

Bowerston Village Council
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Attendance: Karen, Jon, Paula, Polly, Melody, Juliet, Heidi, Bart, Janeen, Jenna and Jacquie

Regular Business:

Juliet made motion to approve November minutes, Karen seconded, unanimous.

Julie made motion to approve bills, Paula seconded, unanimous.

Julie made motion to approve financial report, Melody seconded, unanimous.

Grant/Loan Status Report

1. Paula reported that we are in the process of having boring done.

Council President's Report

1. Reports contained in Utility section

Mayor's Report

1. Jacquie presented a list of 2022 accomplishments and 2023 goals.

Village Administrator's Report

1. Bart inquired if we can say now that we are purchasing a salt hopper, Paula said that USDA money can be used for this, Heidi said that nothing can be invoiced until 2023.

2. Bart inquired if we are good after the first of the year for a part time employee at minimum wage. Yes, up to 25 hours per week.

Utility Clerk's Report

1. Janeen reported 283 accounts billed in November, 60 delinquent after the 17th, 25 notices were issued, \$847.77 late charges, \$250.00 in notices and an additional \$353.43 with extra 15%. Total collected \$20,802.37.

2. Janeen reported that she has had a couple of payment issues but is working through them.

3. Janeen reported that at the last meter readings there is one property with excessive usage, they have a leak on their property.

4. Janeen reported that she is working with Harcatus on a delinquent payment resolution.

5. Paula presented Ordinance 2022-6, to increase sewer rate by \$8.05 for the minimum charge. This is to cover our expenses.

6. Melody made a motion to suspend the rules of three readings in regular session and declare this Ordinance as an emergency measure, Jon seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.

7. Melody made a motion to approve the Ordinance as an emergency measure, Julie seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.

8. Paula read Ordinance 2022-7, amending 2022-01, to drop the additional 15% penalty after the 17th, but retaining the \$10 notice fee.

9. Melody made a motion to suspend the rules of three readings in regular session, Paula seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.
10. Juliet made motion to pass Ordinance 2022-07 as an emergency measure, Karen seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.

Income Tax Administrator's Report

1. Janeen reported that we are currently below \$300.00 from last year's collections, so we will surpass 2021 amount.
2. Janeen reported that she plans to wait until January to file the delinquent taxes in court.

Fiscal Officer's Report

1. Heidi presented Resolution 2022-17 to amend 2022 appropriations, \$127,837.50, Julie made motion, Polly seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.
2. Heidi presented Resolution 2022-18, for 2023 temporary appropriations. Paula read a list of appropriations that were added to the 2023 budget. \$661,832.00 total appropriations for 2023, raising utilities 10% and employees pay by 4%, among other items. Julie made motion to approve, Melody seconded, unanimous.
3. Heidi presented ordinance 2022-05 ODOT snow removal and road/signs.
4. Julie made motion to suspend the rules, Polly seconded, unanimous.
5. Julie made motion to pass the ordinance, Karen seconded, unanimous.

Solicitor's Report

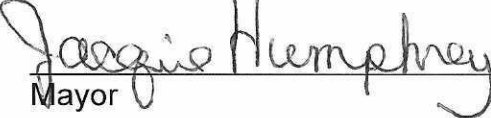
1. Jenna reported that she has learned from Bart that the EPA is okay with the Village's plans for the Hein's property.
2. Paula inquired of Jenna how to handle neighboring fire departments taking water from our tower, Jenna has discussed with Sherrodsville's Solicitor and was advised that the Sherrodsville FD is independent from the Village, she will send them a letter.
3. A discussion took place regarding how to handle neighboring fire departments using our water.
4. Paula inquired of Jenna what the Village can spend American Recovery Act monies on, Jenna will look into it and advise.
5. Bart asked Jenna if she was aware of the meeting tonight with Eric Wilson regarding flooding funding, 6pm on Microsoft Teams.
6. Paula inquired of Jenna how the money from the sale of the old truck can be spent, it was put into a fund account labeled "equipment". Jenna advised that it must be used in the same general category

Old Business

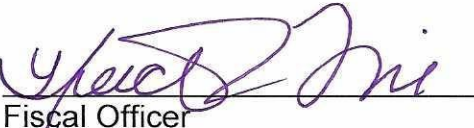
1. Karen asked if we can change our minds about tearing out the shrubs at Gateway Park, Council agreed to leave the bushes in place.
2. Melody inquired if we can get back on planting trees this coming fall. A short discussion took place, 2023 Street Committee to pursue and put appropriations in place for 2024.

Adjournment

Julie made motion to adjourn, Paula seconded. 6:49



Mayor



Fiscal Officer

