

## **Bethel Village Council March 22, 2012**

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Thursday, Thursday 22, 2012 at 6:34 p.m., with Mayor Alan J. Ausman presiding.

Mayor Ausman delivered the invocation, followed by Mayor Ausman leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Upon roll call, the following members were counted as present: Council Members Priscilla Johnson, Janice Ireton, Donna Gunn, Lucy Shepherd, Rev. Jeremiah Hembree, Village Administrator Travis Dotson, Fiscal Officer Bill Gilpin and Solicitor Julia Carney.

Also in attendance were John Seney of the Bethel Journal, Chief Mark Planck, Carrie Minarchek and Melissa Copestick

Ms. Ireton made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2012 meeting, as written, seconded by Mr. Hembree. By roll:

Ms. Johnson "yea"   Ms. Ireton "yea"   Ms. Gunn "yea"  
Ms. Shepherd "yea"   Mr. Hembree "yea"   Ms. Planck "yea"   Motion Carried

Ms. Gunn made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2012 meeting, as written, seconded by Ms. Ireton. By roll:

Ms. Johnson "yea"   Ms. Ireton "yea"   Ms. Gunn "yea"  
Ms. Shepherd "yea"   Mr. Hembree "yea"   Ms. Planck "yea"   Motion Carried

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Carrie Minarchek gave a presentation on the tiger packs program; over 50% of K-5 students are on reduced or free lunches. There was much discussion on the benefits of the program; a sample pack was displayed; the school prefers to receive monetary donations in order to be able to purchase the items needed. It was agreed by all that it is a great program that is very much needed.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Mayor Alan J. Ausman**

Yard Sale dates are May 18-20, July 20-22 and September 14-16

Easter Egg Hunt is on April 7 at 2:00 pm; council please be active in the event

Holy Week is coming up; Easter Contata is April 1 at 7pm at the Bethel United Methodist Church

Mayor's Court report for the month of February, 2012; Total revenue of \$9,088, revenue to the village of \$7,320 and \$1,768 to the state

#### **Village Administrator, Travis Dotson**

Mutual Aid; 1 crew spent a day in Moscow, 5 employees worked on Saturday assisting with cleanup in Tate Township; will be sending another crew to Moscow next week

The new employees are settling in nicely; pleased with their progress

Attended the latest ALB meeting at Grant Career Center, the village has a waiver to sign for Burke Park, which is not yet signed. Have seen several areas where the restoration of sites is not being completed properly.

There is a resolution this evening for the CDBG grant application to pave the municipal parking lot, deadline to apply is April 6.

#### **Fiscal Officer, Bill Gilpin**

Appropriations ordinance 1679 for approval this evening. The appropriations are essentially the same as the temporary ones approved in December. Minor adjustments were made in

consideration of different needs pertaining to the new employees. Also, \$500 in appropriations were added to fund 2272, Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment Fund due to the fact that this fund did not exist in early December.

Bills for approval; 2 changes were made and are highlighted on the revised sheet. The amount paid to Wichards was lowered due to realizing that some of the invoices listed on the statement were already paid. The amount paid to Aramark was lowered due to discrepancies on some invoices that are still being discussed with the company.

Revenue status; as of today, we are 22.4% of the way through the year. Total revenues are at 24.8%, which means we are running 2.4% over the estimated budget.

As of today, the general fund has a positive balance of \$41k. The special passcode has been removed from the software by the state auditor's office. Moving forward the software will no longer allow an expenditure to occur that will result in a negative fund balance.

I received a call from the state attorney general's office earlier this week. They are going to aggressively go after the individuals who still have a finding for recovery outstanding. At this time we have 6 individuals who still have outstanding balances. 1 of the individuals is currently repaying through payroll deductions. The other 5 are former employees. The AG's office agreed not to certify for collections our employee who is paying through payroll deductions. The other 5 will be turned over to the collections department of the AG office.

No new news on the audit status or finalization of the report on accounting methods. The next meeting of the financial recovery commission has been set for April 18. Hopefully the reports will be finalized by then and the village can officially request release from fiscal emergency.

### **Solicitor Julia Carney**

In the process of reviewing the contract for tree removal services; will be adding a memo to the contract.

The Marshall property annexation papers have been filed and is scheduled to be heard by the county commissioners on June 6.

### **Police Chief Mark Planck**

Office Brees assisted with tornado relief efforts in Tate Township  
April 3 is Crimestopper telethon, please support

### **Finance Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn**

Discussed possibility of putting a park levy on the November ballot; council please think about whether we want to attempt the levy or not. If a levy passes would like to see some flowering trees added to the park.

Next meeting will be on April 2 at 5:30 pm.

