

## BROOKLYN VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2015

The Oct 5, 2015, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall by President Pat Hawkey. Trustees present were Kyle Smith, Sue McCallum, Russell Cazier, Heather Kirkpatrick, and Todd Klahn. Trustee Zach Leavy was absent. Others present were Clerk Strause, Chief Barger, PW Director Langer, Teresa Pelton, Clerk of Court. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2016 budget proposals** were presented. Water Utility budget was not available. Clerk Strause reported on the levy limit worksheet with line items for fire department expenses and services transferred (Municipal Court) during the year in question. These line items if used would increase the levy above the limits.

Municipal Court budget was reviewed. President Hawkey stated per the contract with the Village of Belleville, a Municipal Court Committee was not established and will be on the next agenda. Hawkey asked Teresa Pelton, Court Clerk, how many cases the Village has had this year. She was also asked if Belleville's court expenses are down because the Village's has increased by \$9357 to \$18,437. Line items on the levy limit worksheet allow for increases/decreases for consolidated services; however, one community's increase has to be the same as the other community's decrease. Labor costs for this year have gone up significantly; however, Pelton explained that she spent many hours getting everything transferred over, and researching past due citations. Pelton will get more information back to the Board regarding the increase in the budget.

All budget pages were reviewed by Fund and account. Changes made as follows: Added a "Broker expense" line to TID#2 Fund; added \$100 to EDC expense; added \$500 to mower outlay in the 400 Fund; added \$50,000 to Sewer Utility capital outlay for lift station repair if 3-phase power added to area. If the Village adds 3-Phase power to the Business Complex, Alliant will continue and loop the 3-Phase in the area of the lift station at no extra cost; however, the Village's cost to convert the lift station that has had many repairs in past years is estimated to cost \$50,000. Village's Fire/EMS representative, Roland Arndt, and Oregon Senior Center representatives will be invited to the Oct 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss their 2016 budgets. A budget meeting may be held on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> in order to stay on schedule or it is possible the public hearing for the budget may need to be postponed a week, originally scheduled for Nov 9<sup>th</sup>. The Fire Dept budget will not be done or further discussed by the Fire Board until Oct 14<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Smith moved, second Klahn, carried to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Carol A Strause,  
MMC, WCMC, CMTW  
Village Clerk-Treas.