

Bethel Village Council November 10, 2008

Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers in the Bethel Municipal Building on Monday, November 10th, 2008 at 6:30 pm with President Pro Tempore Donna Gunn presiding.

The meeting was video taped, to be aired on cable television.

Mr. Ausman delivered the invocation followed by Ms. Gunn leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Upon roll call, the following were counted as present: Council Members Alan Ausman, Joe Houlihan, Gary Hutchinson, Tim Cherry, James Dick. Also present: Village Administrator Travis Dotson, Fiscal Officer Angel Burton.

A motion to approve the minutes from October 27, 2008, as written, was made by Mr. Houlihan. Seconded by Mr. Hutchinson. All yea.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Pro Tempore Donna Gunn

The Village offices will be closed tomorrow, November 11, 2008 in honor of Veteran's Day. Ms. Gunn expressed her gratitude to all veterans.

David Wood was sworn in by Ms. Gunn to serve as a Village Auxiliary Police Officer.

Village Administrator, Travis Dotson

The Public Works department is continuing to repair blacktop around town. The department has been using a compactor in lieu of a roller as a cost saving measure.

Mr. Dotson has e-mailed a draft copy of the employee handbook to the personnel committee for review.

Fiscal Officer, Angel Burton

The Village of Bethel is accepting sealed proposals from qualified financial institutions to provide depository and banking services. The agreement will be for 5 years, commencing on January 2, 2009. Bid specifications may be obtained from the Village Fiscal Officer at the Municipal Building during regular office hours. Sealed proposals must be submitted to the Fiscal Officer by Friday, December 5, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

A motion to call a special meeting of council on Monday, December 15th, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of designating a depository was made by Mr. Ausman. Seconded by Mr. Houlihan. By Roll: Mr. Ausman "yea", Mr. Houlihan "yea", Mr. Hutchinson "yea", Mr. Cherry "yea", Mr. Dick "yea".

Solicitor, George Leicht

Nil. (Currently on a 60-day leave of absence)

Police Chief Planck

Nil.

Finance Committee, Chairperson Gary Hutchinson

The committee met this evening and discussed various topics, including the 2009 appropriations. The proposed numbers for 2009 are lower than 2008 and more information will be forthcoming.

The September Wind Storm has been declared a federal disaster, with the Village potentially receiving up to \$24K in reimbursements.

Public Works, Chairperson Tim Cherry

The next meeting is November 24, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. The owner of the J&E Car Wash will be addressing the group.

Mr. Cherry briefly mentioned the difference in water the Village purchases from Tate Monroe versus the amount of water the Village bills. There is a significant loss, likely due to aging meters that need to be replaced.

Safety Committee, Chairperson Joe Houlihan

The committee met this past Thursday and discussed cruiser repairs, over-time reduction and receipt of a new intoxilizer from the State.

The next Safety Committee meeting will be Thursday, December 4th at 5:30 p.m.

Burke Trust Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn

The council appointment to the Burke Trust, Frank Manning, has agreed to remain.

Planning Commission, Councilperson James Dick

Nil.

Call of Members:

Mr. Ausman: Expressed his honor of veterans, and encouraged attendance at Batavia's Veteran's Day Parade.

Mr. Houlihan: Thanked veterans, and mentioned a letter of appreciation Chief Planck received from the sheriff for Bethel's assistance during Governor Palin's visit.

Ms. Gunn: Mentioned Mayor Swarthout is one of the varsity soccer team coaches. The team won its first conference, which is why Mayor Swarthout is absent from the meeting this evening.

Mr. Hutchinson: Thanked the administrative team for their work..

Mr. Cherry: Thanked all the veterans. Mr. Cherry also mentioned the need for everyone to avoid throwing leaf piles in the ditch lines and culverts. Rumpke will make arrangements to pick the leaves up.

Mr. Dick: Mentioned his visit of the Municipal offices, public works department and police department this past Friday. He thanked the employees for giving him some of their time. He noted the old water meters were mentioned.

Public Input:

Nil.

Legislation:

ORDINANCE 1601 SPECIFYING DEPOSITS FOR UTILITIES WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL, OHIO, 3rd reading

A motion to adopt Ord 1601 Specifying Utility Deposits, Effective 01/02/2009 was made by Mr. Ausman. Seconded by Mr. Hutchinson. By Roll: Mr. Ausman "yea", Mr. Hutchinson "yea", Mr. Houlihan "yea", Mr. Cherry "yea", Mr. Dick "yea".

ORDINANCE 1602 AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008, 3rd reading
(Total fund increase: \$61019)

A motion to adopt Ord 1602 Amending 2008 Appropriations was made by Mr. Hutchinson. Seconded by Mr. Ausman. By roll: Mr. Hutchinson “yea”, Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Houlihan “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Dick “yea”.

RESOLUTION 870 ESTABLISHING THE BETHEL EVENTS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, 2nd reading

ORDINANCE 1603 SPECIFYING THE GENERAL SERVICE REGULATIONS FOR THE UTILITIES SERVICES SUPPLIED BY THE VILLAGE WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL, OHIO, 2ND reading

ORDINANCE 1604 AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE SKATE PARK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND (Not to exceed \$13250)

A motion to suspend the 3 readings of Ord 1604 Authorizing the transfer of money from the General fund to the Skate Park fund was made by Mr. Cherry. Seconded by Mr. Houlihan. By roll: Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Houlihan “yea”, Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Hutchinson “yea”, Mr. Dick “yea”.

A motion to adopt Ord 1604 Authorizing the transfer of money from the General fund to the Skate Park fund was made by Mr. Dick. Seconded by Mr. Cherry. By roll: Mr. Dick “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Houlihan “yea”, Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Hutchinson “yea”.

RESOLUTION 872 AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND THE EQUIPPING OF A VILLAGE SKATE PARK
(An advance is a loan of funds, and should be repaid by 12/31/2008)

A motion to suspend the 3 readings of Res 872 Advance of Funds to the Skate Park was made by Mr. Dick. Seconded by Mr. Hutchinson. By roll: Mr. Dick “yea”, Mr. Hutchinson “yea”, Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Houlihan “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”.

A motion to adopt Res 872 Advance of Funds to the Skate Park was made by Mr. Dick. Seconded by Mr. Cherry. By roll: Mr. Dick “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Hutchinson “yea”, Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Houlihan “yea”.

RESOLUTION 873 ESTIMATING THE PROBABLE AGGREGATE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ACTIVE FUNDS AND INACTIVE FUNDS TO BE DEPOSITED BY THE COUNCIL AND AUTHORIZING AWARDS

A motion to suspend the 3 readings of Res 873 Active Funds was made by Mr. Ausman. Seconded by Mr. Hutchinson. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Hutchinson “yea”, Mr. Houlihan “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Dick “yea”.

A motion to adopt Res 873 Active Funds was made by Mr. Houlihan. Seconded by Mr. Cherry. By roll: Mr. Houlihan “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Hutchinson “yea”, Mr. Dick “yea”.

Payment of Bills:

A motion approving the payment of the presented expenses and bills was made by Mr. Ausman. Seconded by Mr. Dick. All yea.

Financial Report:

A motion approving the October Financial Report was made by Mr. Ausman. Seconded by Mr. Hutchinson. All yea.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cherry. Seconded by Mr. Ausman. All yea. 7:00 p.m.