### **Safety Committee, Chairperson Jeremiah Hembree**

Met on March 5, discussed the police department personnel needs, we have received many applications for employment

There is the need for new police radios and other equipment

Emergency training and preparedness was discussed

### **Personnel Committee, Chairperson Amy Planck**

The rough draft of the employee manual is nearing completion

### **Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton**

We have several requests prepared for the Burke Trust committee; \$10,000 for the scholarships, \$500 for the Easter egg hunt; \$5,000 for grounds maintenance; \$7,220 for parking spaces at Burke Park, \$500 for tiger packs

In the process of setting up a meeting with the Burke Trust committee

Ms. Ireton made a motion to request \$10,000 from the Burke Trust for educational scholarships, seconded by Ms. Johnson. By roll:

Ms. Johnson “yea” Ms. Ireton “yea” Ms. Gunn “yea”  
Ms. Shepherd “yea” Mr. Hembree “yea” Ms. Planck “yea” Motion Carried

Ms. Ireton made a motion to request \$500 from the Burke Trust for the community Easter egg hunt, seconded by Ms. Gunn. By roll:

Ms. Johnson “yea” Ms. Ireton “yea” Ms. Gunn “yea”  
Ms. Shepherd “yea” Mr. Hembree “yea” Ms. Planck “yea” Motion Carried

Ms. Ireton made a motion to request \$5,000 from the Burke Trust for park and cemetery grounds maintenance, seconded by Ms. Shepherd. By roll:

Ms. Johnson “yea” Ms. Ireton “yea” Ms. Gunn “yea”  
Ms. Shepherd “yea” Mr. Hembree “yea” Ms. Planck “yea” Motion Carried

Ms. Ireton made a motion to request \$7,220 from the Burke Trust for 50% of the cost to add parking spaces at Burke Park, seconded by Mr. Hembree. By roll:

Ms. Johnson “yea” Ms. Ireton “yea” Ms. Gunn “yea”  
Ms. Shepherd “yea” Mr. Hembree “yea” Ms. Planck “yea” Motion Carried

Ms. Ireton made a motion to request \$500 from the Burke Trust for tiger packs program, seconded by Ms. Johnson. By roll:

Ms. Johnson “yea” Ms. Ireton “yea” Ms. Gunn “yea”  
Ms. Shepherd “yea” Mr. Hembree “yea” Ms. Planck “yea” Motion Carried

### **Planning Commission, Amy Planck**

Nothing to report

### **CALL OF MEMBERS**

Priscilla Johnson: Please be careful driving during spring break

Janice Ireton: Please come out for Easter Week services, let's support each other

Donna Gunn: Please pay attention to the contractors if you are losing trees, keep an eye out for proper removal. There is a fundraiser for the ALB on March 30; a spaghetti dinner at the Baptist Church

Lucy Shepherd: Please help out our senior citizens

Jeremiah Hembree: Thanks to all who have helped with the disaster relief effort. Holy Week services will be from April 1 to April 7, all beginning at 7 pm. Spring break is here, be safe, have fun and enjoy your family.

Amy Planck: Kings Hat is now open, food and prices are very good; Bethel Nails is a new business; Fitzgerald's Pharmacy is open also.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Melissa Copestick, president of the pto, spoke about a new 5k run/walk that will benefit MADD on behalf of Pam Taylor who lost her mother in an accident several weeks ago. The 5k run/walk will be held on June 9, 2012

Travis Dotson noted that the event application is being processed.

**LEGISLATION**

**RESOLUTION 921 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Hembree made a motion to waive the three readings of RES 921 CDBG Application, seconded by Ms. Johnson. By roll:

Ms. Johnson “yea” Ms. Ireton “yea” Ms. Gunn “yea”  
Ms. Shepherd “yea” Mr. Hembree “yea” Ms. Planck “yea” Motion Carried

Ms. Gunn made a motion to adopt RES 921 CDBG Application, seconded by Ms. Ireton. By roll:

Ms. Johnson “yea” Ms. Ireton “yea” Ms. Gunn “yea”  
Ms. Shepherd “yea” Mr. Hembree “yea” Ms. Planck “yea” Motion Carried

**ORDINANCE 1679 – AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL, STATE OF OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012**

Ms. Ireton made a motion to waive the three readings of ORD 1679 2012 Appropriations, seconded by Ms. Planck. By roll:

Ms. Johnson “yea” Ms. Ireton “yea” Ms. Gunn “yea”  
Ms. Shepherd “yea” Mr. Hembree “yea” Ms. Planck “yea” Motion Carried

Ms. Gunn made a motion to adopt ORD 1679 2012 Appropriations, seconded by Ms. Ireton. By roll:

Ms. Johnson “yea” Ms. Ireton “yea” Ms. Gunn “yea”  
Ms. Shepherd “yea” Mr. Hembree “yea” Ms. Planck “yea” Motion Carried

**PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

Ms. Ireton made a motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses in the amount of \$308,544.47, seconded by Mr. Hembree. By roll:

Ms. Johnson “yea” Ms. Ireton “yea” Ms. Gunn “yea”  
Ms. Shepherd “yea” Mr. Hembree “yea” Ms. Planck “yea” Motion Carried

**FEBRUARY EXPENSES**

Mr. Hembree made a motion to approve the February, 2012 expenses, as presented, seconded by Ms. Shepherd. By roll:

Ms. Johnson “yea” Ms. Ireton “yea” Ms. Gunn “yea” Motion Carried  
Ms. Shepherd “yea” Mr. Hembree “yea” Ms. Planck “yea”

Meeting on motion adjourned at 7:33 pm. All yea

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Alan J. Ausman, Mayor

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William R. Gilpin, Fiscal Officer