

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

VILLAGE OF BEVERDAM COUNCIL MEETING

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held September 5, 2023

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The Beverdam Village Council met in regular session at the Village Hall.

The meeting began with Council Member Neuenschwander saying a prayer. All present then stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken, and the following Council members were present: Carl Murray, Todd Long, Barb Gossard, Anthony Myers, Tom Nowlan and, Jerry Neuenschwander.

Council President Anthony Myers is acting Mayor for the meeting as Mayor Pam LePine is absent.

REQUEST FOR PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: There were no requests.

There were no corrections to the August 15, 2023 minutes. Council member Todd Long made a motion to accept the minutes, and it was seconded by Council member Tom Nowlan. Roll call was taken: Anthony Myers "yes", Jerry Neuenschwander "yes", Todd Long "yes", Carl Murray "yes", Barb Gossard "yes", and Tom Nowlan "yes". **Motion passed.**

OLD BUSINESS:

The old business regarding the planning commission was tabled until the next meeting due to the Mayor being absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion to pass Resolution 2023-07 regarding accepting the Amounts and Rates from the Allen County auditor was made by Jerry Neuenschwander and seconded by Todd Long. Roll call was taken: Carl Murray "yes", Barb Gossard "yes", Tom Nowlan "yes", Anthony Myers "yes", Jerry Neuenschwander "yes", and Todd Long "yes". **Motion passed.**

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT A motion to accept Ordinance 2023-22 (*An Ordinance to Pay Bills*) was made by Council member Barb Gossard and seconded by Council member Jerry Neuenschwander. Roll call was taken: Todd Long "yes", Barb Gossard "yes", Jerry Neuenschwander "yes", Carl Murray "yes", Tom Nowlan "yes", and Anthony Myers "yes", **Motion passed.**

A motion was made by Todd Long to accept September 5, 2023 Appropriations Summary and seconded by Carl Murray. Roll call was taken: Tom Nowlan "yes", Jerry Neuenschwander "yes", Barb Gossard "yes", Anthony Myers "yes", Todd Long "yes", and Carl Murray "yes". **Motion passed.**

A motion was made by Jerry Neuenschwander to accept September 5, 2023 Fund Summary and seconded by Tom Nowlan. Roll call was taken: Carl Murray "yes", Todd Long "yes", Barb Gossard "yes", Jerry Neuenschwander "yes", Tom Nowlan "yes", and Anthony Myers "yes". **Motion passed.**

A motion was made by Tom Nowlan to accept September 5, 2023 Revenue Summary and seconded by Todd Long. Roll call was taken: Anthony Myers "yes", Tom Nowlan "yes", Jerry Neuenschwander "yes", Barb Gossard "yes", Todd Long "yes", and Carl Murray "yes". **Motion passed.**

A motion was made by Todd Long to accept August 2023 Bank Reconciliation and seconded by Jerry Neuenschwander. Roll call was taken: Tom Nowlan "yes", Barb Gossard "yes", Anthony Myers "yes", Carl Murray "yes", Jerry Neuenschwander "yes", and Todd Long "yes". **Motion passed.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR: There was no mayors report as she was absent.

FINANCE: There was nothing to discuss currently.

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STREET: Neuenschwander asked if Swisher had found anything about closing the alley between Billy McClain's and Dale Walters property but nothing has been found so we will need to create a new ordinance. Neuenschwander also brought up about the new way that they are putting black top and stone down, he was curious if it would be something that would last longer.

SAFETY/TREES: Myers mentioned that Fruchey's did a great job on the mulch around the trees along main street.

BUILDING: Nowlan brought up if anything more had been figured out about the gutter guards, but Swisher can't get anyone to get him a quote. Neuenschwander brought up that he had seen a hose that has a hook on the end of it that maybe the maintenance workers could use to clean the gutters out.

REC BOARD: Tom Nowlan mentioned that the fence is looking nice that is being installed, but it isn't level near the concession stand, but it hasn't been completely fastened together yet.

UTILITY: Neuenschwander asked if anyone heard anything on whether or not the electric is going to sky rocket like other companies have.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE: Neuenschwander brought up that the grass at the trailer on Pearl has gotten long again and the house beside that trailer is also getting tall. Swisher let them know that the trailer has been mowed by Fruchey's 4 Seasons the other day. It was brought up that the lilac bush on Lima Street near the park that has been a visual issue has been cut down.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

There have been no new updates on the Prospect Street waterline project. The fence at the park should be done being installed by the end of the week. Nowlan asked if the water fountain has been installed at the park yet, and that answer is no. Neuenschwander asked if the Village has to call Younkman about getting the parking work done at the park, Swisher said he is going to contact him regarding the parking project. Swisher is going to have the street sweeper come sweep Main Street and 696 before the festival to make sure the street is clean. Swisher mentioned that the edging and mulching has been completed. The new water meters have been installed to all the residents, and it has been a major undertaking, getting the accounts set up in the software system has been very difficult. Swisher showed council what the new meter software looks like, and what different functions of the program does. Swisher also showed council the customer portal and is encouraging council members to sign up for it and learn about it before we send the information out to the residents. Swisher brought a quote from the fire department asking if the Village would like to sponsor some of the ride expenses for the festival, there was discussion about this and it was decided to sponsor \$1,800. There was discussion about what council is wanting to use the remaining COVID money on, and it was determined to use some of it on the fencing, some on the mulching on Main Street and other miscellaneous expenses. There was discussion about possibly looking into applying for the grant monies again and possibly using any awarded money into installing bathrooms. Myers brought up that there is no shade at the park and he thinks we should look into putting a canopy or more trees in for some added shade at the park.

SOLICITOR: Had nothing to discuss currently.

Neuenschwander asked what the status of the farm lease was, and Swisher let him know that nothing new has been done. It was mentioned that the ground wasn't in very good condition, and the Village would want to have the soil reports for when individuals are considering what to bid on the ground. There was extensive discussion about the quality of the ground, and how to get the ground up to a better quality. Council mentioned that they would like to have someone who understands soil sampling come meet with a few of them so that they can better understand what the soil samples are telling them. Council is also wanting to find someone who deals with writing farm ground leases so that they can get a lease written with the terms and conditions that they are wanting to include. The farm ground discussion is going to be added to old business and discussed more at the next meeting.

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With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Todd Long and seconded by Council Member Tom Nowlan. Roll call was taken: Barb Gossard "yes", Todd Long "yes", Carl Murray "yes", Anthony Myers "yes", Tom Nowlan "yes", and Jerry Neuenschwander "yes". **Motion passed.**



Mayor



Fiscal Officer



Council President