

## Regular Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

July 30, 2019

Mayor Marty Lucas called the meeting to order, Dave Green led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Roll Call

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

### Guest(s)

Stephanie Castello, Phil Castello, Pete Busack, Alan Stonebreaker, Dave Green

### 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. Jordan Castello made a motion to approve the June 2019 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Chuck Little, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.

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Mayor Lucas stated that Dan Phillips passed away this past month. Mayor Lucas stated that Dan was very involved on council, the fire department, as well as a deputy sheriff. Mayor Lucas asked that everyone keep Dan's family in their thoughts. Mayor Lucas stated that Chautauqua went very well and the downtown events went very well also. Mayor Lucas stated that the vendors downtown donated \$700 to the fire department. Mayor Lucas thanked Dirk and the public works employees for getting the events ready. Mayor Lucas stated that the fireworks show was amazing that that he already has people calling to contribute for another show next year. Mayor Lucas thanked Joel Braido and the Bethesda Christian Church for letting us use their property and facilities.

Mayor Lucas asked for a police committee meeting in the next day or two. The meeting will be tomorrow Wednesday around 7:30.

Fiscal Officer Burkhead informed council that the park audit is complete. Rick stated that gun bash tickets are available and there are still nine guns to be sponsored. Rick stated that we are seeking items or cash to be donated to cover the costs of side raffles at the bash. Rick stated that the fireworks show was fun and went off well. Rick asked if council wanted to try to do it next year and what day. Council talked and everyone thought we should keep in the same weekend and do it Friday or Sunday evening. Rick stated that we may need a special meeting in the first half of August in order to approve legislation to issue bonds to purchase the new ladder truck.

Administrator Dirk Davis stated that Twilla Fisher is going to start the Muriel for the community room on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and we will pay when the real estate taxes come in. Dirk stated that new storm drain running from Gail and across the old school grounds has been replaced by Jimmy and Byron. Dirk stated that Mr. Braido purchased all of the 1100 feet of pipe and a catch basin and we supplied one catch basin and the labor to correct the issue. Dirk thanked Joe for helping the village by purchasing the pipe. Dirk stated that the SAMS number has been renewed this past month. Dirk suggested that we purchase new chairs for the council room. Dave purchased Dirk a new chair since his office chair of eight years broke this past month. Council is going to check it out and decide at a later date. Dirk stated that the basketball court resealing quote hasn't come back yet. Dirk stated that the park board is looking into purchasing new backboards for the court. Dirk stated that the Epworth Cottage Association asked if we could fix a sewer line issue. The cost of the repairs was \$559.93 and a bill was submitted to them for the job. Dirk stated that the Cottage Owners paid for our yearly contract for hauling leaves and brush out of the park last year. The contract runs July to July.

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Solicitor Jeff Menoski stated that the Summit Street property has many issues and several things come up throughout the court proceedings. Mayor Lucas stated that it is rumored that these people are relocating. Mayor Lucas stated that we are going to discuss amending our ordinance to address problem properties such as this. Jeff stated that one option is a daily fine. Option two would be that we just go clean up the property and assess the taxes for the cost. Jeff stated that the current fine is a maximum of \$500. Jeff stated that we have been to court several times for this and they plead no contest. Jordan Castello made a motion to declare tonight the first reading of a revised ordinance, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.

Jay Van Horn stated that we have a renewal of the Union TWP EMS and Fire Contracts for 2019. Chuck Little made a motion to approve both contracts, seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Jay stated that the fire truck design is coming along and we are waiting on a final quote. Jay thanked everyone who helped with the festival and everyone who donated time and money for the fire department. Jay stated that around \$8000 was raised for the fire department which will be used for the new fire truck.

Jordan Castello thanked everyone who helped during Chautauqua weekend. Jordan stated that we need to get to planning trick or treat. Jordan suggested that we hold it the Saturday prior to 10/31. Jordan suggested fishing permits for the park lake. Council discussed garbage around the lake and the need to clean out the two fingers of the lake.

Dave Green stated that people are still mowing their grass out into the streets. Dave stated that it plugs up the street sweeper and the catch basins. Dave stated that it also isn't safe for motorcyclists.

Alan Stonebreaker asked what happened to the police when a truck tried to tear down the town last Wednesday. Mayor Lucas stated that we do not have the money to pay for a 24 hour police department.

Rick asked council if they would be in favor of donating \$100 to the Bethesda Christian Church and donated a Gun Bash ticket and a Bash meal ticket to Mr. Braido for letting us use their facilities for the Fireworks. Ruth made a motion to approve these donations, seconded by Jay Van Horn, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.

Rick informed council that the park security cameras are back up and running.

Stephanie Castello asked if we can put pipes in the park lake and drain it down so that there is a buffer when it rains really hard. Stephanie stated that their basement was flooded again from the heavy rain. Dirk stated that when we lower the park lake it hurts the banks of the lake and can permanently damage the dam. Dirk asked council that they wanted to do as he wasn't going to make that decision. Stephanie stated that her constantly losing items with their basement flooding is getting ridiculous.

Alan Stonebreaker asked why Main Street hasn't been paved yet. Dirk stated that EQT hasn't done it yet but they are in the process of getting it worked out.

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

**The next meeting will be Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.**

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Mayor Marty Lucas

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Fiscal Officer Ricky W. Burkhead Jr.