

Regular Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

April 17, 2019

Mayor Marty Lucas called the meeting to order, Rick Sidwell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Marty Lucas, Fiscal Officer Ricky Burkhead, Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn, Cindy Foose, Solicitor Jeffrey Menoski, Jordan Castello, Chuck Little
Absent: Carol Merritt, Administrator Dirk Davis

Guest(s)

Stephanie Castello, Phil Castello, Pete Busack, Linda Reeves, Victoria Powell, Dave Green, Crystal Lorimore, Rick Sidwell, Alan Stonebreaker

Reports

The Fiscal Officer E-Mailed Fund Status, Cash Summary by Fund, Fund Ledger, Payroll, Receipt Register & YTD Appropriation status reports to Council Members, Administrator, Fire Chief & Mayor. Chuck Little made a motion to approve the March 2019 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Jordan Castello - Yes, Chuck Little - Yes.

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Crystal Lorimore from the community improvement corporation stated that she works with the Ohio Valley Trail Organization and she is here to discuss a cycling trail. Crystal stated that a popular thing is cycling on gravel roads. Crystal stated that they wish to have a cycling trail come past the reservoir, to Virginia Street and on to Barnesville. They are seeking the village's permission to put up signage detailing the route. Chuck Little made a motion to allow them to mark the cycling route, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Jordan Castello - Yes, Chuck Little - Yes.

Mayor Lucas read Administrator Davis's report:

1. Community room and street garage above windows is being finished. Going to ask Twilla Fisher to paint a Muriel. Council agreed.
2. Backflow testing on the local businesses is complete and everyone passed.
3. Goshen TWP would like a police contract with no dedicated patrol and no radar being ran.
4. Mr. Braido has an air compressor valued at \$20,000 that we could purchase for \$2000 and some grindings for his parking lot. Chuck Little made a motion to approve the purchase and the offering of road grindings to offset the costs, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Jordan Castello - Yes, Chuck Little - Yes.
5. St. Clairsville American Legion is asking for donations for a freedom walk.
6. ODNR sent us a letter regarding to invasive fish into waterways.
7. Ball teams have asked to do tag day at the four ways in the village.. Dirk stated that it was a safety concern and Dirk recommended letting them go to store owners or house to house, but not at the four way.

Mayor Lucas informed everyone that the Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday and only a few minor things need taken care of. Mayor Lucas stated that everything will be in place and ready to take over to the park. Mayor Lucas asked if everyone would like to donate \$5-\$10 to purchase dollar coins to put in the eggs for the children.

Mayor Lucas stated that the Summit Street property has been sent a letter pertaining to their ordinance violations. Mayor Lucas stated that we have revised the camper ordinance and added a clause that states that there will be a daily fine of \$25 for the violation. Jay Van Horn made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Chuck Little, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Jordan Castello - Yes, Chuck Little - Yes. Chuck Little made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-4 which is the updated camper regulation ordinance, seconded by Jay Van Horn, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Jordan Castello - Yes, Chuck Little - Yes.

Solicitor Menoski presented the social media policy ordinance for the second reading. One change was made to include that employees whose job requires social media, may use it. Jordan Castello made a motion to declare tonight the second reading of the social media policy ordinance, seconded by Chuck Little, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Jordan Castello - Yes, Chuck Little - Yes. Solicitor Menoski presented the non discriminatory policy ordinance for the second reading. One change was made, we took out the language pertaining to new hires as this will be in a separate ordinance, Cindy Foose made a motion to declare tonight the second reading of the non discriminatory policy ordinance, seconded by Chuck Little, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Jordan Castello - Yes, Chuck Little - Yes.

Fiscal Officer Burkhead informed council that this years gun bash will be one of the first three Saturdays in November. He will let council know once a date has been set. Rick presented the 2019-2020 EMS contract with Belmont County. Chuck Little made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Jordan Casetllo, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Jordan Castello - Yes, Chuck Little - Yes.

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Jay Van Horn presented an application for Richard Smith for firefighter. Jay Van Horn made a motion to approve the application pending a clear background check, seconded by Jordan Castello, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes. Jay stated that the fire department is holding a raffle to with a charcoal smoker, four chairs, a canopy, and a cooler. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Police Chief Pete Buscak informed council that there was eight citations, 22 complaints responded to, two arrests, and two domestic issues. Pete stated that he will be there for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Chuck Little presented a building permit for Bob Flanagan to build a house on McKinley Avenue. Chuck Little made a motion to approve the building permit, seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes. Chuck presented a building permit for Cody Marshall to construct a garage. Chuck Little made a motion to approve the building permit, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes. Dave Green stated that there is an issue with the potable water line as the meter is on someone else's property. Chuck is going to have Cody give him a call.

Victoria Powell stated that she is having an issue with a car being parked on First Street. Pete stated that he had the car removed today.

Linda Reeves addressed council and informed everyone that she is running for Mayor.

Alan Stonebreaker stated that there has been nothing done about the speeding oil and gas traffic. Marty stated that the 15 mph signs are EQTs limit and not an official speed limit. Our speed limit is 25mph. Marty stated that he spoke with EQT about the traffic and they had their safety person sit around town for a few days. Alan agreed to let the police sit down by his parking lot and run radar occasionally. Alan made a complaint about a property on Depot Street having tons of junk collecting on it. Marty stated that the property is on his list.

Stephanie Castello asked when anything will be done about the parking on Willow Street. Mayor Lucas stated that he has tried to fix the issue but people who live on that street have no other place to park.

Chuck Little made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and contracts, at 8:17 p.m., seconded by Jay Van Horn, Jay - Yes, Cindy - Yes, Ruth - Yes, Jordan - Yes, Chuck – Yes.

At 8:25 p.m. Mayor Lucas declared executive session over.

Mayor Lucas stated that he is breaking the personnel committee away from finance and the new committee will be comprised of Chuck, Jay and Cindy. The first order of business is for this committee to begin to restructure the employee handbook and other items pertaining to employees.

Motion to pay bills by Ruth Saffell, 2nd by Jay Van Horn, with a unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn by Chuck Little, 2nd by Jordan Castello, with a unanimous vote.

The next meeting will be Wednesday May 15th, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Marty Lucas

Fiscal Officer Ricky W. Burkhead Jr.