

**Village of Beaverdam Minutes  
January 21, 2020**

The Beaverdam Village Council met in regular session at the Town Hall with Mayor Pam LePine presiding.

The meeting began with Council member Neuenschwander saying a prayer. Mayor LePine then asked all to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken and the following Council members were present: Carl Murray, Todd Long, Jerry Neuenschwander, Frank Gillette, Thomas Nowlan.

There were no corrections to the agenda. Anthony Myer was added to the agenda.

Donald and Roberta Beemer were in attendance to express concerns about the property across the street from their own. Specifically, 204 S. Lima Street, owned by Rhonda Swisher. The Beemers consider the property to be a nuisance for several reasons including: massive amounts of trash and rubbish in the yard which blows onto their property, a foul smell coming from the property, dogs barking at all hours for extensive periods of time. Mark tells us to send them a junk notice to clean up the property as well as a junk vehicle notice for the blue Chevy Trailblazer that is parked there. We should also contact the health department. After the notices are sent we could have the village employees go clean it up and assess the cost to the property taxes but we would like to avoid that as sometimes it is difficult to get these assessments granted and the employees have voiced concerns about entering properties where they are unwanted. We also have the option of filing charges with the Lima Municipal Court where she may face criminal charges.

There were no additions or correction to the minutes. A motion was made by Council Member Gillette and seconded by Council member Neuenschwander to accept the minutes. Roll call was taken: Carl Murray “yes”, Todd Long “yes”, Jerry Neuenschwander “yes”, Frank Gillette “yes”, Thomas Nowlan “yes”, Motion passed.

**PAY BILLS** – Ordinance 2020-5, a motion to pay the bills, was made by Council member Long and seconded by Council member Murray. Roll call was taken: Carl Murray “yes”, Todd Long “yes”, Jerry Neuenschwander “yes” Frank Gillette “yes”, Thomas Nowlan “yes”. Motion passed.

**FISCAL OFFICER REPORT** – A motion was made by Council member Gillette and seconded by Council member Long to accept the Fiscal Officer reports of Fund Status and other reports for the end of 01/21/2020. Roll call was taken: Carl Murray “yes”, Todd Long “yes”, Jerry Neuenschwander “yes” Frank Gillette “yes”, Thomas Nowlan “yes”. Motion passed.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** – Trina will be leaving soon and we need to find a replacement. The mayor has looked into a “traveling fiscal officer”. This person could come and train whoever replaces Trina. They can only train someone on the UAN system, not the billing software. The one the mayor spoke with is out of Paulding, Ohio and would charge \$25 per hour and time starts when they leave their house and ends when they get back home. She told the mayor that many small towns and villages are have problems retaining someone for the fiscal officer position because requires a lot of work for part-time hours. The mayor stresses to council how important it is that they consider making this position full time. There have been some resumes submitted and they will be holding interviews soon.

**ATTORNEY** – Mark brought back the corrected Oath of Office for the Mayor and Frank and gave them to Trina.

Mark asks where we stand on the application for the zoning variance. The zoning board did get together for an informational meeting and discussed changing the north side of Lincoln Hwy to B-2 to avoid having to change it again in the future. They also discuss changing some properties on the south side as well. Mark will contact the other attorney and let them know it may take a bit longer.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Kooglers refuge has sent over a new contract for trash removal. The only thing that has changed is the price of trash removal for each resident. It has gone up from \$14.25 to \$14.50. Council member Neuenschwander makes a motion to accept the new contract and is seconded by council member Gillette. Roll call was taken: Carl Murray “yes”, Todd Long “yes”, Jerry Neuenschwander “yes” Frank Gillette “yes”, Thomas Nowlan “yes”. Motion passed.

Trina sent a junk vehicle notice via certified mail to the May property. It looks as though they picked the letter up at the post office so we will give them some time to take care of the problem.

**OLD BUSINESS** –Clean up dates are set for May 2<sup>nd</sup> and September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Anthony Myers was is attendance to express his interest in filling the vacant council seat. Anthony is a resident of Beaverdam and is also a registered voter. Council Member Long makes a motion to appoint Anthony Myer to the vacant council seat and is seconded by Council member Neuenschwander. Roll call was taken: Carl Murray “yes”, Todd Long “yes”, Jerry

Neuenschwander “yes” Frank Gillette “yes”, Thomas Nowlan “yes”. Motion passed. Anthony Myer is sworn in by Mark.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE** – Village employee Trent Long presents to council, quotes for a new dump truck. He also tells them that the trade-in value for our dump truck is \$4,500. Trent will find out if the prices quoted are state bid prices. The sales person from Rush Trucking said he could bring a truck to the next meeting for council to look at. Trent will also get information in order about the truck we currently own so we can open up bidding for it after we purchase a new one.

**STREET** – None

**SAFETY/TREES** – None

**BUILDING** – The front door of town hall is leaking water. It is unclear as to where the water is coming in. We will contact someone to check it out.

**REC BOARD** – None

**UTILITY** – The township gave us permission to use the empty lot across from the fire department for the cleanup days.

Council Member Gillette makes a motion to pass Resolution 2020-2R to raise the residents trash rate from \$14.25 to \$15.00 and is seconded by Council Member Long. Roll call was taken: Carl Murray “yes”, Todd Long “yes”, Jerry Neuenschwander “yes” Frank Gillette “yes”, Thomas Nowlan “yes”. Motion passed.

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE** – The trailer and shed located at 105 W. Pearl are dilapidated and could pose a risk to anyone who may enter the property. We will get quotes on how much it would be to have them removed and draft a letter requesting their removal to the owner Blaine Clark. If he refuses to address the problem in a timely fashion, we will have it removed and assess the cost to his property taxes. We could also have the Health Department come and check it out to possibly have it condemned.

Residents have asked if the village is going to enforce the junk ordinance against the property at 401 E. Main St. (former truck wash). There are several unlicensed vehicles and other types of junk. We will need to obtain photos and send junk/ junk vehicle notices to the owner.

Someone asks what is going on with the Welch property beside town hall. He was ordered to clean up the property by the court. We sent them pictures of the property but nothing has happened since. Mark will check with the courts to see where it stands.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**- None

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Nowlan and seconded by Council member Myer.

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Mayor

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President of Council

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Fiscal Officer