

Village of Breckenridge
Regular Meeting
September 22, 2008

A regular meeting of the Breckenridge Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Buchanan at Breckenridge High School, Room M-9. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken by Clerk/Treasurer Eichorn.

Councilpersons Present: Anderson, Chapin, Schaub, Sterling, Zimmerman & Buchanan
Councilpersons Absent: Ostrander
Staff Present: Manager/Chief Mecomber, Clerk/Treasurer Eichorn.

Motion by Councilperson Schaub, seconded by Councilperson Chapin, to approve the agenda with corrections. CARRIED.

Motion by Councilperson Anderson, seconded by Councilperson Schaub, to approve the consent agenda. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Anderson, Chapin, Schaub, Sterling, Zimmerman & Buchanan. Nays: None. CARRIED.

Manager/Chief highlighted on his report.

Committee/Board Reports were received.

Public Comments were received.

OLD BUSINESS

MERS

Councilperson Anderson stated that questions are not being answered by MERS, such as, who the electors are. We want to have a meeting with MERS legal people. Anderson would like to see action taken on this issue. He wants to do it now, and then change if necessary. This would force MERS to take action, and get us the information we are asking for. MERS has agreed that we are in a situation that we can't get out of.

Anderson wants to set up a controlled plan, such as a 401k. MERS also stated that the retirees are not funded. Until we have everything figured out, MERS can be frozen for all new hires.

President Buchanan highly recommends us to take action on this issue, too. He also states that MERC does not recognize a 1 person union. This will not stop retirees payment to them.

Moved by Councilperson Zimmerman, seconded by Councilperson Chapin to put a hard freeze on the MERS Retirement on February 28, 2009 and council would have a new retirement benefit in place at that time. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Chapin, Schaub, Zimmerman, Anderson & Buchanan. Nays: Sterling Yeas: CARRIED.

Shell Station

President Buchanan stated that the purchase of the Shell station is going forward, and AKT Peerless has been in and is getting things going. We had hoped that it would be down before Fall Fest but it won't be.

DPW Staffing

Manager/Chief Mecomber stated that we have a new part-time worker.

Safe Routes

President Buchanan stated that the Village is going to come up with the \$1500.00 to start the safe routes to school grant. We need a core group for the grant that will work with the school. Manager/Chief Mecomber, and Clerk/Treasurer Eichorn have volunteered to help and we need more people like parents and school teachers to assist.

Dangerous Structure

Manager/Chief Mecomber stated that there was an ordinance enclosed for us to adopt to enforce dangerous structure violations. On October 27, 2008 there will be a public hearing at 6:30 to adopt this ordinance.

Act 51

Clerk/Treasurer Eichorn stated that the Act 51 report has not been done, and was under the impression that it was from past employees. I am in the process of trying to be in compliance with the state on my report. Last year we were not, and now this year we are not. We need to spend the money so we don't lose it. We can use the sidewalk construction that we just did, but still need to come up with about \$2,000.00 more.

Tree Ordinance

Moved by Councilperson Schaub, seconded by Councilperson Chapin to adopt the tree ordinance as presented. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Schaub, Sterling, Zimmerman, Anderson, Chapin & Buchanan. Nays: None. Yeas: CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Infrastructure

Looking into bond issue without putting more property money into it. The grant will include a million dollars to replace the water tower to handle all the village upgrades. The old tower is too small and low. There is a meeting with MEDC with potential investors. MEDC, USDA are places that we are trying to get grants from.

Sidewalk Funding

President Buchanan stated that the funding right now on sidewalks is 60% resident and 40% Village. He was wondering if council wants to change it to 50/50 or 40% resident and 60% Village. Councilperson Sterling stated that if we change the percentage, then the residents should not be able to take the sidewalk out.

Moved by Councilperson Zimmerman, seconded by Councilperson Sterling to change the sidewalk percentage from 60% resident 40% Village to 40% resident and 60% Village, and the sidewalk cannot be removed until approved by the Village Manager. The percentage will be retro active to September 1, 2008 Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Sterling, Zimmerman, Anderson, Chapin, Schaub & Buchanan. Nays: None. Yeas: CARRIED.

Invoice Approval

Butcher concrete invoice is over the amount by \$175.00 for extra sand. Councilperson Schaub stated for Councilperson Ostrander that it is a bid, and he knew what he was bidding on. The bid states there will be fill sand as needed.

Moved by Councilperson Chapin, seconded by Councilperson Sterling to pay Butcher Concrete \$175.00 for extra sand. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Anderson, Chapin, and Buchanan. Nays: Zimmerman, Sterling & Schaub. TIE FAILED

Janson Equipment for the replacement for the clutch that was damaged in the amount of \$2,564.74.

Moved by Councilperson Zimmerman, seconded by Councilperson Schaub to pay Janson Equipment \$2,564.74 for replacing the clutch. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Anderson, Chapin, Schaub, Sterling, Zimmerman & Buchanan. Nays: None. CARRIED

Sanitary Pump Improvements

President Buchanan stated that when Wade Trim started they stated that it would be \$75,000 to upgrade both wells. When the bids came in the lowest one was \$150,005.00. He stated that he was very disappointed on how far off Wade Trim estimated the cost to be. We need to have a meeting with Wheeler Twp. to figure out what to do and work something out.

Parks

Councilperson Chapin stated that the parks committee would like to purchase 6x6 timbers and re-rod for upgrades. The timbers would be \$380.00 and the re-rod \$85.00 for a total of \$465.00 to be purchased from carter lumber.

Moved by Councilperson Anderson, seconded by Councilperson Schaub to allow parks to spend \$85.00 on Re-rod, \$3800.00 for timbers. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Chapin, Schaub, Sterling, Zimmerman, Anderson, and Buchanan. Nays: None. CARRIED.

Public Comments were received.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Eichorn
Clerk/Treasurer Village of Breckenridge