

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting
September 15, 2018
VILLAGE OF BRITTON
COUNCIL MEETING
120 College Avenue, Britton, Michigan 49229**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Frazier called the meeting to order at 9:30a.m. A quorum was present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Frazier.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Cline, Bower, D. McCrate, C. McCrate, Frazier

Members Absent: Smith, Fraizer

Others Present: Thomas, Frayer

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4. GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT - MARY THOMPSON

MS. Thompson does not want the Headlee to pass. She feels building businesses in the is the first answer. Businesses should be brought into the community and they help with the tax base then ask the residents. She has a rental home she is unable to rent to good renters and does not want to pay higher taxes for something she will not benefit from.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approval of minutes from August 18, 2018 Regular Meeting

5.2 Bills & Transfers (Trustee Smith was not present to complete)

5.3 DPW Report

- ✓ Less than 19 water meters yet to do – nine are in homes with no water
- ✓ Flushing will begin next week to help with the water smell
- ✓ Road repairs will be done by the county next week. They are prepped.

5.4 Clerk's Report

- ✓ There is a good deal of catch up to do – approx 50 hours
- ✓ Asked for some training
- ✓ Transfers are prepared
- ✓ Budget will be completed
- ✓ Council checks were completed

5.5 Treasurer's Report

- ✓ Taxes were completed Friday Sept 14.
- ✓ Transfers will be completed in the next two weeks

5.6 Planning Commission Report

- ✓ Will meet October 17

5.7 Committee Reports

- ✓ Trustee D. McCrate reported the budget committee with doing well with its checks and balances.
- ✓ Trustee C. McCrate reported the parks and recs committee will be working on the tree grant next year.
- ✓ Trustee Cline reported the personnel committee worked on handbook wording
- ✓ Trustee C. McCrate submitted a proposed wording for an ordinance update. additions/chances were made and it will be resubmitted in October.

5.8 Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Motion made by D. McCrate to accept the Consent Docket. Motion Supported by C. McCrate all in favor.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 6.1 HSA checks – these were passed out to Jim and Cal
- 6.2 The MML audit will be held October 17
- 6.3 Hope to have the Direct deposit completed in October

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 Grant Writing Seminar in Toledo November for clerk.
- 7.2 Ordinances – Sidewalk
- 7.3 BPRB
- 7.4 Raisin Fee permit schedule

8. DISCUSSION

- ✓ Trustee D. Mcrate made the motion for Clerk Thomas to attend the November grant writing seminar for \$455.00. Trustee Cline supported the motion. All in favor.
- ✓ Discussion was held regarding training for Clerk Thomas – investigation to which association is the right choice to be completed by Clerk Thomas. Trustee Cline supports training for the position, members present agreed.
- ✓ The proposed ordinance was discussed. Wording correction was suggested to encompass village benches. Further discussion was held regarding enforcement and it was suggested the DPW may be an avenue of enforcement. The proposal will be reworded and brought back in Octobers meeting for approval.
- ✓ BPRB was discussed. It was stated that proof has been given prior of each year of payment the difficulty lies in when the payments are made. The 2018 payment should be made but it should be the 2500.00 only. It was suggested we obtain a statement of account.
- ✓ Raisin permit Fees were discussed. It was suggested the Village of Britton keeps fence permits and small building permits local. The rest of them a suggested \$15 or \$20 processing fee be added. President Frazier will reach out to find what others are doing so we can do the same. This will be brought forward at the October meeting.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

- ✓ Priority Health will be raising their cost. It was suggested an inquiry to MML for Health insurance coverage would be recommended.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Minutes prepared by Y.Thomas