

## Regular Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

February 25, 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, Carol Merritt, Solicitor Michael Shaheen

Absent:

### Guest(s)

Stephanie Castello, Phil Castello, Shirley Lucas, Linda Reeves, Chuck Little, Kathy Little, Dick Quinlin, Neil Hunt, Bill Cox, Scott Blake, Mindy 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. Rod Miller made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes, seconded by Carol Merritt, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes.

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Rick presented Dirk's administrators report.

- 1- Winter 2020-2021 has been very busy and we purchased additional salt and grit from Belmont Mills at a cost of \$3,436.
- 2- We are looking at a three phase generator for the second Street lift station. We need to install this to meet EPA demands. We should upgrade the electric boxes and wiring as well.
- 3- A generator for the community room was purchased for \$1,999 to help in the event of a power outage. We are a warming center for Belmont County.
- 4- Tony Gregor would like to lease or purchase the land below the reservoir dam to the sewer plant to run cattle. Dirk recommended that we keep the land. Solicitor Shaheen asked if we would need to survey the property and what we would need additionally for council to make a decision. Dirk stated that the property would not need surveyed and that is the property that is to the left of the ball field road. Dirk provided maps at the last meeting. Council will look this over and decide next month.
- 5- We purchased a generator in 2015 for the sewer plant and Dirk is going to get a quote to have this installed.
- 6- The sewer plant road is very soft and needs to have the portion below the ball fields dug up and a new base put in. The total cost to make the repairs is \$2,375. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve this repair, seconded by Rod Miller, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes.
- 7- The F250 truck has arrived and is in the street garage. The F600 and the F160 are still being worked on and should be here in a couple weeks.
- 8- Dirk presented a wish list of things that need done. Repair issues with the street garage eclectic, the street garage floor needs replaced, and heating in the garage needs replaced on both top and bottom levels as both furnaces broke this last winter and one was repaired and is being babied through the winter.

Fiscal Officer Burkhead informed council that the go fund me for the fireworks has been set up and GoFundMe takes 0% of the money made. Rick thanked the Fire Department for letting them use their name as they are a 501C3. Rick asked if we want to formally approve the fireworks we wait and see how much money we raise. We will vote on this next council meeting. Rick presented a building permit for Ron Lucas to build a new home. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes.

Mayor Samantha Burkhead presented Robert Tate's resignation. Jordan Castello made a motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Rod Miller, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes. Samantha reminded residents that there are hats and gloves at the city building on the front stoop, free for anyone that needs them. Samantha stated that Easter is coming and we need to get a game plan and have a recreation committee meeting. Samantha stated that last Easter, flowers were given out to the elderly residents in the community, and something like that will be happening again this year.

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Solicitor Michael Shaheen stated that Dirk provided him with a list of chores and he has been working on those items. Solicitor Shaheen stated that he has reached out to TJ Schultz to begin working on the street sweeper and street roller contract with Belmont. Solicitor Shaheen stated that he was asked to work on two street dedications. Solicitor Shaheen stated that he would have an Ordinance at the next meeting since the surveys are complete. Solicitor Shaheen stated that the street off of North Main was discussed to be Old School Road. Jay Van Horn made a motion to make the name of this street "Old School Road", seconded by Carol Merritt, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes. The name of the second street that is located behind the firehouse was discussed. Dirk suggested that maybe we call it Chief Neil Hunt Road or Firehouse Road. Mayor Burkhead suggested Chief Neil Avenue. Mayor Samantha Burkhead announced that Neil has worked for the Fire Department for 50 years. Everyone congratulated Neil. Cindy Foose made a motion to name the street between Summit and Oak "Chief Neil Avenue", seconded by Rod Miller, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes.

Solicitor Shaheen stated that the ordinance committee asked him to review the draft legislation dealing with property maintenance issues. Solicitor Shaheen stated that currently the trailer courts are exempt from the mobile home and trailer ordinance and stated that it is not appropriate or healthy to treat them differently. Solicitor Shaheen proposed that we modify the trailer ordinance to not exclude the trailer courts. Solicitor Shaheen stated that he will continue to work on his list.

Fire Chief Neil Hunt stated that we will be receiving a new ambulance in the next 3-4 months. Neil asked if the village is still in favor of helping with the purchase of a loading system for the ambulance. Neil stated that the estimated cost will be right at \$40,000. Council will vote on this next month after we see if more CARES money is forthcoming.

Rod Miller asked Solicitor Shaheen to look at the gun safe zone laws and look at exemptions for state and federal laws.

Chuck Little asked Solicitor Shaheen how to recall the mayor. Solicitor Shaheen stated that he assumed Chuck was asking as Michael being head of the board of elections. Michael stated that there are many steps and it is different for a municipality and he would offer Chuck the code section.

Cindy Foose nominated Rod Miller to be president of council for 2021, second nomination for Rod by Jordan Castello, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Abstain, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes.

Motion to pay bills by Cindy Foose, 2nd by Rod Miller, with a unanimous vote.  
Motion to adjourn by Jay Van Horn, 2nd by Ruth Saffell, with a unanimous vote.  
**The next meeting will be Wednesday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.**