

Regular Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

August 10, 2022

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

Roll Call

Present: Jay Van Horn, Zach Gaston, Carol Merritt, Cindy Foose, Administrator Dirk Davis, Mayor Samantha Burkhead, Rod Miller, Police Chief Chris Storm, Fiscal Officer Ricky Burkhead, Solicitor Michael Shaheen
Absent: Ruth Saffell

Guest(s)

Jordan Castello, Stephanie Castello, Phil Castello, Linda Reeves, John Dombroski, Chuck Little, Sandy Tomolonis

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. Jay Van Horn made a motion to approve the July meeting minutes, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.

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John Dombroski addressed council regarding the village's ordinance pertaining to the trailer courts. John stated that he spoke to people at the state and they informed him that the trailer court is grandfathered and does not have to abide by village ordinances. John read over a couple attorney general opinions and discussed two cases pertaining to cities not allowing trailers. John stated that he has no intention of suing the village and just wants to continue to fix up the trailer court and remodel some of the trailers. Solicitor Shaheen stated that the condition of the trailers that are abandoned is the item up for question not him having trailers in the trailer court. Mr. Shaheen informed John that no one is trying to prohibit him from having trailers there and no one is asking him not to rent trailers. Mr. Shaheen stated that we are just asking him not to have junk trailers. John stated that there are two trailers that he is going to try to get rid of and he was concerned about not being able to put trailers back on the sites. Mr. Shaheen stated that he can put trailers back on the sites as long as they are in decent shape. John stated that he has no issues as long as he is allow to up trailers back on the lots once he removes old ones. Mr. Shaheen stated that the trailer court being grandfathered is accurate but we have to hold everyone in town accountable to upkeep their property.

Chuck Little stated that there is still a yellow four wheeler on Oak Street hauling little kids with no helmet and they also go down Main Street. Samantha stated that Chris has spoke to these people and will continue to do so. Jay recommended that Chuck let Chris or Samantha know when it happens and not to wait a month until the next council meeting.

Sandy Tomolonis stated that she still has an issue with people driving fast and revving engines on the alley behind her house. Sandy asked if speed bump could be installed. Mayor Samantha stated that we were told by past solicitors that we could not put one on Lake Street. Solicitor Shaheen stated that he believes there are some detriments that can be put on the street and he will research and get back to council at the next meeting.

Administrator Dirk Davis gave his monthly report:

- No news on a meeting with the county commissioners.
- No applications for a sewer plant operator.
- The Second Street list station generator has been paid for.
- We had a brown out at the sewer plant and it burned up a pump. An insurance claim has been processed in the amount of \$10,766.88.
- Virginia Street Ext. work has been completed and a concrete apron will be installed in the removed driveway and street areas.
- ODNR engineering firm list had Hull & Associates on it and they are now Verdantas. Dirk stated that the estimate is \$4,800 for Verdantas to conduct a bathymetric, and volume survey to determine what class of dam we fall under. Dirk stated that the dam was built in 1860 and it was four feet lower and there was a 14" drain hole. Dirk stated that in 1918-1925 the dam was redone to what it is today. Carol Merritt made a motion to approve the \$4,800 estimate to have Verdantas perform the survey, seconded by Rod Miller, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.
- The four-way stop has a big turning issue with people turning onto North Main Street. A stop sign was reinstalled three times. Mr. Shaheen stated that he is going to speak with Dave Schafer tomorrow.
- The two gearboxes for the sewer plant have been delivered and are in the garage. We are waiting to have C channel fabricated and then they gearboxes will be installed.
- Quotes from Parnell Paving have been obtained and Mr. Shaheen sent a letter today to EQT about the paving costs.
- Dirk recommended that we look at an ordinance with a fine of \$250 or higher that would restrict oil and gas traffic on village streets including Main Street.
- Dirk set up a meeting with Integrity Paving and Sealing who Goshen TWP uses for chipping and sealing their roads. Dirk stated that he would like to have some work done by them to do the alleys where there are hills that we did two years ago. Jay asked what type of guarantee they have. Dirk stated that he would talk to them about getting one in writing. Cindy made a motion to approve the work on the streets we did two years ago if there is a guarantee, seconded by Jay Van Horn, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.
- Larry Taylor was contacted about getting our electric costs down and there isn't much to be done right now.
- Kenny Davis from Belmont asked to rent the paving roller last week. Jay Van Horn made a motion to rent the roller for \$250 a day, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.

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Fiscal Officer Burkhead stated that the gun bash is coming up and we have about 100 tickets left right now. We are also selling motorcycle raffle tickets. Rick asked permission to get a credit card for Fire Chief Chris Hunt. Rod Miller made a motion to approve getting Chris a village card, seconded by Cindy Foose, Carol Merritt - Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Rod Miller - Yes. Rick stated that the village also received the second ARPA payment.

Solicitor Shaheen stated that he was asked to come up with language for the waterfowl ordinance and he found a couple options to go with. Council agreed to use the one that explains why we don't want people to feed the waterfowl. Mr. Shaheen stated that he is working on his list of to do items, the speed bump, adjusting the ordinance pertaining to trailer courts, the eminent domain for the Oak Street property, main street paving with EQT, and a roller rental agreement,

Mayor Samantha Burkhead stated that we will be showing The Goonies at the park amphitheater on August 20th at 8:30.

Chris stated that he applied for a grant to get new body cameras and he was fitted for new vests.

Cindy Foose gave an update for the Ordinance Committee. Cindy stated that some issues have been taken care of. The rental house on Summit has posted a 30 day notice. There are a couple warnings that were sent out. There was a meeting with the owner of the upper trailer court. The meeting went well and there will be updates as things move forward. Mr. Shaheen stated that the committee is being more than generous on the time frames for people to get their properties cleaned up. Cindy stated that there are a couple houses with high grass right now that are for sale.

Cindy Foose made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel, at 7:38 p.m., seconded by Rod Miller, Jay - Yes, Carol - Yes, Zach - Yes, Cindy – Yes, Rod - Yes.

At 7:53 p.m. Mayor Samantha Burkhead declared executive session over.

Motion to pay bills by Zach Gaston, 2nd by Cindy Foose, with a unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn by Zach Gaston, 2nd by Rod Miller, with a unanimous vote.

The next meeting will be Wednesday September 14th, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Samantha Burkhead

Fiscal Officer Ricky W. Burkhead Jr.