

Regular Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

March 8, 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, Police Chief Chris Storm, Fiscal Officer Ricky Burkhead, Solicitor Shaheen, Zach Gaston, Administrator Dirk Davis

Absent: Carol Merritt

Guest(s)

Jordan Castello, Stephanie Castello, Phil Castello, Chuck Little, 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. Rod Miller made a motion to approve the February 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 stated that he is seeing people travel the wrong direction on the one way by the pizza shop. Samantha stated that she would have the PD watch this.

Dirk presented the administrator's monthly report to council:

- Bob Farrabee water line project is going to start soon. Bob is ordering water line and has been asked to use C900 pipe. Bob wants 6" water lines. Jimmy and Byron will install based on our rules and regulations. We will have to file for a permit to install with the EPA before work begins. The village will provide fire hydrants to help his project.
- No word from ODNR report for the park lake as of yet.
- Dirk presented a quote to install the Comcast voicemail system. Zach Gaston made a motion to approve the quote, seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes.
- There was a water line leak in front of the street garage that has been fixed that took 1.5 hours to fix.
- Dirk and Dave met with Jeff Vaughn and Jeremy Yeager of Border Patrol for an estimate for Jeremy's company to do the replacement work at the sewer plant. Dirk hopes to have an estimate by next meeting.
- We are replacing UV Light System light bulbs. The bulbs are \$75 each and we need 20 of them before it goes into operation in April.
- No updates on a sewer plant operator. We interviewed a gentleman but have not heard back from him yet.
- Dirk is going to send a letter to the EPA about our sewer operator situation and see if there is any way to get the class of plant lowered to a class 1 plant. The plant was built for way more sewage than we process. IT is built for 1.3 million gallons a day and we process 85,000 gallons a day on average.
- Columbia gas is working on the eastern side of Bethesda on a high pressure line on Oak and Brown road. Columbia gas wants to use village property for a staging area in June. We need to decide if we want to allow this or not.
- No word on if we were approved for a sewer equipment grant.
- Three people had their water turned off today for delinquent bills.
- Dirk and Mr. Shaheen are going to discuss the 4 way stop onto North CR 26 where the bank is being torn up.
- No bids were received for a company to operate the sewer plant. EPS has notified us they do not have the ability to help us.

Dave Green stated that we were asked to install a generator on the second street lift station 15 years ago. Dave stated that is finally done and the generator went into service yesterday. Soon a guard rail will be installed in front of the generator.

Rick asked council if they wish to try to have fireworks again this year. Rick stated that last year fund raising for them was very difficult and we were not able to fully pay for them. Council discussed and agreed to not have fireworks this year and maybe reevaluate next year.

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Solicitor Shaheen presented Ordinance 2023-1 which is an amendment to the litter ordinance and changes that citations would be at the direction of a majority motion of council. Ruth Saffell made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Zach Gaston, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes. Rod Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-1, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes.

Mr. Shaheen stated that a question was asked regarding EMS overtime. Rick was given a memo on how this should work and Rick will review it and get with the Fire Chief. Mr. Shaheen addressed the Gail Avenue paving issue. Mr. Shaheen stated that if we believe that Pike's can fix it then we should pursue that and if we do not then we need to get estimates for the repairs. Dirk discussed that he felt we should give them a chance to fix the road and set a deadline and then if they do not fix it we go the route of getting an estimate from some other company. Mr. Shaheen stated that he received a list of water customers we are delinquent so that we may pursue liens for the past due balances. Mr. Shaheen stated that we will be receiving direction from Judge Costine pertaining to people who do not pay mayor's court citations. Mr. Shaheen commented on the Columbia Gas use of our property. He would like to know how many feet they are going to use and the length of time they intend to use the area. Dirk is going to get him this.

The ordinance committee stated that we need to have an ordinance saying that people no longer need two license plates. Dirk and Rick are going to organize the new ordinances and send them to Walter Drane to have the code books updated.

Jay Van Horn stated that he has someone inquiring about putting a camper on their property. Jay stated that he would like to have a copy of the ordinances online to direct people to them. Rick stated that the ordinances are online but any ordinances past since 2018 have not been updated.

Mayor Samantha Burkhead asked council if they wish to donate to the Union Local After Prom. Rod Miller made a motion to donate what we donated last year for the after prom, seconded by Jay Van Horn, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes. Samantha stated that the park clean up day is March 25th from 10am-noon and snacks will be provided. Samantha stated that the Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 8th at 10am at the big shelter in the park. Samantha asked if council would like to donate money to purchase gold coins for the Easter eggs. Samantha will be setting up a time for us to prep the eggs and fill candy bags about a week ahead of the hunt.

Jay Van Horn stated that the fire chief should know if there is a water leak or a water break in town so that the fire department can be prepared if there is an issue with a water supply line in the event of a fire in town. Jay stated that if they know then the fire department could have a tanker on standby. Jay asked if a text or something could be sent out to the fire department and council. Dirk stated that he would send out a notification.

Cindy Foose made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and pending litigation, at 7:37 p.m., seconded by Rod Miller, Jay - Yes, Ruth - Yes, Carol – Yes, Rod – Yes, Zach - Yes.

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

Cindy Foose made a motion to approve a Dirk's pay increase back to January 1st, seconded by Rod Miller, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes.

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

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

The next meeting will be Wednesday April 12th, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Samantha Burkhead

Fiscal Officer Ricky W. Burkhead Jr.