

## Regular Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

June 14, 2023

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

### Roll Call

Present: Jay Van Horn, Ruth Saffell, Mayor Samantha Burkhead, Cindy Foose, Rod Miller, Zach Gaston, Fiscal Officer Ricky Burkhead, Administrator Dirk Davis, Cole Antalok

Absent: Solicitor Shaheen, Carol Merritt

### Guest(s)

Jordan Castello, Stephanie Castello, Phil Castello, Chuck Little

### 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, Rod Miller - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes.

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Chuck Little asked about who is in charge of the Oak Street property as there are lots of snakes around the property that need eradicated. Samantha stated that the Land Bank currently has control and she will talk to Kathy and see what we can do about the situation.

Jordan Castello discussed blue herons and the one that was killed at the park. Jordan is asking for signs to be posted around the park to clean up fishing lines and trash. Jordan stated that people need to spread the work to encourage everyone to clean up after themselves. Jay recommended that Jordan go to the park board meeting and asked them to put up signs.

Administrator Dirk Davis presented the administrator's monthly report to council:

- There is no progress on the Comcast voicemail system.
- There is no update on Gail Avenue pavement issues.
- Border Patrol came on June 7<sup>th</sup> and installed the sewer plant shaft. The north side is fixed and it was running by that evening.
- The UV Light system guy came on June 9<sup>th</sup> and installed all of the needed materials. There was a rain in the last two days that flooded over the new bulbs.
- Dave is working towards getting a class two sewer license. We have to file another EPA extension.
- Mr. Farrabee wants to meet with the county water district and Dirk to discuss engineering for the North Johnson water line extension. Dirk told Mr. Farrabee that Ohio EPA and the county will require an engineering report for this project before any work can be done. Dirk is asked councils approval to sign a letter stating that the village is ok putting in a water line on North Johnson Road and on Farrabee's addition as long as all requirements are met. Rod Miller made a motion to approve this, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes.
- There was a water break up behind State Farm and the water department is working to find a leak and there are a lot of lines in that area. There is a laws a leak on SR 147 east bound and we don't know how long this has been going on. Dirk estimated that we were losing around 15,000 gallons a day. The leak was fixed on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Milmar Trailer Court had a leak that was losing around 25,000 gallons a day.
- Dirk is working with a grant writer who has contacts with the historical society and they are working on grants for the Epworth park lake and dam.

Fiscal Officer Burkhead presented Resolution 2023-3 for approval. This is a 1.5 mil street levy renewal to be placed on the November ballot. Ruth Saffell made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-3, seconded by Rod Miller, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes. Rick then presented Resolution 2023-4 for approval. This is a 3.5 mil fire levy renewal to be placed on the November ballot. Ruth Saffell made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-4, seconded by Cindy Foose, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes. Rick informed council that the fire department and the park board would like to hold a gun bash on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Rod Miller made a motion to authorize holding a gun bash, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes.

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Cole presented Ordinance 2023-3 for the third and final reading. This ordinance pertains to the removal of the front license plate requirement. Rod Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-3, seconded by Zach Gaston, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Zach Gaston – Yes.

Mayor Samantha and Dirk informed everyone that the fishing derby is July 8<sup>th</sup> and registration will be at 8:30, fishing from 9-10 and awards from 10-11. Everyone is welcome to come and help with the event. Dirk stated that sponsor letters were sent out and we have about \$1100 donated as of right now. Preregistrations are available at the gas station.

Police Chief Chris Storm that that there was an entire page of violations this last month. There were 9 calls to service, 1- traffic stops, and three tickets last month. Chris stated that three citations were issued to the resident on Lake Street. Samantha stated that the paperwork Mr. Shaheen prepared for mayors court to sent cases to Western Division did not work. Cole will look into this.

Rod Miller presented a building permit for a fence on 319 North Main. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve the building permit, seconded by Zach Gaston, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Zach Gaston – Yes.

Ruth Saffell presented an application for a new volunteer firefighter Samuel Barricklow from Morristown. Ruth Saffell made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Cindy Foose, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.

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Zach Gaston made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel work schedules, at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Jay Van Horn, Jay - Yes, Ruth - Yes, Cindy – Yes, Rod – Yes, Zach - Yes.

At 8:30 p.m. Mayor Samantha Burkhead declared executive session over.

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Rod Miller made a motion to hire Daniel Eddy part time seasonal for the public works department, hours directed at Dirk's discretion and an hourly rate of \$13 per hour, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Zach Gaston – Yes.

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

Motion to adjourn by Cindy Foose, 2nd by Ruth Saffell, with a unanimous vote.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.**

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Mayor Samantha Burkhead

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Fiscal Officer Ricky W. Burkhead Jr.