

Village of Bancroft

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Regular Council Meeting — ~~Unapproved~~ **Approved**

Wednesday November 10th, 2021, Located at 108 Warren St, Bancroft, MI 48414

Council Present: T. Barnum, L. Wert-Fuller, T. Terpening, R. Miller, C. Hutchins, A. Goodrich, B. Barnum, K Bible joined at 7:08 PM

Council Absent: L. Sedlock, K. Bible

Guest: Attorney Christopher Johnson

Employees: Jim Lepage, Steve Skrbec, Phil Hruska

Meeting was called to order by President Barnum at 7:01 PM

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda as presented.

Motion: C. Hutchins Second: R. Miller

Yays: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Review of Minutes:

Review of council meeting minutes from October 19th, 2021

Correction on page 6 by T. Terpening at item number 4 Add the word Summerfest and add remainder of who motioned, seconded.

Motion to accept minutes from October 19th, 2021, with corrections.

Motion: T. Terpening Second: B. Barnum

Yeas: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

K. Bible joined the meeting at 7:08 pm

Review of council meeting minutes from November 1st, 2021

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Motion to accept minutes from November 1st, 2021, as presented.

Motion: C. Hutchins

Second: T. Terpening

Yeas: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Review of Bills:

T. Terpening questioned what Trace Analytics was. B. Barnum explained it was for water testing. T. Terpening questioned if the Discount Tree bill was a partial bill. B. Barnum said that he was 100% done with all the tree work. He was able to get everything done, B. Barnum had to authorize an additional day.

Motion to accept the bills as presented.

Motion: T. Terpening

Second: T. Barnum

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Review of Treasurers Report:

Goodrich explained we will be working on the budget soon, so any requests or recommendations need to be presented asap.

L. Wert-Fuller questioned TIF money and where we were at with that. Goodrich explained it was still in process Linda was wrapping that up but has been sick.

Motion to accept treasurers report pending audit.

Motion: T. Terpening

Second: K. Bible

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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DPW Report: Was given by B. Barnum; The continuation of moving and grinding leaves have continued. The township volunteered and came in and winterized the hydrants for us. There are some hydrants that need to be watched. The pump that we have doesn't have a long enough hose to reach the bottom therefore we have one ordered and should be here soon. Water testing is going well. Leaf blowers work well. The village was able to get the leaf vac for \$760.00 so it should be up and working for next year. The shipping container area has been ~~grated~~ **graded** and the well house road has been filled in where holes were with millings that we got from the Maple St project.

Police Report: Was Given, B. Barnum commented on how the traffic stops are still up.

Public Comments: There was a question on the special assessment for garbage. The question was in regard to the a sale of property and if the special assessment must be paid off by the seller because the way it reads, a title company would interpret it as it would have to be paid off by the seller. Attorney Christopher Johnson discussed the assessment with the inquiring individual and recommended changing the ~~working~~ **wording** on the resolution for better clarification. Another ~~indivial~~ **individual** asked about the Grand River Avenue village property that used to be used for yard waste if it would be cheaper to utilize that area again opposed to having the yard carts at each household. B. Barnum explained that the yard waste carts were more of a bonus when we did the contract that it wouldn't have changed the pricing. The village tried to keep the waste/refuse collection as close to a fixed cost as possible. Regarding not having the correct cans at each resident B, Barnum has a list of serial numbers for all of the cans and which household they belong to so if there is a problem, he can review the master list and try and find missing or extra cans and have them where they belong.

Communications: B. Barnum communicated that the Maple Street project is making headway between rain and contractors there was some delays. The village was able to get around 250 yards of millings which was used for around the shipping containers and the well road. The village was able to get the leaf vac for \$760.00. There is a USDA grant available that might be able to be used for the community hall, Brian is looking into that. The tree trimming is done, the hydrants have been winterized. There was another issue with a post on the DDA Facebook page. It was political view content that isn't supposed to be on there. L. Wert-Fuller said she was sorry, and she didn't mean to there is the toggle button and it somehow must have gotten over to the DDA page on accident.

New Business:

1. Special Assessment: Open discussion on special assessment offered at 7:29 pm. Attorney Christopher Johnson proposed a change to page two to include item three to include the ~~work~~ **word** yearly before special assessment. And then include yearly after

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the word paid, on a per property basis. Change page four the o a zero on date and include exhibit A proof of publishing.

Motion to adopt resolution 2021-07 regarding special assessment with changes.

Motion: K. Bible

Second: T. Barnum

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2. WHV Lawsuit:

Motion to go into closed session to discuss WHV lawsuit at 7:36 PM.

Motion: B. Barnum

Second: C. Hutchins

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motion to go back into open session at 7:58 PM

Motion: B. Barnum

Second: R. Miller

Yays: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motion to accept amended closed session minutes from October 19th, 2021

Motion: C. Hutchins

Second: T. Barnum

Yays: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Motion to move forward with what was discussed in closed session.

Motion: C. Hutchins

Second: T. Barnum

Yays: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

3. Area North of Community Hall:

There is an issue with items such as trailers on the north side of the community hall presenting the doors from opening. An issue that presents is that where the trailers are park on is on the septic system for the community hall. Attorney Christopher Johnson suggests a letter stating that he needs to move the items off the Village Property.

Motion to authorize the attorney or president to draft a letter and send it to the property owner requesting that the items located on the village property north of the community hall be moved.

Motion: K. Bible

Second: T. Barnum

Yays: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

4. HIP – CRRSAA Funding:

The rural task force held a meeting regarding available funding. The deadline was yesterday. The Village did submit a request for funding. Phil Hruska was able to represent the Village. The offer that was suggested to the municipalities was the dollar amount up to the amount that we would have gotten in MTF funds.

Motion to accept difference in MTF funds for fiscal year 2021.

Motion: C. Hutchins

Second: T. Barnum

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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5. FDCVT Grant Program:

Through the treasury there is funding available where we might meet the criteria. Brian has more digging to do hoping that it would be able to be used for the Community Hall Restoration.

Item Tabled.

6. Marijuana Moratorium: Goodrich communicated that there was another call requesting what our position was on Marijuana. I explained the Moratorium and said I would bring it to council again to see if the council can compile thoughts and take a stand either way.

Item Tabled.

7. Hunting Ordinance:

B. Barnum suggest that we look at a hunting ordinance. There was an example provided.

Item Tabled.

Old Business

1. DPW/Water Operator:

So far there have been two resumes submitted. The next step in the process is to schedule interviews. The village needs to look at potential wages and costs between accounts so that the time worked is billed correctly and we are not hammering the general fund for most wages.

Item Tabled.

2. Add Trace Labs to Credit Accounts:

Item Tabled

Committee Updates:

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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: No Updates

Public Comments Second Session: Julie McKay questioned where we were with the status of report for DDA regarding TIF funds. B. Barnum explained Linda has been very sick and has been out of the office, but it is something that when she has been in she has been focusing on.

Council Comments Second Session: B. Barnum communicated with DDA what is needed for the Semiannual Information Meetings for the DDA. It is based on calendar year not fiscal year and recommends going to Act 57 on the treasury website for information on what the DDA needs to be doing. T. Barnum communicated that the Durand Chamber of Commerce invited the community hall into the decorating contest and the Village won second place.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:44PM

Motion: K. Bible

Second: T. Barnum

Yays: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted

Ashley Goodrich