

Regular Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

September 14, 2022

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

Roll Call

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

Guest(s)

Jordan Castello, Stephanie Castello, Phil Castello, Ashley Finsley, Jamie Tharp, Sandy Tomolonis, Jeannette Lucas, Dick Quinlin

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 August meeting minutes, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.

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Jeanette Lucas brought up that the food pantry truck at the church on SR 147 has people parking along the state route and there are a lot of complaints. Jay Van Horn stated that these people are parking in resident's yards and he has run them out of his yard personally. Council debated on if this falls under village jurisdiction or not. Solicitor Michael Shaheen asked if Noon Road is a village road and who maintains it. Council agreed that the road is not a village road and is maintained by Goshen TWP. Mr. Shaheen suggested that our police department stay out of the situation unless it is somewhere in the village of on village property. Jeannette also stated that drugs are getting bad in town again. She stated that someone also tried to break into her neighbor's truck last night. Chief Storm said that he would be making some drive bys in the area.

Sandy Tomolonis what to do if we do not have a police officer full time and the county will not respond unless it is an emergency. Sandy stated that there is an issue at her son's house by the box factory. Jay stated that they property is not in the village either and this would fall under the sheriff's office. Sandy stated that she didn't realize it was not in town.

Jordan Castello stated that on August 23rd she was driving towards the 4way and the cruiser was left of center because the police was on the phone. Samantha informed Chris that he needs to stay off of the phone when he is driving the cruiser. Ashley Finsley stated that she has authorized Chris to park on her property to try to slow down traffic in the area.

Fiscal Officer Rick Burkhead discussed with council paying off some of the interest bearing debt since we have a build up of oil and gas royalties. Rick stated that the General Fund is around \$400,000 and the total interest bearing debt is \$91,890.33 as of right now. Rod suggested that we pay of the largest of the three bonds which is \$69,856.48. Rod made a motion to approve paying off this loan, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes. Rick stated that we should draw the motorcycle raffle as decided by council. The tickets were in the hopper and Phil Castello drew the winner which was ticket #166 Doug Longenette from Bethesda Ohio. Congratulations to the winner of the 2022 Harley Street Bob! Rick informed council that the **current calculation for the Gun Bash this year is a profit of \$34,446.98. Rick stated that employee handbooks have come in and we need to start handing them out.**

Administrator Dirk Davis and absent and Rick gave his monthly report to council:

- Lift station generator is to be installed.
- Met with JP and Kelly Porter about the sewer operator and no solutions were found.
- Class 2 sewer plant operator, we still have no one applying for the position.
- Bethesda Reservoir annual dam inspection will be soon.
- Verdantas was hired to do volume survey of the lake sometime soon.
- Dirk is still looking into solution for four way stop turning issue.
- Midwest power products invoice for \$16,796.75 needs to be approved this is for two new gearboxes. Rod Miller made a motion to approve the purchase from the General Fund, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.
- All "c" channels have been installed at the sewer plant.
- Gas and oil traffic update. Dirk suggested we impose a fine and ban oil and gas traffic on village streets if we are able to in order to preserve our roads.
- Morris Excavating gave an estimate of \$35k-\$40k to install the sewer line on Second Street. Cindy Foose made a motion to accept estimate to get him on schedule, seconded by Rod Miller, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.

Solicitor Shaheen presented an amended ordinance 1321.03 which will now be Ordinance 2022-4 which will allow trailer court operators to place up to code trailers on vacant lots. The Ordinance is available to read at the village office building. Cindy Foose made a motion to declare tonight the first reading, seconded by Zach Gaston, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.

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Solicitor Shaheen stated that we are moving closer with the eminent domain for the Oak Street Property and there should be a draft for next meeting. Mr. Shaheen sent a letter to the mayor regarding speed bumps and the guidelines for that. Mr. Shaheen suggested that Chief Storm and Dirk get together and look at the guidelines and come up with a recommendation for council to approve. Mr. Shaheen stated that Dirk looked at the cost to rent a roller and now would like to charge \$250 for two days for Belmont to rent the paving roller. Rod Miller made a motion to approve the \$250 rent, seconded by Jay Van Horn, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Rod Miller - Yes. Mr. Shaheen stated that he sent language to the park board president for the signage at the park. Mr. Shaheen stated that EQT was less than receptive to dealing with the condition of Main Street. An estimate was sent and he has not heard back yet.

Mayor Samantha Burkhead stated that we will have Halloween this year on October 31st with a costume parade at the park this year at 5:00-5:30 and then trick or treat from 5:30-7:30. We are going to hold a Halloween and Christmas house decorating contest again this year. Samantha stated that we are going to hold the royalty for the Christmas Parade again this year as well.

Chief Storm informed council that there were 25 citations last month. Chris stated that there was a young girl riding a motor bike, a theft complaint, a disorderly conduct, and an attempted suicide responded to last month. Chris stated that he was working on setting up Christmas with Cops for this year. Chris stated that he would like to have himself, Calvin, and Kudel attend some law enforcement training on October 6th and 7th. The cost is \$125 per person and maybe \$200 each for hotel stay. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve the training costs, seconded by Rod Miller, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.

Cindy Foose gave an ordinance committee update and stated that there are a few properties that need to mow their grass. Cindy stated that the committee will be scheduling an additional meeting sometime soon.

Dick Quinlin stated that he, Jay Van Horn, Matt Bashline, and Bryan Mason have been working on the old 1927 fire truck. Dick stated that it started up yesterday. Dick asked if there was a way to pass something that states that the fire truck must remain owned by the village for eternity. Mr. Shaheen stated that he will look into options and come up with something.

Jay Van Horn stated that the American Legion is holding two raffles one for a \$300 gas card and another for \$300 J-Mo Meats gift card. Jay stated they are also holding a spaghetti dinner on October 29th as well.

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

Motion to adjourn by Rod Miller, 2nd by Cindy Foose, with a unanimous vote.

The next meeting will be Wednesday October 12th, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Samantha Burkhead

Fiscal Officer Ricky W. Burkhead Jr.