

**VILLAGE OF BRIMFIELD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
July 2, 2018**

The Village of Brimfield Board of Trustees meeting was called to order on Monday July 2, 2018, at 7:05 pm by President Fishel with roll call attendance: A. Porter-present, Meinders-present, Gilles-present, Arbogast-present, Dye-present, and B. Porter-present. Village Attorney Johnson, Superintendent Challacombe and Clerk Johnson were also present.

The minutes of the June 4, 2018 regular meeting were presented for approval, Meinders made the motion, B. Porter seconded, and the motion carried 6 to 0.

The June 2018 Treasurer's Report was presented for filing. Dye made the motion, seconded by Arbogast to approve the treasurer's report motion carried 6 to 0.

The June 2018 bills were presented for payment with a motion by B. Porter seconded by Gilles. Roll call vote: Arbogast-yes, Dye-yes, B. Porter-yes, Gilles-yes, Meinders-yes and A. Porter-yes. Motion carried 6 to 0.

Old Business- None

New Business:

Cory Cowan of Gorenz and Associates, the Village's auditors, presented the final draft of the yearly audit to the Board. He gave a brief overview of the audit and asked the members to review the draft and forward any questions or concerns to him. If there are none the audit will be finalized and presented for filing.

Planning Commission member David Donaldson spoke to the Board regarding the closure of the grocery store and the void it has created. He spoke of his desire to bring a grocery/deli/ice cream business to the Village as a community based and supported project. He has done extensive research regarding this type of venture. He would have put together a PowerPoint addressing these topics and would like to share it with the community in order to gain feedback, support and involvement. The Board felt that this was a positive project and expressed that they had no concerns or issues with what had been presented.

President Fishel informed the Board that the payoff balance for the loan that was obtained to purchase the additional land by the park is \$53,304.00. When the loan was taken out in 2014 the plan was to pay it off as soon as possible. President Fishel stated he felt the Village was in a position to do that and asked the Board to move forward with doing this now. B. Porter made the motion seconded by Arbogast to pay of the outstanding loan with a balance of \$53,304.00. Roll call vote: A. Porter-yes, Meinders-yes, Gilles-yes, B. Porter-yes, Dye-yes, and Arbogast-yes. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Engineers have not supplied any additional information regarding costs of the water main upgrades at this time. This will be on the August agenda.

The need for a water rate increase was discussed at the June meeting. Many factors were taken in to consideration. A 20% increase on water usage only was proposed and would take effect on billings dated after September 1, 2018. Gilles made the motion seconded by Meinders to approve this increase. Roll call vote: Arbogast-yes, Dye-yes, B. Porter-yes, Gilles-yes, Meinders-yes and A. Porter-yes. The rate increase was approved unanimously.

President Fishel informed the Board that the food pantry building has had two break-ins. It does not appear that anything was taken or damage. It has become apparent that there is a need for stronger doors/jams and better lighting.

Code violations are continuing to be addressed. There have been improvements but unfortunately there have been some new violators.

A. Porter made the motion, seconded by B. Porter to approve the compliance hearings with shut offs as needed. Motion carried 6 to 0.

The annual budget hearing was set for Monday August 13th, 2018 at 7:00 pm with a motion by A. Porter and a second by Meinders, and the Board approving unanimously.

Having no further business, President Fishel asked for a motion to adjourn. B. Porter made the motion seconded by A. Porter. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

The next meeting of the Village of Brimfield Board of Trustees is Monday, August 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm.