704.37

be forwarded to the Treasurer for payment. **Motion** passed.

Clerk’s Report:

Charlotte Schweitzer has begun to hire lifeguards for the summer, and all other necessary paperwork to obtain the Pool Permit.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on a **motion** by Trustee Ashline, seconded Trustee Schneider and carried.

Respectfully submitted
Kay Sabo
Village Clerk