

**Village of Breckenridge
Special Meeting
Village Hall
April 23, 2009**

A special meeting of the Breckenridge Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Buchanan at the Village Hall.

Roll Call was taken by Clerk Anderson

Councilpersons Present: Anderson, Chapin, Ostrander, Schaub, Sterling, Zimmerman, and President Buchanan

Councilpersons Absent: None

Staff Present: Manager Jeff Ostrander, Clerk Penny Anderson

Guest: Gary Bartow, Fleis & VandenBrink

Motion by Councilperson Schaub and seconded by Councilperson Sterling to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business #3 Odyssey of the Mind Team. CARRIED

No public comments were received

NEW BUSINESS

Water Project/Land Purchase

Gary Bartow from Fleis and VandenBrink shared that he has been in contact with Chris Maxwell about our grant and he feels they should receive information on our status any day. He is very optimistic that we will receive \$1.42 million which is 29.3% of the total water project of \$3.89 million. This would include refinancing. He stressed that we need to get the project out for bids soon. He feels that September 1st should be the target date for bidding this out so that work could begin October 1st. He estimates that it will take approximately 9 months for completion.

Gary Bartow also presented additional information on the land purchase. He has been in contact with EDA (Economic Development Authority) based in Chicago. They have some grant money available, especially if the Village acts quickly to take advantage of the stimulus money available at this time. Specifically, he approached them about grants that would stimulate growth and create and retain jobs in this area. Unfortunately, the EDA do not fund land purchases but will give up to 60% matching grants for infrastructure. Mr. Bartow presented plans and cost analysis for a proposed Technology Park. He suggested that a good strategy would be to try to leverage our USDA loan to take advantage of a grant to support the Industrial Park. In this way we would stand to get a \$3.8 million dollar project funded at no additional cost to the Village. He presented material discussing 2 scenarios for financing this park.

Mr. Bartow and Manager Ostrander both feel that our chances of getting this type of grant are very high. Mr. Bartow has prepared this information and made the inquiries on our behalf at no cost thus far. To move the project forward we would need to consider that we will need to pay Fleis and VandenBrink to submit the grant proposal. Consensus of Council was that they would like to pursue this option, especially if the Renaissance Zone was serviced first.

Motion by Councilperson Sterling, seconded by Councilperson Zimmerman to allow Manager Ostrander and Gary Bartow to proceed with the preliminary work to proceed with submitting a grant proposal. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Anderson, Chapin, Ostrander, Schaub, Sterling, Zimmerman, and President Buchanan. Nays: None. CARRIED

Odyssey of the Mind Team/ World Finals

President Buchanan shared that Breckenridge Schools had one middle school team qualify to go to World Finals in Ames, Iowa. This is the first time that Breckenridge Schools has had a team qualify outright to compete at the World Finals. Council decided to invite the OM team to the regular Council meeting, April 28th to honor them and present certificates of recognition to each participant. Information was shared by Councilperson Schaub that this is a very costly venture for the team. The school granted them \$3500.00 and they need approximately \$1500.00 more. Several council members expressed a desire to help. Discussion was held on giving the team pre-paid gas cards to help with trip expenses. There was concern that the budget is tight and what would be the best way to help out. Motion by President Buchanan, seconded by Councilperson Chapin to approve a \$200.00 gas card from Marathon for use by the OM team. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Anderson, Chapin, Ostrander, Schaub, Sterling, Zimmerman, and President Buchanan. Nays: None. CARRIED. Several Council members also expressed that they would make personal donations of \$100 to assist the team.

Councilperson Sterling announced that Arbor Day/Community Pride Day will be observed April 25th and volunteers to help out are still needed. Senator Kahn and Representative Opsommer will be kicking things off Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.

No public comments were received.

President Buchanan adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny L. Anderson
Clerk, Village of Breckenridge