

Village of Bancroft

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Special Council Meeting – ~~Unapproved~~ Approved

Tuesday October 19th, 2021, Located at 108 Warren St, Bancroft, MI 48414

Council Present: T. Terpening, L. Wert-Fuller, K. Bible, R. Miller, L. Sedlock, T. Barnum, A. Goodrich, B. Barnum

Council Absent: C. Hutchins

Guest: Julie McKay, Attorney Christopher Johnson, Attorney John Gormley, Kristie, Mitch Terpening, Steve Fuller, Rick Wright

Employees: Jim Lepage, Steve Skrbec

Meeting was called to order by President Barnum at 6:22 PM

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Minutes:

Review of council meeting minutes from August 11th, 2021

Motion to accept minutes from August 11th, 2021

Motion: R. Miller Second: T. Barnum

Yeas (RCV): T. Barnum, L. Wert-Fuller, R. Miller, T. Terpening, K. Bible, B. Barnum

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Review of council meeting minutes from August 23rd, 2021

Motion to accept minutes from August 23rd, 2021

Motion: R. Miller Second: T. Terpening

Yeas (RCV): K. Bible, T. Terpening, R. Miller, L. Wert-Fuller, T. Barnum, B. Barnum

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Tabled the Closed Meeting Minutes until we go into closed session for correction needed.

Review of Bills:

Motion to accept the bills as presented for September 2021.

Motion: K. Bible

Second: R. Miller

Yays (RCV): T. Barnum, L. Wert-Fuller, R. Miller, T. Terpening, K. Bible, B. Barnum

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motion to accept the bills as presented for October 2021.

Motion: K. Bible

Second: R. Miller

Yays (RCV): K. Bible, R. Miller, T. Barnum, T. Terpening, L. Wert-Fuller, B. Barnum

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Review of Treasurers Report:

Motion to accept treasurers report for September 2021 pending audit.

Motion: K. Bible

Second: T. Terpening

Yays(RCV): T. Barnum, T. Terpening, R. Miller. K. Bible, L. Wert-Fuller, B. Barnum

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motion to accept treasurers report for October 2021 pending audit.

Motion: K. Bible

Second: T. Barnum

Yays(RCV): L. Wert-Fuller, K. Bible, R. Miller, T. Terpening, B. Barnum

Nays: None

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Motion Carried

DPW Report: Was given by B. Barnum; We had the resignation of DPW employee Mitch Terpening. We have outsourced our water resting, done street sweeping, Jim Lepage has been handling a lot of the DPW work and mowing, there has been a lot of equipment maintenance and repairs happening, Maple Street has had delays but hopefully it will be done soon but Brian did get out and grade that. Brian went around and marked 13 trees that need to have attention especially along with plow areas. The light fixtures at the DPW building have been fixed, the building was swept, the bathroom cleaned, community garden areas cleaned up.

Police Report: Was Given by Steve Skrbec, R. Miller questioned if the 911 hang ups were from the same number. Skrbec was unsure.

Public Comments: Christy wanted to comment that the bags that were at the garden Jim told her that he would take care of them which is why they were there.

Communications: B. Barnum had list of communications to go through. The village was denied for the Consumers Energy Foundation Grant. The Village has been issued a fine with the treasury for a reporting issue in 2018. Ashley has tried to get ahold of someone with no luck. Brian was able to get ahold of someone and get an extension with some information of where to call. Ashley has tried with no luck in getting someone who can help, still being worked on. ARPA Grant that the Village submitted for in regard to drain repairs etc was approved in the amount of \$52,000.00. The LED lightbulbs that we received on a grant we cannot find 60 of them, not sure if they were ever received. They are sending us more we just to pay for shipping which is roughly \$90.00. The Hoist is installed it just needs to be wired. The DPW building has been getting cleaned up and the equipment getting serviced. The office phones should be getting worked on soon, Jeff from Invisalink was sick for a little but he should be able to get to them soon. We had the furnaces worked on at the DPW building and the community hall. Phil noticed when he was parking the police cruiser that he smelled gas and there was a gas leak. B. Barnum also got carbon monoxide detectors for each location. Anthony Bogetta was kind enough to give us a discount on the furnace work and between him and Brian, Anthony also donated a new heating/ cooling unit. However, the Village will still need to cover the cost of the install, and everything associated with that.

New Business:

1. WHV Lawsuit

Motion to go into a closed session to discuss legal documents with attorney at 6:55 pm.

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Motion: B. Barnum

Second: T. Barnum

Yays (RCV): T. Terpening, K. Bible, R. Miller, L. Wert-Fuller, T. Barnum, B. Barnum,

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motion to go back into open session at 7:22pm.

Motion: B. Barnum

Second: T. Terpening

Yays (RCV): L. Wert-Fuller, T. Terpening, T. Barnum, K. Bible, R. Miller, B. Barnum

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motion to change the closed minutes from the session on August 11th, 2021, as discussed in closed session.

Motion: K. Bible

Second: T. Terpening

Yays (RCV): K. Bible, R. Miller, L. Wert-Fuller, T. Terpening, T. Barnum, B. Barnum

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motion to change the closed minutes from the session on August 23rd, 2021, as discussed in closed session.

Motion: K. Bible

Second: R. Miller

Yays (RCV): T. Barnum, K. Bible, L. Wert-Fuller, T. Terpening, R. Miller, B. Barnum

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motion to proceed with what was discussed during closed session.

Motion: K. Bible

Second: R. Miller

Yays (RCV): K. Bible, T. Barnum, T. Terpening, R. Miller, L. Wert-Fuller, B. Barnum

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2. DPW/Water Operator

Brian stated that we had a resignation of our DPW worker and water system operator.

