

**Village of Breckenridge
Regular Meeting
Breckenridge High School Media Center
August 24, 2009**

A regular meeting of the Breckenridge Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Pro-Tem, Tim Schaub at The Breckenridge High School Media Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken by Clerk/Treasurer Suhr

Councilpersons Present: Anderson, Chapin, Ostrander, Schaub, Sterling, Zimmerman

Councilpersons Absent: President Buchanan

Staff Present: Manager Jeff Ostrander, Clerk/Treasurer Suhr

Guests:

Motion by Councilperson Sterling, supported by Councilperson Zimmerman, to approve the agenda with the addition of items by Councilperson Chapin for Cemetery and Parks Committee Reports and Executive Session following new business. CARRIED.

Guest Speaker: Gary Bartow with Fleis and Vandenbrink Engineering was present to hold a Question and Answer segment with the public on the upcoming Water Project.

Motion by Councilperson Zimmerman, supported by Councilperson Chapin, to approve the consent agenda. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Anderson, Chapin, Ostrander, Sterling, and Zimmerman. Nays: None. CARRIED.
Public Comments were received.

Committee/Board Reports were received.

Manager's Report

Manager Ostrander read from his report. He commented on the success and accomplishments of the Michigan Works program.

The Wet wells have been cleaned out and the waste disposed of. With that work complete Robinson Electrical will be able to complete the project including inspections within 10 days.

There are still problems with the wireless communications with our water system. The internet provider is having problems providing service to their customers, but the water system is working fine.

We have received over 30 applicants for the DPW position.

There is information coming out on bonds allocated for Gratiot County. This may be a great opportunity to help out our community. As more information is available, council will be informed.

It was stated that the West Elementary building is not closed and the doors are not locked. Manager Ostrander spoke for himself by saying he supports the school system.

Planning Commission

No minutes available. Minutes to July 10th meeting to be reviewed at September regular council meeting.

Library Meeting

No update provided

Fire Board

No meeting held.

Other Committee Reports

Linda Chapin read letters from the Parks and Cemetery committees thanking Michigan Works for the crew that worked for the village this summer.

OLD BUSINESS

Gary Bartow from Fleis and Vandenbrink update early about the water project.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Commission Seminar Expense

Susan Neitzke will be attending the Citizen Planner Seminar. The cost is \$400.00 and was budgeted by the Planning Commission.

Jason Orton from David Chapman Insurance Agency introduced his agency and highlighted on the savings and coverage available for the Village's Liability Insurance. Referred by President Pro-Tem Schaub to finance committee. Recommendation to be made at the September regular council meeting.

Motioned by Councilperson Chapin Supported by Councilperson Sterling to pay \$4,000.00 to Railroad for easement permit. Amount is to be refunded through the water project grant. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Chapin, Ostrander, Schaub, Sterling, Zimmerman, Anderson. Nays: None. CARRIED.

Motioned by Councilperson Zimmerman, supported by Councilperson Ostrander to adopt the resolution for Parade permits. CARRIED.

Motioned by Councilperson Anderson, supported by Councilperson Ostrander to accept payment agreement with Fleis and Vandenbrink Engineering. The agreement states that compensation for services is to be made once bonds are issued. All water project expenses are to be referred to finance committee. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Ostrander, Schaub, Sterling, Zimmerman, Anderson, Chapin. Nays: None. CARRIED.

Recommended by Manager Ostrander to tear out hazardous sidewalks. Motioned by Councilperson Chapin, supported by Councilperson Ostrander. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Sterling, Zimmerman, Anderson, Chapin, Ostrander. Nays: Schaub. CARRIED

Manager Ostrander introduced the idea of a Vehicle Impound Fee to help offset the cost of officers that are required to show up to court. This was recommended to finance committee and tabled until the next regular council meeting.

Dangerous Building Ordinance was introduced. Manager Ostrander to provide a copy of the drafted ordinance to council members.

Treasurer Suhr presented a more aggressive plan to payback the cemetery endowment fund for the purchase of the new land back in 2007. This proposal was referred to the finance committee.

Manager Ostrander proposed a new Village Hall sign. The existing sign is old, deteriorating and needs replaced. Council members are to look at old sign and make a decision at the next regular council meeting.

The idea of Bi-weekly meetings was introduced. This would involve changing the ordinance. Ordinance change to be drafted and presented at the next council meeting.

Wheeler has tied into the sewer system. Manager Ostrander recommended to bill Wheeler bi-monthly for the services. This recommendation was referred to the finance committee.

Public Comments were received

Motioned by Councilperson Zimmerman, supported by councilperson Sterling to enter into Executive Session.

The Council entered Executive Session at 9:22 p.m. President Pro-Tem Schaub recalled the meeting to order at 10:15 p.m.

Motioned by Councilperson Zimmerman, supported by Councilperson Sterling to accept resignation and compensation package for Clerk Anderson. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Sterling, Zimmerman, Chapin, Schaub. Nays: Ostrander. Abstained: Anderson CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by President Pro-Tem Schaub at 10:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget M. Suhr
Village Clerk/Treasurer