

Bowerston Village Council

Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Village Officials Attendance: Karen Donovan, Polly Wolfe, Jon Humphrey, Paula Beamer, Janeen Scott, Bart Busby, Jeremiah Warner, Jacquie Humphrey. JJ Ong, absent, notified Mayor prior to meeting.

Visitors: Linda Warner

Call To Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Council

Public Comments Linda Warner addressed Council on the possibility of an ordinance to allow golf carts on the Village streets safely and legally. Mayor Beamer asked Council to review a draft ordinance prepared by Solicitor JJ Ong.

Councilman Donovan inquired as to why Warner wanted the ordinance and didn't just drive the golf cart like everyone else. Warner advised that they are not protected legally unless the permit is available from the Village.

Councilman Humphrey inquired why Council's approval is needed if a cart can be licensed. There must be a Village Ordinance to make this legal.

A discussion took place, Council noted several changes, including the removal of a fine and agreed to have Ong revise for a first reading at the June meeting.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

1. Report on meeting regarding raise for Council members. Julie reported that after reviewing the salaries of neighboring communities the committee recommends no raises at this time.

Approval of regular April minutes: Karen made motion, Polly seconded, unanimous.

Loan/Grant Status Reports:

1. Paula reported that OPWC Grant \$322,300.00 and \$322,300.00 Loan for Gordon Street Storm Sewer Project has been awarded.
2. Bidding for Water Distribution Project is on hold, awaiting approval from USDA, hopefully within the next 2 weeks.

Pending and/or New Legislation:

1. Ordinance 04-2025, Habitual Barking Dogs. Jacquie read this Ordinance to Council. Julie made motion to suspend the rules, Jon seconded, unanimous. Karen made motion to approve, Julie seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.
2. Resolution 09-2025 Receipt of New Funds, OWDA Loan Payments, Julie made motion, Jon seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.
3. Resolution 10-2025 Receipt of New Funds, Bridge Project. Julie made motion, Jon seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.
4. Resolution 11-2025, Renewal of Park Levy, one-mill. Julie made motion, Karen seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.

Mayor's Report:

1. Thanks to Charles Lyons for cleaning up street and mowing for residents.
2. Thanks Brock Caldwell and Women's Club, Council and employees assisted with clean-up day.
3. Paula reported that she has issued 27 ordinance violation notices, mainly for mowing and vehicles, most have been resolved. Karen noted that she's noticed that most of the vehicle violations have been moved off the street and onto lawns. Also spoke with a resident about an unsafe structure.
4. Report attached, Julie made motion to approve, Karen seconded, unanimous.

Village Administrator's Report:

1. Attached, Karen noted that the mosquito spraying had been moved up from Wednesday to Monday. Julie made motion to approve Bart's report, Chase seconded, unanimous.

Utility Clerk's Report:

1. Janeen reported to Council on recent billings and collections. 30 notices sent this month, \$280 collected for notices. Julie made motion to approve Janeen's report, Karen seconded, unanimous.

Income Tax Administrator's Report:

1. \$23,288.15, collected in the first quarter of 2025. Julie made motion to approve, Polly seconded, unanimous.

Fiscal Officer's Report:

1. Jacquie reported that the Village is preparing for 2023-24 audit, preliminary documents have been submitted. Do we want to request an inhouse audit?? A discussion took place, Julie made a motion to have auditors come here, Karen seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.

Solicitor's Report: Absent, Vacation, notified Mayor prior to meeting

1. Leesville fire hydrant
2. Easement Update

Old Business:

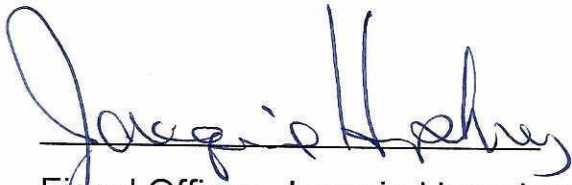
1. None

New Business:

1. Chase asked if anything can be done about people allowing dogs to defecate on others property. A discussion took place.

Adjournment:

6:38 Julie made motion to adjourn, Karen seconded, unanimous.


Fiscal Officer, Jacquie Humphrey


Mayor, Paula Beamer