

Mayor Michael Monnat called the regular meeting of the Village Board to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Mayor Michael Monnat, Trustees Dawn Ashline, Bruce Widrick and Matt Nortz. Absent: Trustee Dave Schneider. Also present were Treasurer Charlene Moser, Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Jones, Clerk Kay Sabo, and Public Works Maintenance Worker Chris Nortz. Guests present include Nick Astafan, Rich Knight, Becky Knight, and Pat Ford.

Public Comment:

Nick Astafan, Dog Control officer of the Town of New Bremen reported that the village could appoint our own Dog Control officer if we wish .

After a complaint is received by a resident, Mr. Astafan gives a warning and a copy of the Dog Control Law to the offender. Unless a person files a complaint, there can be no action. He advised to have our attorney review our Dog Control Law. Paperwork was given to Becky Knight to deliver to Attorney Tim Farley. The board discussed possibly sending letters to all residents after our law is reviewed.

Becky Knight announced that at the next Search & Rescue meeting she would suggest an amendment to the wording of our Search and Rescue Contract to state automatic yearly renewal unless changes were desired by either party. She again reported that all calls they received have been covered. Mr. Astafan and the Knights left the meeting.

Pat Ford from the Croghan Lions Club offered their club to spearhead raising money and provide labor to restore the village's 13 Christmas street decorations. Trustee Ashline sent a letter to Walmart asking for a donation for this project. There was discussion regarding using Facebook to request funds or labor to restore decorations. The board decided to use the money from our budget to make simple repairs this year, and work with the Lions Club throughout the next year to raise funds to restore the decorations.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and after discussion, a **motion** was made by Trustee Widrick seconded by Trustee Ashline and carried to approve the report as read. The Budget vs. Actual report was distributed.

Charlene reported the Sewer Fund is very low. There are 24 tax payments, 40 water payments, and 55 sewer payments over due. Past due notices were mailed October 1.

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

General Fund Abstract	#5	126 – 136	\$ 9,073.90
General Fund Abstract PAYROLL	#5	137 – 140	\$ 1,740.41
General Fund Abstract	#5	141 -- 143	\$ 489.81
Water Fund Abstract	#5	55 -- 59	\$ 1,932.98
Water Fund Abstract PAYROLL	#5	60 – 61	\$ 1,419.26
Sewer Fund Abstract	#5	44 – 47	\$ 6,817.72

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

Trustee Widrick offered the following Resolution, seconded by Trustee Ashline and carried by a vote of YES 3 - NO 0. Resolve the Village Treasurer be authorized to transfer:

\$74. from A-1010.4 to A-1640.41 for the purpose of paying bills.

Clerk Report:

Questions were raised again about Veteran Tax Exemptions. Charlene will be getting clarification from Candy Aiken, Real Property Director.

Liz asked if trickler notices should go out to water customers, as was last year's notices. It was decided that letters would not be mailed out. The trickler notice will be posted on the website, Journal and Republican, Post Office, library, and other places around the village.

The minutes for September 13, 2017 meeting were approved on **motion** by Trustee Widrick, seconded by Trustee Ashline. All were in favor.

Chris Nortz report:

- Gleason' Septics completed the septic pumping.
- The plow will be put on the new pickup truck soon.
- The shop and food pantry upgrades from Smart Watt that were agreed upon at last month's meeting were delivered.
- Chris signed up to take his wastewater exam the end of November.
- The Lion's Club sign was installed on the ice rink building.

Mayor Monnat report:

- The Mayor asked if Trustee Widrick received a quote from Stan Jantzi for curtain repairs for the ice rink. He reported the cost would be between \$400.00 and \$500.00. A **motion** was made by Trustee Nortz, and seconded by Trustee Widrick with all in favor to have Stan Jantzi repair the curtains on the ice rink.
- It is still unclear on the use of CHIPS money for sealing the tennis courts. Trustee Nortz will be contacting Brian Reape of DOT for details.
- Charter Communications/Time Warner Cable sent notice to renew the Franchise Agreement. Before a resolution can be adopted to renew a Public Hearing needs to be held. A **motion** was made by Trustee Ashline and seconded by Trustee Widrick to hold a Public Hearing at the next Board meeting regarding this.
- Mayor Monnat attended a Town of New Bremen meeting about the proposed solar panels installation on Mike Tabolt's property on Route 126. Final decision has not been made about the project at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on a **motion** by Trustee Ashline, seconded Trustee Widrick and carried.

Respectfully submitted
Kay Sabo
Village Clerk