**CITY OF BRAIDWOOD**
**Agenda**
**City Council Regular Meeting**
**Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**
**City Council Chambers**

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment
Approval of Minutes
January 13, 2015 - Regular Meeting

Reports by City Officials

**Mayor**
Proclamation of National Drug Facts Week

**Administrator**
**Clerk**
Notify council of Public Hearing for an annexation agreement on February 10, 2015

**Engineer**

**City Attorney**
Review Electoral Board Decision

Reports by City Commissioners

**Accounts and Finances**
Payment of Bills
Payroll

**Streets and Public Improvements**

**Public Property**

**Public Health & Safety**

**Planning & Zoning Board Report**

Old Business
New Business
Executive Session to discuss personnel, pending and/or imminent litigation, collective bargaining/labor relations, or land acquisition
Adjournment

# CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
## Minutes
## City Council Regular Meeting
## Tuesday, January 27, 2015
## City Council Chambers

**Call to Order**

Mayor Bill Rulien called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

**Roll Call**

Elected Officials present: Mayor Rulien, Commissioner of Public Property Jim Hutton, Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements Danny Graf, Commissioner of Public Health and Safety Eric Tessler, and Commissioner of Accounts and Finances Elena Hibler.

Appointed officials present: City Administrator Rich Girot, City Attorney Scott Pyles, City Engineer Howard Hamilton and Deputy Clerk Mary Beth Pressley.

**Public Comment**

No Comments.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the January 13, 2015 regular meeting were approved as read.

**Reports by City Officials**
Mayor Rulien gave highlights of **National Drug Facts Week** Proclamation and proclaimed the week of Monday, January 26-Sunday, February 1, 2015 to be National Drug Facts Week and urged all citizens to be involved in activities planned by our BAHCC.

**City Administrator**

City Administer Rich Girot attended the Imec meeting on Tuesday regarding liability insurance. IMEC still needs to find an appraiser to determine replacement costs for our buildings. They are trying to get more safety training for employees. A developer made an offer for Broucek's property. They are still in negotiations and he is meeting with another developer tomorrow.

**City Clerk**

Notified Council of Public Hearing for an annexation agreement on February 10, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

**City Engineer**

**City Attorney**

Attorney gave a review of the Electoral Board hearing that was held January 20, 2015 regarding the objection for the candidate, James Vehrs. In summary, the objection in that case was that he is in arrears or debt to the community. Evidence showed that there were 10 or more past due charges in the last 12 months on the account. A payment had been made to bring the account current. The Illinois Supreme Court had ruled in Sinkus that an account in arrears was enough

to sustain an objection; however the law had been changed since that ruling to amend the statute so that in fact a candidate needed only to be current on monies owed to a municipality at the time of oath of office. Based on an amendment to the statute, the Electoral Board by unanimous decision overruled the objection. There is a copy of the decision on the back table. The Electoral Board did an excellent job.

**Reports by City Commissioners**

*Comm. Hibler moved to pay $234,268.35 in bills. Comm. Graf seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.*

*Comm. Hibler moved to pay $6,579.63 out of Federal Forfeiture Funds for two bills covering computers and cameras for squad cars, seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.*

*Comm. Hibler moved to pay $86,558.92 in payroll. Comm. Tessler seconded. The motion was approved 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.*

Comm. Graf reported on the snow and ice storm which called for a lot of salt. Our guys did a wonderful job and our roads are in great shape. We still have plenty of salt left. He also thanked the Lion's Club for getting the Christmas lights down.

Comm. Hutton read the weekly reports.

Comm. Tessler reported that the Police Department had an auction on the 19th where they auctioned off 67 surplus firearms to two dealers for a total of $7200 that they will put toward the new evidence room. Mike's Guns and Ammo out of Bradley, and Robert Hintze out of Mazon were the two dealers who purchased the guns.

**Old Business**

**New Business** Mayor Rulien wanted to address a question posed to him by a resident regarding the cost of government. Apparently it was said in the paper that in the four years of this administration we had spent over $1,000,000 on these three areas. The mayor said that the total with 3 months to go was $749,525.12. Under the Grygiel Administration after four years they spent $1,245,902.82 for the same positions. Mayor Rulien said he was proud of being cheap.
Elena and Ty Klover pay close attention to what we spend our money on for our attorney, finance director, and police chief. For example, under the Grygiel Administration the finance director made $266k, ours made $141K. Her police chief made $344K, ours made $311K. The Saltzman Administration spent $425K on their police chief. Her attorney made $634K, ours made $296K.

**City Administrator Girot wanted to make sure the next agenda showed the reappointment of Tari Atherton to the Pension Board.**

**Adjournment**

*Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to adjourn. Comm... Tessler made that motion, seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.*

Meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.

Approved this 10 day of February 2015

Mayor

City Clerk

# *"National Drug Facts Week" Proclamation*

***WHEREAS**, National Drug Facts Week is sponsored by the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) at the National Institutes of Health, in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in accordance with other federal and private partner organizations, to encourage teens to ask questions about drugs and drug abuse and receive scientifically based facts and answers in return,*

***WHEREAS**, from that day forward, National Drug Facts Week will occur in the winter with an annual seven day celebration, anchored by NIDA's National Drug Facts Chat Day, an annual event that provides high school students across the United States the with opportunity to ask questions of the Nation's leading experts in the field of drug abuse and addiction via a web "chat."*

***WHEREAS**, National Drug Facts Week is a celebration of the inquisitive minds of teenagers and encourages them to ask questions about drugs and drug abuse and get scientifically based answers, without judgment or biased comment.*

***WHEREAS**, the National Institute on Drug Abuse stimulates most of the world's research on drug abuse and addiction and can offer science as a key element of the national and community conversation about drugs,*

***WHEREAS**, National Drug Facts Week celebrates the efforts of national and community organizations working with teens to encourage this science based conversation about drugs and drug abuse;*

***WHEREAS**, **The Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition** has chosen **Braidwood, IL** to officially launch our local efforts.*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, I, **Bill Rulien, Mayor** of **Braidwood**, on behalf of **The Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition**, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 26th through Sunday, February 1st, 2015 — to be:*

***"NATIONAL DRUG FACTS WEEK"***

*In the **City of Braidwood**, I urge all citizens to participate in the activities planned hereforth.*

*IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of **Braidwood**, this 27th day of **January, 2015.***

***Bill Rulien, Mayor of Braidwood***
*Witness: **City Clerk, Lisa Glisson***

Bill Rulien
Lisa Glisson