

# Regular Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

October 13, 2021

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

## Roll Call

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

## Guest(s)

Stephanie Castello, Phil Castello, Chuck Litte, Denise Miller, Linda Reeves, Sandy Tomolonis, Alan Stonebreaker, Zac Gaston, Dick Quinlin, Bob and Lana Orr.

## 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. Minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

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Fiscal Officer Rick Burkhead reminded everyone that the Gun Bash is on November 13<sup>th</sup> and tickets can be purchased at the fire station. Rick stated that he has several cases of fruit donated that can be used for Veterans Day baskets. Rick asked if council would approve including \$25 gift cards in these baskets. Jordan made a motion to purchase \$25 Riesbeck's gift cards for the veterans baskets, seconded by Ruth, Carol Merritt – Yes, Ruth Saffell – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes.

Several residents came and stated that Chief Chris Storm is doing a good job and they appreciate what he does for the kids. Lana Orr seconded that and agreed with them and stated that she likes feeling safe in the community again.

Alan Stonebreaker stated that he thinks Chris is doing a good job and he likes that he can have faith in a police officer. Alan stated that we need to support Chris and that we have several good police officers here.

Rod stated that we won't be dealing the police department appointments this evening due to the mayor being absent.

Administrator Dirk Davis provided his monthly report:

- Both sets of bearings have been installed on the north and south side of the oxidation ditch. This was completed by the public works crew.
- Judson Ext and part of Pear Street chip and seal has been completed by Pikes Paving.
- The high pressure line on First Street and the Virginia Street sewer line projects have both been submitted for the HB 168 grant opportunity.
- Jim and Byron installed 360 feet of drainage on Gail Avenue. Monday they will be pouring concrete for three catch basins and hopefully a driveway drain. The road will be ready to be graded and paved. Dirk asked for councils permission to approve the paving.
- Roger Morris is ready to start on the land bridge project on Liberty Lane. The cost of fine stone is \$5.50 a ton and he is getting estimates for a 36" pipe. Dirk estimates it to cost \$15,000 to drill the pipe rather than dig up and replace. Dirk stated that those living on the north side can park on the south side and walk across or use steel grates if the cut isn't to wide.
- Hull Engineering forgot to work on the report for the installation of drainage from Gail to Liberty. Mr. Nardo asked for this study to make sure there are no mistakes. Dirk stated that he is waiting on three easements from Mr. Shaheen. Dirk stated that Byron Butler can do the easements and then give them to Solicitor Shaheen.

Solicitor Shaheen state that the resolution he has prepared with allow Hull to do the surveying so that he has a legal description to proceed with working on easements. Mr. Shaheen stated that the surveying has to be completed so that he has a legal description for the easements. Mr. Shaheen presented Resolution 2021-13 – Authorizing Dirk to engage Hull for the purpose of surveying the Gail avenue to Liberty Lane drainage and the land bridge culvert. Also to begin the process of obtaining easements and return with a total cost of the project and proposed start date for the project. Jordan Castello made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-13, seconded by Cindy Foose, Carol Merritt – Yes, Ruth Saffell – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes.

Fiscal Officer Burkhead discussed the paving of Gail Avenue. Rick stated that Dirk estimated the cost to be \$45,000. Rick recommends that we pay for half from General Fund and Half from the street fund. Cindy stated that she was under the impression that 2/3 would be paid for from General and 1/3 Street and street covers the Belmont Mills. Jordan Castello made a motion to pay for 1/3 from Street and 2/3 from General and to proceed with the paving, seconded by Cindy Foose, Carol Merritt – Yes, Ruth Saffell – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes.

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Jordan discussed putting a date range on the ordinance for when not to feed the ducks. Michael will prepare a second ordinance with Jordan's wishes for the duck ordinance and we can table the third reading of the ordinance on the table until next month and then vote on which one we want to proceed with once the park board is present to discuss.

Rod stated that Samantha asked that everyone decorate for the Halloween decoration contest.

Jordan said we have a fall fest going on October 30<sup>th</sup> 10-4 and trick or treat at 6-7:30 with parade lineup at 5:30. Linda stated that she is seeking bake sale donations that can be given to her that morning. All events start at 10:00am.

Cindy Foose made a motion to a budget of \$700 to purchase Halloween candy and items, seconded by Jordan, Carol Merritt – Yes, Ruth Saffell – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes.

Chief Storm stated that there were 14 traffic stops, 10 citations, and several assists for the sheriff's office. Chris stated that he had the car at Doan's for a recall. Chris stated that he replaced the battery in the explorer. Chris stated that two weeks ago everyone but Mark was qualified with shotgun and completed 30 hours of in house training. Chris stated that the glock's all need new springs and Calvin is going to check Vance's to replace the springs. Chris stated that last body cams we had were \$300 and had several issues. Chris is testing two new ones to see which he likes. Chris applied for a grant to get new body cameras. Chris has four officers here 10am to 10pm for Halloween. Chris thanked everyone for putting up the shop with a cop fliers. Chris is going to look at a crown Vic from Richland TWP for \$1000 plus a battery. Cindy Foose made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the vehicle if the vehicle is in good order for \$1000 and to purchase a new battery, and evaluation costs, seconded by Carol Merritt, Carol Merritt – Yes, Ruth Saffell – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes.

Carol said that the fire dept would like to put a bid in for the purchase of the house on the corner beside for the fire department of \$50,000. Jordan Castello made a motion to allow the fire chief to put in a \$50,000 bid, seconded by Cindy Foose, Carol – Abstain, Ruth Saffell – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes.

Jordan Castello made a motion to hire Dannielle Strickland and Emily Alleman for EMS and Fire pending background checks, seconded by Cindy Foose - Carol Merritt – Yes, Ruth Saffell – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes.

Dick Quinlin stated that we are holding a fire school here in town and this is the first time in a long time. Dick stated that the school is offered in October.

Motion to pay bills by Jordan Castello, 2nd by Cindy Foose with a unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn by Jordan Castello, 2nd by Ruth Saffell, with a unanimous vote.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.**