

## Regular Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

April 21, 2021

Mayor Samantha Burkhead called the meeting to order, Samantha led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Roll Call

Present: Mayor Samantha Burkhead, Administrator Dirk Davis, Fiscal Officer Ricky Burkhead, Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn, Jordan Castello, Rod Miller, Cindy Foose, Solicitor Michael Shaheen  
Absent: Carol Merritt

### Guest(s)

Stephanie Castello, Phil Castello, Bill Cox, Chuck Little, Dick Quinlin, Joni Davis, Debbie Mason, Teresa Schafer, Jeanette Lucas, Neil Hunt, Zach Gaston, Chuck Little, Linda Reeves, Mindy Blake, Scott Blake

### 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. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes, seconded by Jordan Castello, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.

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Jay Van Horn made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 6:41 p.m., seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay - Yes, Ruth - Yes, Jordan - Yes, Cindy – Yes, Rod - Yes.

At 6:56 p.m. Mayor Samantha Burkhead declared executive session over.

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Rick announced that we are selling raffle tickets to support the fireworks. We are selling 300 tickets at \$20 a ticket for two \$1000 cash prizes.

Dirk asked council for permission to advertise for the sale of the 2009 F350 and the 2009 Dump Truck. Rod Miller made a motion to have Rick advertise for the sale of the two trucks, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Dirk stated that he found the ordinance where the alley in question at the last meeting, was vacated. Dirk stated that he would get the ordinance to the solicitor and council.

Solicitor Michael Shaheen confirmed that the alley Dirk was talking about was the alley Mr. Braido was stating was abandoned. Mr. Shaheen asked if council is still interested in purchasing the lot behind the VFW. Dirk recommended that we proceed to purchase it as it can be used for the downtown area. Rod asked if the village could work on obtaining the property on Oak Street and trade with Mr. Braido. Mr. Shaheen stated that could take 6-12 months and he wasn't sure if Mr. Braido was wanting to wait that long. Jay Van Horn stated that he had concerns over the value of the property. Jay stated that an alley runs through the property and that part of the parking lot is actually owned by, Bryan Mason, the Library, and Chuck Little. Dirk stated that if we do not purchase the lot then we won't be able to control who is allowed to use it. Dirk stated that there are no water lines but there is a storm sewer line that runs through the lot. Mr. Shaheen stated that Joe informed him that he had about \$12,000 in the property to acquire it and clean it up. Chuck Little stated that Rob Barr did a survey on it about two years ago. Mr. Shaheen stated that Mr. Braido also offered to be paid in installments if needed. Mr. Shaheen stated that he would let Mr. Braido know that council is discussing it and that we would maintain the grass on the lot until a decision is made.

Solicitor Shaheen presented Ordinance 2021-4 which is the dangerous building abatement ordinance for the second reading. Jordan Castello made a motion to declare tonight the second reading of Ordinance 2021-4, seconded by Rod Miller, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Mr. Shaheen presented Ordinance 2021-5 which repeals a section of the trailer ordinance exempting the trailer parks. Jordan Castello made a motion to declare tonight the second reading of Ordinance 2021-5 seconded by Rod Miller, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.

Solicitor Shaheen presented Resolution 2021-4 a resolution approving the hiring of Michael Rogers as a volunteer fireman effective April 14<sup>th</sup>, pending background check. Rod Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-4 seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn – Abstain, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Mr. Shaheen presented Resolution 2021-5 a resolution approving the hiring of Emily Prosser as an EMT at \$12 an hour, for 180 day probation, pending background check. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-5, seconded by Rod Miller, Jay Van Horn - Abstain, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.

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Solicitor Shaheen presented Resolution 2021-6 a resolution approving the hiring of William Logston as a part time patrolman effective April 21<sup>st</sup> for \$13 an hour, a 180 day probation, and pending background check. Rod Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-6 seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn – Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Mr. Shaheen presented Resolution 2021-7 a resolution approving the hiring of C. Raymond Maynard as an part time patrolman effective April 21<sup>st</sup>, for 180 day probation, pending background check. Jay Van Horn made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-7, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.

Rod Miller presented a building permit for Bryan Stacy Kemp for a fence. Jordan Castello made a motion to approve the building permit, seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.

Cindy Foose stated that she and the committee met with Larry Taylor and he would like to meet with other people on council as well. Cindy stated that she thinks it would be a good idea to try. Cindy stated that if anyone would like to talk to Larry she can give anyone his number. Rod stated that he thinks it is a good idea to try and if you don't like it you can opt out by calling an 1800 number. Samantha asked if we could invite Larry to come and meet with members of the community and see if they would like to see if this program would be beneficial to them. Jay stated that he is interested in getting a better explanation of the program. Samantha stated that she would arrange a meeting.

Jordan Castello stated that she is working on parade attendees for the Memorial Day Parade and has not had any returned calls yet. Jordan stated that she is going to call the school and see if they are doing parades again.

Council discussed changing of the meeting dates to a different day of the month. After discussion council decided to hold meetings going forward on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30.

Linda Reeve presented a check in the amount of \$4,061 to put towards the firework. This money was raised from donation jars and two bake sales that were held by residents. Samantha thanked Linda for helping with raising money.

Police Chief Chris Storm stated that there is no record of when the radar's were calibrated. Chris stated that the calibration was needed on the equipment. Chris stated that he hopes to do this next Wednesday. Chris stated that Doan Ford quoted \$982 for tires, mounting, and balancing for the Explorer. Cindy Foose made a motion to purchase tires for the Explorer, seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Chris stated that it was found that the radiator on the Dodge needs repaired at a cost of \$600 and that it may also have a damaged lifter and oil pump. Jay stated that last week he spoke to Ed & Jacks and there was a hole in the radiator and it had stop lead put in it. Jay stated that Ed & Jacks said that the lifter is knocking and if the engine has been worked on before, then the repairs could be major. Jay stated that we may need to look if it worth working on this car or not. Jay stated that a maintenance log has not been found on it. Dirk stated that East End Garage said it was filled with stop leak a long time ago and it's hard to say how much has went into the engine. Jay stated that Ed told him that it appeared that the heads have been removed before. Dirk stated that sometimes it is better to cut your losses and move on. Jordan asked if we checked any other places for tires.

Fire Chief Neil Hunt stated that the Fire Department and the Park Board would like to hold a gun bash this year on November 13<sup>th</sup> and would like council's permission to proceed. Rod Miller made a motion to allow the planning an execution of a gun bash for 2021, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Neil stated that the fire department is going to hold a chicken BBQ again this year. Neil stated that the department is raffling off a tailgate package and selling tickets for \$5 each of 5 for \$20.

Linda Reeves asked if Chautauqua is going to happen this year. Dirk confirmed that as of right now the event is on.

Scott Blake asked about his dog situation. Samantha suggested that Scott speak with Chris and inform him about the issues he has.

Linda stated that she has not met the new chief and his officers and that she would like to meet them after the meeting.

Motion to pay bills by Cindy Foose, 2nd by Jordan Castello, with a unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn by Jay Van Horn, 2nd by Cindy Foose, with a unanimous vote.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.**