

Regular Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

October 11, 2023

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

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Samantha Burkhead, Jay Van Horn, Ruth Saffell, Cindy Foose, Carol Merritt, Zac Gaston, Rod Miller, Officer Ricky Burkhead, Cole Antalok

Absent: Administrator Dirk Davis

Guest(s)

Stephanie Castello, Jordan Castello, Doug Kemp, Colby Rinehart, Chuck Little, Karen Taylor, Derek Cain

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 September meeting minutes, seconded by Cindy Foose, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Jay Van Horn – Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes.

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Karen Talor is an assistant principal at Union Local and she came to give information on the School Levy that will be on the next ballot. Karen stated that she wanted to pass out the levy details and that she hopes to gain support and give facts for the levy.

Derek Cain stated that he is running for Goshen TWP Fiscal Officer. Derek stated that he has worked for the State of Ohio for three years dealing with budgets and appropriations. Derek stated that he is a Belmont council member and now serves as council president. Derek thanked everyone for their support next month.

Doug Kemp stated that he is the current Goshen TWP Fiscal Officer and is seeking reelection. Doug stated that he has lived in the district all of his life and graduated from Union Local. Doug stated that he helped implement a drug and alcohol policy for the township. Doug stated that he has had three clean audits and he has completed his hours for training requirements. Doug thanked everyone for their support.

Rick presented the administrator's monthly report to council:

- Zac Gust has installed the new phone system and there are instructions on each phone on how to operate them.
- No new updates on the Ohio Historical Society designation.
- Daily water readings have been an average of 46,000 gallons a day with a high of 55,000 gallons. This is very good numbers for us.
- The public works crew installed #411 fine stone on Second Street where needed along the berm to hopefully keep the road in tact longer.
- Parnell Associates have paved Old School Road last week. This goes from Main Street all the way to Second Street. Their work is very satisfactory. Signs will be installed in the near future.
- The street sweeper was taken to and Isuzu dealer in Canton by Stonebreakers to have a new turbo installed. This will cost a total of \$4,043.78 for transport and repair which will be split with Belmont 50%. Dirk thanked Kenny Davis from Belmont for his help with this.

Fiscal Officer Burkhead presented council with the depository agreement with Wesbanco. Rick stated that this agreement guarantees collateral for our money and protects our funds over the \$250,000 FDIC. This agreement is from 09/2023 thru 09/2028. Ruth Saffell made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Carol Merritt, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Jay Van Horn – Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes. Rick presented Resolution 2023-5 which accepts the following county tax rates and estimates:

General Fund 2.55 mil \$44,631.41, Street Fund 1.5 mil \$19,832.60, Police Fund 3.0 mil \$42,976.37, Fire Fund 3.5 mil \$50,267.67, and Park Fund 1.5 mil \$23,525.52. Jay Van Horn made a motion to approve resolution 2023-5, seconded by Cindy Foose, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Jay Van Horn – Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes. Rick asked for approval to add Dirk as a second signatory on the Star Ohio account as it now requires two people to be listed. Ruth Saffell made a motion to approve the second signer, seconded by Cindy Foose, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Jay Van Horn – Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes. Rick reminded everyone that the gun bash is on 11/4 so buy your tickets.

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Cole informed council that he sent out a resolution to declare interest in joining a regional economic coalition. Cole stated that several governments in Belmont County are forming this coalition. Cole stated that this resolution just declares that we are interested in doing this if it comes to fruition. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-6, seconded by Carol Merritt, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Jay Van Horn – Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes.

Mayor Samantha Burkhead stated that we will be picking up the pumpkins for the park trail around 10/20/23 and we will schedule an evening for anyone who wants, to come carve them. Samantha stated that we are just going to hand out candy at the park when we do the parade and we are not going to stuff bags this year. Trick or Treat will be on Halloween and the parade lineup will be at the #3 shelter at 5:00. Samantha stated that we will be doing the Halloween and Christmas house decorating contests again this year. Samantha stated that the Veterans basket fruit has been ordered and once again it was donated by Indy Fruit. Ruth Saffell made a motion to purchase \$25 Riesbeck's Gift cards to put with the veterans fruit baskets, seconded by Carol Merritt, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Jay Van Horn – Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes. Samantha stated that the Sons of the Legion will be helping build and deliver baskets. Samantha stated that Chris Storm would return on October 19th.

Samantha stated that we will have the Christmas parade and the Hometown Christmas on December 9th this year. Samantha stated that we also need reserve the community room for the employee Christmas dinner.

Jay Van Horn presented the fire report. Jay stated that he had an application for EMT for Catherin Walsh from Barnesville. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve the application pending background check, seconded by Carol Merritt, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Jay Van Horn – Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes.

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

Motion to adjourn by Jay Van Horn, 2nd by Carol Merritt, with a unanimous vote.

The next meeting will be Tuesday November 14th, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Samantha Burkhead

Fiscal Officer Ricky W. Burkhead Jr.