

Village of Bancroft
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Regular Council Meeting-Approved

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Meeting held at 108 Warren St., Bancroft, MI 48414-Bancroft Community Hall

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

Council Absent: C. Hutchins, T. Terpening

Employees: Attorney Christopher Johnson

Guests: Justin Horvath and Mr. and Mrs. Russ Jokinen

Meeting called to Order by Village President Brian Barnum at 7:03 PM

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to add additional items to New Business, #7 Gardens, #8 Resolution MEDC, #9 Summerfest, and #10 Community Center.

Motion to accept agenda with the additional items added to new business.

Motion: K. Bible

Second: R. Miller

Yays: All present

Nays: None

Motion carried

Review of Minutes:

Review of regular council meeting minutes from March 9th, 2022.

Motion to accept minutes for March 9th, 2022.

Motion: K. Bible

Second: T. Barnum

Yays: All present

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Nays: None

Motion Carried

Review of Bills:

Monthly expenses should be dated from meeting to meeting.

Motion to pay the bills.

Motion: K. Bible

Second: R. Miller

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Review of Treasurer's Report:

CD for \$8000.00 for police car due in June.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

Motion: R. Miller

Second: K. Bible

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

DPW Report: Brian Barnum gave DPW updates. Kevin has been working on a bench top for the new work bench. He started and finished phase 2 of the light upgrade project. This details converting the larger light fixtures over to function with energy efficient L.E.D. bulbs. He cemented in the lot survey stakes around the community hall and other locations. Kevin is keeping the chlorine and other water supplies stocked as well as filling in the sink holes on access drive to the water treatment plant. The monthly arsenic results for March are 2 parts per billion which is well below the maximum contaminant level of 10 parts per billion. We are maintaining a good steady chlorine residual in the distribution system. Kevin flushed well 5 to waist to exercise the pump and freshen up the aquifer. This should be done monthly or at least quarterly.

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Police Report: Given on paper, everything is still going well. Officer Steve is back on road patrol.

Public Comments: Justin Horvath spoke about the RRC process. This is the state economic development that help with communities. There are two aspects of RRC which is Business and Community. There is no cost to work with smaller villages. They help with zoning, permits, development with guidance on improving the downtown area. Through this program they have grant dollars to redevelop downtown. They work on a green, yellow, and red light system as far as where the village exists and can improve. As of right now there are 6 cities and 11 villages participating in the RRC.

Communications: The village received a Notice from the Treasury stating that they spent money out of fund balance. After many hours on the phone to the IRS they couldn't give a good explanation why the village received the letter. They were just making sure council was aware of using the fund balance money. DPW push mower was in very poor condition. Brian found an exact same push mower on Marketplace for \$180.00. This new push mower looks like brand new. Brian also found a welder on Marketplace for \$1100.00 and looks brand new.

New Business:

1. DDA/Planning Commission Terms, Bylaws, and Clerical Work

Brian stated that he has gone through all of the minutes and does not see where there are any terms on the committee members. As of right now there are no current members in standing terms. The only bylaws that Brian and Chris could come up with is the drafted copy. Council didn't approve the bylaws and can't find this even in the minutes. This needs to be brought to the council. DDA need to take action on the bylaws and forward to council. They need to appoint members to the DDA committee. This would follow the planning commission rules which is 3 year seats, 1/3 gets reappointed every year. Brian figured out the following terms starting as of now.

Steve Fuller, Frank Baur, and Linda Wert-Fuller term ends in April 2023

Rachel Baur and Rick Wright term ends in April 2024

Kevin Bible and Julie McKay term ends April 2025

As far as clerical work we don't want to over burden the clerk and treasurer. DDA pays for their own mailings. Chris doesn't see where the DDA collects money. Julie stated that the Summerfest money was designated for the DDA.

Motion: L. Wert-Fuller

Second: T. Barnum

Yays: All present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2. Consumers Gas Franchise

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Chris thought Consumers were trying to simplify but not sure. He contacted the Public Service Commission but no help. Chris asked for more time to see if this is the correct way to handle the situation. He is concerned because he isn't quite sure. They want us to pass an ordinance so they have approval to just do the work. Move to old business until further information.

