

Regular Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

June 8, 2022

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

Roll Call

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

Guest(s)

Jordan Castello, Stephanie Castello, Phil Castello, Larry Taylor, Chuck Little, Linda Reeves

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 May meeting minutes, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.

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Chuck Little informed council that there is a yellow motorcycle from the trailer court that is riding a little girl on the front with no helmet. Chris stated that he would keep an eye out for it.

Larry Taylor from Trebel Energy discussed a gas and electric aggregation plan for the village. Solicitor Shaheen stated his concerns about the auto renewal and the fact that he would like to see some sort of community grant or donation back to the village. Mr. Shaheen and Larry are going to work out the negotiations and revisit this on July 13.

Administrator Dirk Davis gave his monthly report:

- There is no news on the garage floor replacement project.
- There is no news on the generator fuel tank.
- Diperna has agreed to wait until fall to take payment for the generator.
- Dirk will report on insurance next month.
- Dirk contacted JP Dutton to set up a meeting to discuss our sewer plant.
- The sewer plant gearbox was ordered today. \$8,200 plus shipping and \$1000 for a rush order. Jay Van Horn made a motion to purchase on gearbox on rush order and one gearbox on regular order, seconded by Zach Gaston, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.
- Dirk is waiting to hear back from Crum's on the fabrication of some C channel that needs to be replaced under the gearboxes.

Fiscal Officer Burkhead presented Resolution 2022-2 which approves the fire department to borrow \$27,274.88 from the State Fire Marshal's Office to purchase a heart monitor and make 24 quarterly payments. Ruth Saffell made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-2, seconded by Rod Miller, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes. The audit is complete and will be released soon. There were no issues that needed corrected. Rick stated that he is working with the fire department to apply for a retention and hiring grant for the EMS department. Cindy Foose made a motion to increase John Bate's salary to \$2,300 per month effective immediately, seconded by Rod Miller, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes. Rick asked permission to hold a gun bash for the benefit of the fire department and the park. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve holding the gun bash, seconded by Rod Miller, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes. Council discussed with Dirk implementing a \$1.50 base charge to put into the sewer replacement fund for future repairs and upgrades that are needed at the sewer plant. Jay Van Horn made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes. Ruth Saffell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-3 which changes the water rate ordinance to implement a \$1.50 charge for the sewer replacement fund, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.

Solicitor Shaheen provided the finalization of the two streets. Mr. Shaheen stated that Steve Hill dropped off the alley information to Dirk and the paperwork for the alley behind the old VFW will be done by next meeting. Mr. Shaheen stated that we will be able to approve the employee handbook next meeting. Dirk stated that he is going to get Larry Parnell to give us a quote for the resurfacing of Main Street and he will forward to Mr. Shaheen.

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Dave Green and Fire Chief Neil Hunt asked Zac Gust to fix the security systems at the park and the firehouse. The fire department estimate for Neil was \$2,251 and the park for Dave is \$379.36. Rod made a motion to approve the estimates and pay both from the General Fund, seconded by Cindy Foose, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.

Police Chief Chris Storm stated that he helped with traffic for the parades in Bethesda and Belmont. Chris stated that there were 22 reports completed, 43 traffic stops, 33 citations and a total of 39 other violations.

Cindy Foose handed out the properties that the ordinance committee is working on. Cindy stated that as issues get resolve the committee will add other. Mr. Shaheen is going to work on the Oak Street eminent domain claim.

Rod Miller stated that we need to update the codified ordinances with the new ordinances that have been passed over the last couple years. Dirk and Rick will get the new ordinances sent to Water Drane Company to have the code updated.

Jay Van Horn stated that the fire department held a chicken roast for Memorial Day and the chickens sold out.

Jordan Castello stated that on December 27th 2018 there was an ordinance passed that the police chief had to live within 50 miles of the village. Mr. Shaheen stated that residency requirements have been proven to not hold up. Mr. Shaheen stated that we should modify this ordinance to work for what council wishes to enforce. Jay asked that this ordinance be removed.

Ruth Saffell made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and potential litigation, at 7:41 p.m., seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay - Yes, Ruth - Yes, Zach - Yes, Carol – Yes, Cindy – Yes, Rod - Yes.

At 7:54 p.m. Mayor Samantha Burkhead declared executive session over.

Ruth Saffell made a motion to pay Sarah Surface \$75 a month for assisting the solicitor with part time help, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.

Motion to pay bills by Zach Gaston, 2nd by Ruth Saffell, 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 July 13th, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Samantha Burkhead

Fiscal Officer Ricky W. Burkhead Jr.