Brian started reading the packet of information presented to council. K. bible

questioned what Brian's objective was. B. Barnum stated that he was bringing to council the issues that were discovered when we had the resignation of our DPW worker. K.

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Bible said that it does not need to be read out loud, he stated that the situation is resolved with him not being employed anymore.

B. Barnum stated that on a temporary basis we have Tony Davis from the Perry DPW working as our water operator, but he is only temporary. Michigan Rural Water Association is having to cover a lot of different plants because of a shortage on water operators. B. Barnum suggests that we have conversation on what we are looking for in terms of employment. Discussion held on water testing. B. Barnum stated that most municipalities test water daily and he would rather over test then to undertest. Mitch Terpening stated that DEQ sends out a list of requirements and when those requirements need to be met. L. Wert-Fuller questioned if we need a full-time employee or if we could do part time. B. Barnum said there is enough work and things that need to be done that we need a full-time employee. B. Barnum is going to work on a job description, hoping to get someone with a water license and CDL.

Motion for B. Barnum to post Advertisement for DPW worker with pay based on experience and applicants come to council for review.

Motion: K. Bible

Second: T. Barnum

Yays(RCV): K. Bible, T. Terpening, R. Miller, L. Wert-Fuller, T. Barnum, B. Barnum

Nays: None

Motion Carried

3. Garbage Contract

We need to pass the resolution to hold the public hearing for the special assessment. Along with the amendment to the garbage contract to include business and nonprofit. These two items will allow us to move forward to make sure we are collecting enough money for the garbage for what we are paying Granger.

Motion to accept the resolution to move forward with the garbage assessment process changing the date from the 13th to the 19th and adding amendment #1 to the Granger contract.

Motion: T. Terpening

Second: K. Bible

Yays (RCV) T. Barnum, L. Wert-Fuller, R. Miller, T. Terpening, K. Bible, B Barnum

Nays: None

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4. Halloween

The hours are set for 6-8 pm. B. Barnum doesn't recommend using the inside of the community hall with the way that covid is currently. The community will still have the trunk or treat in the downtown area. B. Barnum brought up the idea of the Village handing out candy this year. B. Barnum also stated that they were handing out pumpkins at Kits on Sunday so that the kids could decorate them before Halloween some were from the garden and some were donated by Brian Stiles II , and Linda Bloomfield.

Conversation was had about the Bancroft Community Facebook Group and certain people being blocked from it. B. Barnum explained that we have to be professional on the group page and making sure that we follow the rules and do not post things that are not supposed to be posted such as political things. The Summerfest worked great the yard sale did not work so great. There were issues. B. Barnum explained that grant foundations research things like that and having that type of drama and things posted that shouldn't be because it can affect us negatively.

Motion to purchase Halloween Candy to come out of the community events line item up to \$500.00

Motion: T. Barnum

Second: L. Wert-Fuller

Yays (RCV): T. Terpening, R. Miller, L. Wert-Fuller, K. Bible, T. Barnum, B. Barnum

Nays: None

Motion Carried

5. Community Garden

B. Barnum stated that everyone needs to come together with the gardens better. Have it like it an actual committee/ group where there are meeting minutes and things openly discussed. T. Barnum said that she wanted to tell her side of the story. K. Bible said that he didn't want any more negativity, and that he wanted everyone to work together and be positive. T. Terpening stated that she wanted no bullying, no slandering, and nothing negative to happen with the gardens.

Motion to move forward with no more discussion on the community gardens.

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Motion: T. Terpening

Second: T. Barnum

Yays(RCV): K. Bible, R. Miller, L. Wert-Fuller, T. Terpening, T. Barnum, B. Barnum

Nays: None

Motion Carried

6. Add Trace Labs to Credit Accounts: Tabled till November

7. Leaf Blower

The Village could use a leaf blower for helping with equipment cleaning and for blowing off the sidewalks etc. Brian found a couple of good deals on some.

Motion to purchase two leaf blowers up to \$1,000.00

Motion: K. Bible

Second: R. Miller

Yays (RCV): T. Bible, L. Wert-Fuller, T. Terpening, K. Bible, R. Miller, B. Barnum

Nays: None

Motion Carried

8. Tree Trimming

Lots of things need to be done regarding tree trimming but the most important is to have the trimming done for when its time to start plowing.

Motion to have Lou work up to two days or a total of no more than \$2,800.00 to get some of the tree work done in the Village.

Motion: T. Barnum

Second: K. Bible

Yays (RCV): L. Wert-Fuller, K. Bible, T. Barnum, T. Terpening, R. Miller, B. Barnum

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Committee Updates:

Ordinance Committee: No updates

Infrastructure Committee: No Updates

Finance Committee: No Updates

Employee Relations Committee (ERC): No updates

Parks and Recreation Committee: No Updates

Downtown Development Association (DDA) Committee:

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Public Comments Second Session: Julie McKay questioned Chris' email regarding things that needed to be filed with the treasury and if that was part of her duties as a volunteer on the DDA. From what she could find it appeared that this report was due back in February 2021. Chris said that he vaguely remembers but there is a report that needs to be done annually with the treasury. Chris said he would talk with someone on Thursday night at another municipality to see how they handle it.

Council Comments Second Session: Sedlock reminded council it is time to start working on the budget for next year. Goodrich stated that we have to get the CVTRS report done by December 1st, 2021. K. Bible and L. Wert-Fuller expressed their want for committees and also the importance of an employee handbook with new employees. J. Lepage recommended a step for the pickup truck because it is hard to get into with it being so high up.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:43PM

Motion: T. Terpening

Second: T. Barnum

Yays: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted

Ashley Goodrich