January 17, 2023

Bowerston Village Council met in regular session on January 17, 2023, at 6 pm with Mayor Jacquie Humphrey presiding. Council members present were Paula Beamer, Polly Wolfe, Jon Humphrey, and Karen Donavan. Others included Heidi Trice, Fiscal Officer, Janeen Scott, Water/WW/Income Tax, Village Administrator Bart Busby, and Village Solicitor Jenna Hokes.

Beamer moved to approve minutes from the previous meeting as presented, Donavan seconded. All present voted in the affirmative.

Visitors:

Annual Organizational Items

- 1. Appoint 2023 Council President
- 2. Appoint 2023 Committees
- 3. Set day and time for 2023 meetings
- 4. Approve Unified Bank as financial institution for 2023
- 5. Accept Current IRS mileage reimbursement rate
- 6. Approval Federal/State minimum wage rate
- 7. Continue Council President Stipend of \$250/month

Council member Jon Humphrey nominated Paula Beamer as council President, Donavan seconded. Roll call: Wolfe, yea; Jon Humphrey, yea; Donavan, yea: Beamer, abstain. Motion passed.

Council member Donavan made a motion to renew the monthly stipend of \$250 to Paula Beamer for the year 2023, Jon Humphrey seconded. Roll call: Wolfe, yea; Jon Humphrey, yea; Donavan, yea: Beamer, abstain. Motion passed.

Council member Beamer made a motion to accept Unified Bank as the Villages banking, seconded by Wolfe. Roll call: Wolfe, yea; Jon Humphrey, yea; Donavan, yea: Beamer, yea. Motion passed.

Council member Beamer made a motion to accept the PNC bank for CD's, federal mileage, and federal minimum wage for 2023, seconded by Jon Humphrey. Roll call: Wolfe, yea; Jon Humphrey, yea; Donavan, yea: Beamer, yea. Motion passed.

Council member Beamer made a motion to accept the ORC for the year 2023, seconded by Donavan. Roll call: Wolfe, yea; Jon Humphrey, yea; Donavan, yea: Beamer, yea. Motion passed.

Regular Agenda Items

- 1. Approval of December 2022 regular session minutes
- 2. Approval of payment of bills
- 3. Approval of Financial Report

Council member Wolfe made a motion to accept the financials as presented, seconded by Beamer. Roll call: Wolfe, yea; Jon Humphrey, yea; Donavan, yea: Beamer, yea. Motion passed.

Council member Jon Humphrey made a motion to accept the bills as presented, seconded by Beamer. Roll call: Wolfe, yea; Jon Humphrey, yea; Donavan, yea: Beamer, yea. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Water/Sewer Project Updates:

Loan/Grant Status Reports:

1. USDA Grant/Loan Funding

Mayor's Report:

Reminded council that 3 terms are expiring at the end of this year.

Fiscal Officer's Report:

- 1. Review Insurance packet
- 2. Resolution 2023-001 amend appropriations for 2022.
- 3. Resolution 2023-002 Equipment Grant
- 4. PNC Certificate

Council member Jon Humphrey made a motion to accept the Insurance renewal, seconded by Beamer. Roll call: Wolfe, yea; Jon Humphrey, yea; Donavan, yea: Beamer, yea. Motion passed.

Council member Beamer made a motion to accept Resolution number 2023-01 Amend 2022 Appropriations, seconded by Wolfe. Roll call: Wolfe, yea; Jon Humphrey, yea; Donavan, yea: Beamer, yea. Motion passed.

Council member Donavan made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-02 Grant for Equipment, seconded by Wolfe. Roll call: Wolfe, yea; Jon Humphrey, yea; Donavan, yea: Beamer, yea. Motion passed.

Income Tax Administrator's Report:

1. Ms. Scott informed council of the 2022 income tax report

Council member Donavan had a question about the verbiage for the Village Website

Water/Sewer Report:

1. Ms. Scott informed council of the December water/sewer report

Village Administrator's Report:

1. Flood funding

Solicitor's Report:

- 1. Fire department contracts
- 2. Hein Status
- 3. School property
- 4. Recommendation on Truck purchased with Cares Act funds

Village Solicitor Hokes will be working with Bob Allen from E.L. Robinson on the water tower properties.

Village Solicitor Hoke made a recommendation of trading in the 2020 Toyota Tacoma purchased from CARES Act Funds for an equal or higher value, since the usefulness of this truck is limited, if extra funds are needed to purchase a different truck, the debt service fund set up from sale of old truck can be used.

Delinquent Business: (anything over 60 days and not completed) 1. Landowner Rental Agreement Contract

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

Council member Beamer moved to enter executive session "To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee., official licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing, seconded by Jon Humphrey. Roll call: Wolfe, yea; Jon Humphrey, yea; Donavan, yea: Beamer, yea. Motion passed at 6:42pm.

Council member Jon Humphrey made a motion to exit executive session, Beamer seconded. Roll call: Wolfe, yea; Jon Humphrey, yea; Donavan, yea: Beamer, yea. Motion passed 6:56 pm.

Council member Beamer made a motion to give Ms. Scott a raise for the Water/Sewer Clerk of \$300.00 bi-weekly effective January 22, 2023, seconded by Jon Humphrey. Roll call: Wolfe, yea; Jon Humphrey, yea; Donavan, yea: Beamer, yea. Motion passed.

As there was no further business Beamer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Donavan. All affirmed.

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