

At this time, 5:55 p.m., the Mayor read a section of the Municipal Aid Hearing notification that was published on Bromley's webpage. There is no citizen input tonight in regards to this hearing.

The regular July 2020 meeting of the Bromley Council began at 6:00 p.m. with a pledge to the flag.

A Public Notice was mailed to all citizens and property owners regarding budget amounts for fiscal year 2020-2021 in comparison to budget figures from 2019-2020. There is no citizen input tonight in regards to this notice.

Roll call: Mayor Denham, Attorney Vocke, Mike Kendall, Dianne Wartman, Nancy Kienker, Tim Wartman and Gail Smith. Dave Radford is absent.

The June 2020 minutes were approved on a motion made by Smith with a second by Tim Wartman. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

CITIZEN REPORT

David VonBokern, 659 Bromley/Crescent Springs Road, addressed the Mayor and Council. He had a lien placed on his property in September of 2019. He is in the process of refinancing his property and the lien is holding up this process. At this time, it is costing Mr. VonBokern \$3,600 to keep the rate quoted for the refinance and to resolve this problem. He feels that the lien was misguided and applied to his property in error. Attorney Vocke stated that the lien is on the correct property (659 Bromley Road). It was for a small piece of the property which was in the name of Bond and has since been purchased by Mr. VonBokern. Mr. Vocke stated that the lien for this small section of property is from 2008, at which time the City did not record tax liens. Mr. Vocke has sent numerous letters to the owner shown as Bond on the tax rolls. He has received no response regarding the lien and delinquent taxes.

Mr. Vocke has spoken to Mr. Summe (Mr. VonBokern keeps referring to this person) who has told him that there is "no rush" so nothing has been done. Mr. Vocke can record the lien tomorrow.

Mr. VonBokern was not aware of the lien on the property. He stated that he would have paid the lien had he known that it existed. The lien issue came up because he is refinancing.

The Attorney informed the Mayor that the section of property with the lien was not in Mr. VonBokern's name but the lien is on his property now that he has acquired this section of land.

Mr. Vocke will file to release the lien tomorrow but will have to wait for the Clerk to do the release and return the paperwork. Mr. Vocke will send Mr. VonBokern a receipt that this has been done.

NO PDS REPORT AT THIS TIME

POLICE REPORT

This report is available in the office for review.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

This report is available in the office for review.

Ludlow Fire Department (LFD) has received the certificate that was needed from the State which allows LFD to provide fire, BLS and ALS services to Bromley. This certificate is on file in the office for review.

HALL COMMITTEE REPORT

Dianne is waiting on some estimates for some work on the hall.

ROAD AND LIGHT REPORT

Radford is absent.

Speed monitoring data is available for review.

In order to make a true impact on speed it is felt, by the Mayor and Kendall, that the speed should be monitored from both directions.

Dianne asks if Bromley can track the number of semis driving on Bromley Road. The Mayor feels that the best we can do regarding this matter is to complain to the State as it is their road.

Mr. Palmer who lives at Bromley Road and Highwater has complained that vibrations from the semis is having an effect on his property. Possibly the speed monitoring sign can be placed near his property to slow the trucks down.

NO LICENSE COMMITTEE REPORT

ATTORNEY REPORT

The Attorney read Ordinance 6-1-20 for the second time. This ordinance accepts the 2020-2021 budget. Smith moves to accept this ordinance reading. Kendall seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Attorney read Ordinance 6-2-20 for the second time. This ordinance allows for the levy and collection of taxes and sets the tax rate. Kendall moves to accept this ordinance reading. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Bromley Fire Department (BFD) did not answer the motion for open records. Attorney Vocke feels that the only thing left to do to pursue this matter is to file a petition in Circuit Court. After a short discussion the Attorney recommends that the matter be discussed in executive session at the end of the regular meeting.

The Attorney has filed foreclosures on the Gilbert and Combs properties.

WAYS AND MEANS REPORT

Smith reports that Bromley has received notification from the State that our Municipal Aid funding has been lowered from approximately \$15,000 to \$13,000.

At the end of June the expenses exceeded the income by \$51,000. Some items will be back-posted when the Financial Advisor comes in which may alleviate some of the problem.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Bob France has cut back some overgrowth at 237 Shelby.

France has cut back some trees on corners that were blocking stop signs.

France has purchased some fly traps for the City building due to a large number of flies in the building.

France has caulked along the side of the building at the foundation which seems to have helped alleviate rain water from coming into the basement and forming puddles.

France is street sweeping along the gutters and trimming excess grass. Some weeds are two feet high in the gutters.

France and his wife pressure washed the patio. They are keeping that drain free of debris as often as possible.

France has patched some small potholes. He feels that the one at Boone and Main needs to be done professionally to be fixed properly.

PARK AND PLAYGROUND REPORT

Tim reports that a new net was purchased for the basketball court. He is still trying to get the work done on the basketball court. Tim is being told that the company is still shut down. The man in charge of the asphalt department is to contact him.

France feels that a fence is needed along the basketball court area. The basketballs are going over a neighbor's fence and the kids are climbing over the fence to retrieve them.

Tim noticed two tables with benches on the patio and was wondering if they could be moved to the park area since the BFD is gone. He was informed that these tables belong to the City and they are used during hall rentals.

NO REPORT ON INSURANCE AND GRANTS

MAYOR REPORT

The Mayor has heard that TransMontaigne has shelved the styrene issue for now but it may be brought up again in August or September.

The Attorney informed the Mayor that, if the issue resurfaces, the company will have to advertise their meetings so we should be on the lookout for this on their website.

All opposing (styrene) emails from our citizens are being forwarded to the Mayor and Council.

Smith moves to accept all committee reports. Kienker seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Dianne reports that the moving of the Veteran's memorial is on hold for the time being.

Dianne suggests that we may want to consider setting up a food pantry to help take care of some families who may be in need due to the Covid-19.

The Attorney feels that it is a good idea but stated that we should not do this.

The Mayor suggests that we may want to get with some of the members of Immanuel United Church of Christ and assist them if they have such a program in place. Food may have to be served outdoors.

Dianne will pursue this matter.

OLD BUSINESS

Kendall reports that Spectrum still has not removed the cables from the pole at 305 Main. They are blaming Covid-19 for the delay.

NEW BUSINESS

Kienker stated that a group of good teens is trying to do some jobs around the City. They have purchased business cards. The Mayor suggests that Kienker obtain a list from them of things they wish to do and present the list to Council.

Kendall stated that the owners of the school building are going to address the landscaping in front of their building. They are allowing some youths to use the basketball court. They are planning to asphalt the side entrance into the building (basketball court entry) and put up a privacy fence.

The son of a Beechwood basketball coach is organizing a training camp to be held in this building.

The old school building owner is also talking about doing some repairs to the floor, ceiling and roof at the basketball court location of the building.

The owner of this building says that he will assist Bromley in any way that he can and there may be a possibility of assisting in getting some park funds as well.

NO COMMUNICATIONS

BILLS

Smith moves to pay the bills. Kienker seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

Kendall moves to go into executive session to discuss BFD issues. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried. (7:02 p.m.)

Kendall moves to return to the regular meeting. Dianne seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

Kendall moves to adjourn (7:21 p.m.). Dianne seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

MAYOR



CLERK


