

# Regular Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

March 09, 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, Police Chief Chris Storm, Solicitor Michael Shaheen, Fiscal Officer Ricky Burkhead  
Absent: Carol Merritt, Rod Miller

## Guest(s)

Jordan Castello, Stephanie Castello, Phil Castello, Chuck Little, Neil Hunt, Chris Hunt, 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. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes, seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.

## Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Fiscal Officer Burkhead read Ordinance 2022-2 which vacates part of an alley to Joe Braidon for the third and final reading. Cindy Foose made a motion to declare tonight the third reading and approve Ordinance 2022-2, seconded by Zach Gaston, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Rick asked when and if council wished to do fireworks this year. Rick suggested doing it Labor Day weekend and holding a fireman festival or a public safety festival or something like that to raise money for the fire department and or police department. Council decided to aim for Labor Day weekend.

Administrator Dirk Davis gave his monthly report:

- Gail paving letter is drafted by Mr. Shaheen and we will send it out tomorrow if council has no changes.
- The Virginia Street Ext sewer project materials have been ordered. What pipe we don't use, can get returned. We still have another \$3000 in misc supplies that we need to purchase.
- Rick Bostic called and said they plan to start in March on the street garage floor project. The estimated cost was to be around \$47,000. Dirk stated that it will be above \$50,000 now. Jay asked if Bostic has told us that the price would be increasing. Dirk stated that he has not but figured it would with inflation. We are going to proceed since the project is quoted to us as \$47,000. Mr. Shaheen suggested that we get pricing on the support structure that may need worked on and another for the original concrete work that needs done. Mr. Shaheen stated that we need to be date certain and we can't have a bunch of change orders to the project as we are close to the limit before we would be required to bid it.
- We hope to fix the pavement on Liberty Lane in April.
- Dave Green called OUPS to mark a job on the corner of Grace and Pear and Columbia Gas will only go by Dave's description and will not come mark the gas lines. Dave is concerned about Columbia Gas blaming the village if we were to hit their lines and say that we told them the wrong location. Dave stated that we requested a line location from OUPS twice now.
- Diperna Electric installed a new electrical system and are looking at prices for a generator to run off of propane. Dirk stated that a generator came in March 11st and is \$9,917. Dirk stated that we are hoping to use the American Rescue Funds for this in the fall since this is for the sewer lift station.
- We received \$63,479.14 from ARPA last fall and we still have \$39,515.52 left to use on the Virginia Street Ext sewer project. We should receive another \$63,479.14 in the late fall. There is a \$253.42 reallocation we will receive soon too. The total we will receive is \$126,958.28 which should pay for both the Virginia Street Sewer Project and the Second Street Lift Station Project.
- The dump truck radiator has been fixed at no cost to the village.

Solicitor Michael Shaheen stated that he took a glance the liability insurance and thinks that it would be good for Dirk, Rick and he to look it over and see if we can save some money on coverage costs. Mr. Shaheen stated that he is still waiting on a legal description for Old School Road and he will file everything once he has that from Rob Barr. Mr. Shaheen stated that the letter to Pike's Paving is prepared and the street sweeper agreement with Belmont is fully executed. Mr. Shaheen stated that his office would review the employee handbook for us.

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Mayor Samantha Burkhead stated that the TWP cleanup day is April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9-1 at the Goshen TWP Garage. Union Local has asked us to donate to the after prom again this year. Zach Gaston made a motion to donate \$250 to the after prom, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Samantha wished the UL girls good luck at the basketball game in Dayton. Samantha stated that after discussion we are going to start over on the waterfowl ordinance and present a new ordinance next month and asked everyone for input and suggestions. Samantha stated that Easter is coming up and we need a recreation meeting to stuff eggs and bags. The Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Samantha asked if everyone on council would donate \$10 so we can buy gold or silver dollar to hide in the Easter eggs.

Police Chief Chris Storm stated that there were 20 calls, 12 business checks, and five citations. Chris thanked Ruth, Sherri & Paul Fitch, the Mason Lodge, Shirley Lucas, and many others for helping with donations for the spaghetti dinner. Chris is waiting to see if we received a body cam grant and he applied for the Belmont County Tourism Grant.

Fire Chief Neil Hunt showed pictures of the new ambulance and it is waiting to receive the loading system. We have about \$12,000 of the \$24,000 needed to purchase the loading system. Rick stated that back a year ago it was discussed about the General Fund helping with the cost of the loading system. Rick asked council to think about it and discuss at the next meeting. Neil stated that the ISO rating which affects insurance premiums for residents is at a class 6 which only a few years ago we were a class 4. Neil thinks this is the best rating in the county.

Motion to pay bills by Zach Gaston, 2nd by Ruth Saffell 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 April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.**

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Mayor Samantha Burkhead

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Fiscal Officer Ricky W. Burkhead Jr.