

**VILLAGE OF BREWSTER**  
**COUNCIL OF THE WHOLE – CURFEW AND MOTORCYCLES**  
**MARCH 18, 2024 – 6:00 PM**

**Council Members present:** Tom Hilliard, Brett Long, Dave Godwin, Tim Dorkoff, Sydney Radich.

**Village Officials:** Mayor Chuck Hawk, VA Mike Miller, Asst. Clerk Wheeler, and Clerk-Treasurer Kris King

**Audience:** Chief Nathan Taylor and Detective Aaron Keener

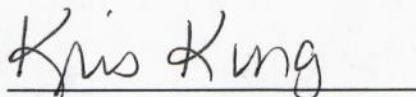
This meeting was requested by Chief Taylor to review the curfew ordinance. There are questions as to what exactly the curfew is. At one point it was 10pm to 6am but when the Village approved Ohio Basic Code, it changes to 11pm to 7am we think. Regardless of which is correct, the Chief needs something with a little teeth to it. Solicitor Anthony will be reviewing this. He is requesting that a new ordinance be drawn up that holds the parents responsible. He spoke with the Municipal and the County Courts and it was suggested that instead of arresting the offenders, we impose a civil fine. This would be similar to a parking ticket. Chief Taylor suggested starting with a written warning, then a fine each incident after that.

Chief Taylor went on to discuss the issues the Police Department has been dealing with. There has been spray painting of homes, garages, and sheds. Council Member Radich stated the alley on West Fifth Street has paint everywhere. The Chief stated that he needs a reason to stop the kids to see why they are out roaming the streets after dark. Council Member Dorkoff stated the fines have to be high enough that it hurts. VA Miller suggested first a written warning, second time write a ticket for \$50 and then \$100 each time thereafter. Council Member Hilliard asked how many parking tickets have been issued. There has been one this year.

Chief Taylor spoke to County Juvenile Prosecutor Melissa Day about the issues concerning the riding of a motorcycle in a resident's own yard. The Chief was told by the county that the residents just need to let it go. The Chief stated if anyone threatens to shoot a child that they will be arrested and prosecuted. Council Member Hilliard wants the Solicitor to send a letter to the complainants. VA Miller is looking into deploying cameras and a decibel reader. The problem is they don't make outside readers that would hold up in our weather. Council Member Dorkoff stated the police need to patrol and catch them riding on Village property such as the alley. He has seen them out in the street. The Chief suggested the Chief Prosecutor come have a mediation between the families.

Mayor Hawk adjourned the meeting at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kris King, Clerk-Treasurer