3. Rules of Procedure

We need to look at the rules and procedures for mistakes and accuracy. Committees need straightened out. Brian proposed to have committee night stacked. Committee night will be the 3rd Wednesday of the month starting at 6:00 p.m. as of April, 2022.

Ordinance: Brian Barnum, Robin Miller, Caleb Hutchins

Infrastructure: Brian Barnum, Caleb Hutchins, Kevin Bible

Parks and Recreations: Tamie Terpening, Tammy Barnum, Brian Barnum

Finance: Robin Miller, Brian Barnum, Caleb Hutchins, Clerk, and Treasurer

4. **Treasurer**—Linda is resigning. Brian is working on a job description to be posted.
5. **Boeff Field**—The ball field caretaker is wanting to take the fence down and possibly get power. They are willing to help do the work and even finance if needed.

Motion to remove the fence at Boeff field.

Motion: T. Barnum

Second: R. Miller

Yays: All present

Nays: None

6. Storm Water Structures

There is a blow out on Higgins Street by the mason. Great Lakes has a 30 ft. concrete pipe they are holding for the Village. By doing our own work this will save 20% of a new structure.

Motion to pay \$1500.00 for the pipe for repairing the blow out on Higgins Street.

Motion: T. Barnum

Second: L. Wert-Fuller

Yays: K. Bible, L. Wert-Fuller, T. Barnum, B. Barnum, R. Miller

Nays: None

Motion Carried

7. Gardens

Need permission to have Candy Thick from the Michigan State University Extension office come in to teach classes on eating and cooking healthier. There are currently 20 community

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members that would like to work in the gardens. They have a list of items they would like to do to spruce up the community and flower gardens.

Motion to allow the contents of the sheet to take place.

Motion: R. Miller

Second: T. Barnum

Yays: R. Miller, B. Barnum, T. Barnum

Nays: L. Wert-Fuller, K. Bible

Motion Carried

8. MDEC Resolution

Linda Wert-Fuller passed out the resolution.

Motion to pass Resolution 2022-03.

Motion: K. Bible

Second: L. Wert-Fuller

Yays: All present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

9. Summerfest

Jim proposed the date of Summerfest to be August 20, 2022. They need approval for more space this year. Would like to shut down from Shiawassee Street to Warren down to Beach Street. Need the use of the Community Hall on the 20th as well.

Motion to shut down Warren to Shiawassee to Beach Street and allow the use of the Community Hall August 20th, 2022 for Summerfest.

Motion: K. Bible

Second: T. Barnum

Yays: All present

Nays: None

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10. Community Center

Linda Wert-Fuller looking for confirmation to follow through with the plans. The Roof is Phase I and need bids. Brian doesn't no anyone that does this kind of roofing. Linda wanted to make sure everybody is working as a team. Brian believes some things could be modified. DDA should have taken action and brought to council. Again Linda asked for clarification that we are working together. Rick is feeling like he doesn't know where were at? Linda asked if they have access to the storage container designated for DDA since key was taken and not given back. Rick would like a key.

Motion was made to extend meeting.

Motion: L. Wert-Fuller

Second: R. Miller

Yays: All present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

OLD Business:

1. Area North of Community Hall

Motioned to go into closed session to discuss Attorney April 12th opinion at 9:17 p.m.

Motion: R. Miller

Second: T. Barnum

Yays: All present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motioned to return back into open session at 9:48 p.m.

Motion: R. Miller

Second: K. Bible

Yays: All present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Public Comments: Russ Jokinen from the Village of Lennon asked about the county and village drains. He was wondering if it's the Villages or county's responsibility? Him and his wife are going to different meetings to see how they work compared to Lennon's. He suggested making the agenda and minutes available way before the meeting date to eliminate time at meeting. He would also like to see Village presidents, clerks, and treasurers meet periodically and rely on each other.

Motion to adjourn at 10:03 p.m.

Motion: K. Bible

Second: R. Miller

Yays: All present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Holmes

Village Clerk