

Bowerston Village Council

Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Village Officials Attendance: Council, Jon Humphrey, Juliet Bryant, Karen Donovan, Polly Wolfe and Chase Bryant. Bart Busby, Jerermiah Warner, Janeen Scott, JJ Ong, Paula Beamer and Jacquie Humphrey.

Visitors: Erin Wright of OMEGA, Matt Miller of Quicksall Representative

Loan/Grant Status Report

1. Erin Wright – Reported that CDBG award of \$750,000.00 and ARC grant award of \$250,000.00, grants were officially announced today. One Million total. Culvert project is being worked on with FEMA, looking at \$300,000.00 or more. Erin discussed current projects with Council. Ong to prepare Resolution 10-2024 to allow mayor to enter into CDBG agreement.
2. Matt Miller of Quicksall – Reported that he has received the CAD drawings from EL Robinson and working with Village personnel. \$223,100.00 estimate for engineering services from what they have received. Requested that Council approve an agreement for Mayor to sign on Village's behalf.
3. Ong presented Ordinance 2024-07, passed as an emergency ordinance, Julie moved, Karen seconded, unanimous. Julie moved to pass ordinance, Chase seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.
4. Matt further reported on some adjustments that he and Warner have discussed. 260,700.00 to complete this portion of the plans.
5. Beamer and Busby both reported that Quicksall have been easy to work with.
6. Wright explained the status of funding in place as well as what is being applied for to bring the projects to completion.

Approval of April minutes Julie moved, Karen seconded, unanimous.

Approval of bill payments, Polly Moved, Juliet seconded. Roll call unanimous

Approval of Financial Reports Julie moved, Chase seconded, unanimous roll call

Personnel Committee Report:

1. Chase reported that the Personnel Committee had met and made recommendations for change in employee handbook
2. Ong presented Ordinance 2024-03 to amend employee handbook
3. Julie made motion to suspend rules and pass as an emergency measure, Jon seconded, unanimous.
4. Karen made motion to pass ordinance, Julie seconded, unanimous.

Mayor's Report:

1. Attached

2. Julie made motion to approve, Chase seconded, unanimous.
3. Beamer thanked the Willoughby's for gravel for the parking lot and Cameron Hursey for all of his assistance on clean-up day, the Bowerston Women's Club for the donation of \$300 towards mulch for the playground equipment and all others who assisted on this project.

Village Administrator's Report:

1. Request for use of Park Building, August 11, 2024 from the Methodist Churches. Julie made motion to waive the fee, Polly seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.
2. Busby reported that the Ventrac with around 2000 hours is slowly becoming problematic and inquired if there grants available. Wright asked for 3 estimates to look into grant funding.
3. Karen inquired as to what the generator hook-up fee in the amount of \$12,000.00, Busy explained that this is informational and the amount that it would be to hook-up the generator that was donated by the FD.
4. Chase made motion to approve Busby's report, Julie seconded, unanimous.
5. Jeremiah told Council that they have been working on a ditch on Penn Avenue and in the process a resident had offered the Village to extend. Warner said that he would like to look into this further before taking any action. Ong said that we would need to get an indemnification in place prior to any work on private property.

Utility Clerk's Report:

1. Attached
2. Janeen reported to Council monthly totals and statistics

Income Tax Administrator

1. Janeen reported that she has multipole letters to issue. Polly made motion to accept report, Julie seconded, unanimous.

Fiscal Officer's Report:

1. Jacquie presented and reviewed the 2025 Revenue Budget, Resolution 09-2024, total expected revenues in the amount of \$371,550.00.
2. Polly made motion to approve, Karen seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.

Solicitor's Report:

1. Ong presented a revision to Grass Ordinance 2024-06, providing a rate of \$75.00 per hour for the Village to mow. ,Julie made motion to suspend the rules and pass as an emergency measure, Chase seconded, unanimous. Karen made motion to pass ordinance, Polly seconded, unanimous
2. Ong presented Ordinance 2024-04 Authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement on the Village's behalf to purchase the entire piece of land of the former Bowerston elementary school property, in the amount of \$18,500.00.

- School will retain mineral rights. Beamer said that she would like to see this happen. Jacquie advised that she and Beamer had researched earlier in the month to make sure the Capital fund can be used. Julie made motion to suspend rules and pass as an emergency measure, Polly seconded, unanimous. Polly made motion to approve ordinance, Julie seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.
3. Ong presented Ordinance 2024-05 to authorize Mayor to sign H2Ohio grant agreement. Beamer explained that the Village had applied for this funding 2 years ago when funding ran out but is in the running again now that they have been replenished. Julie moved to suspend the rules, Polly seconded, unanimous. Jon made motion to approve the Ordinance, Julie seconded, unanimous.
 4. Final decision from Village of Sherrodsville to purchase water from Village of Bowerston. Ong reported there was zero participation from the residents of the Village and the Sherrodsville Mayor had advised that they would discuss again at the June meeting and drop the project at that point if there is no interest.
 5. Update on Leesville Fire Department contract, received payment pending
 6. Update on Leesville fire hydrant.
 7. Beamer inquired if there is an update on the easements, Ong will have this week.

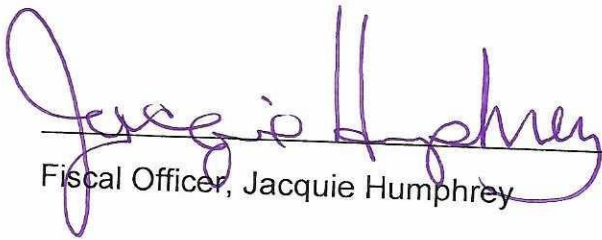
Old Business:


1. Memorial Day Event Monday the 27th, music starts at 11:45

New Business:

1. None

Adjournment: Julie made motion to adjourn 6:43, Jon seconded, unanimous.


Fiscal Officer, Jacquie Humphrey


Mayor, Paula Beamer