

Bethel Village Council April 12, 2012

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor Alan J. Ausman presiding.

Mr. Hembree 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, Donna Gunn, Lucy Shepherd, Rev. Jeremiah Hembree, Amy Planck, Village Administrator Travis Dotson, Fiscal Officer Bill Gilpin and Solicitor Julia Carney. Janice Ireton was absent.

Also in attendance were John Seney of the Bethel Journal, Geoff Vontz, Shannon Lambert, David Cox, Rick Peters and Toni Cox.

Mr. Hembree made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2012 meeting, as amended, seconded by Ms. Johnson. By roll:

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Rick Peters addressed Council about some issues he has encountered at the ball fields that are owned by the village. The Bethel Youth Baseball & Softball group running the fields have 3 board members, Geoff Vontz, Shannon Lambert and Tony Lambert. Rick Peters indicated that he has had problems with the board members on occasion this year and has been told that he cannot coach anymore. Travis Dotson stated that the village ball fields are part of Burke Park and the remaining fields belong to the school district, and that council will need to decide if they want to continue to allow the boosters to have a non-exclusive agreement to run the fields if complaints continue to be filed. Mayor Ausman stated that the village owns fields 1 and 2 and that fields 3 and 4 belong to the schools, and that the village cannot do anything about the boosters' rules as long as they do not violate village laws or rules. Rick Peters stated that the board was meeting this evening to decide whether he could continue to coach or not and wanted to know if the village had anything in place to assist with dealing with the youth baseball & softball board. There was discussion on the use of coolers and other personal items at the ball fields. The consensus was to post signs on the village owned fields stating that food and drinks are allowed to be brought in. Mr. Hembree reminded everyone that the boosters are a private group and that when someone signs up with that group they are agreeing to abide by their rules.

REPORTS

Mayor Alan J. Ausman

Mayor's Court report for the month of March, 2012: Total revenue of \$3,300, revenue to the village of \$2,694.50 and \$605.50 to the state.

Thanks to all who assisted with the Easter Egg hunt.

Thanks to the local pastoral board for Holy Week services.

The weekend of April 28 is cleanup days for Tate Township and clean and green for the village. Community Savings Bank is challenging the village to spruce up the flower pots on one side of Plane Street and they will take care of the opposite side.

Village Administrator, Travis Dotson

The clean and green will start at 9 am on April 28. Typically 100 bags of trash are gathered.

Mutual Aid-2 additional days were spent in Moscow with the bucket truck working on trees.

Public Works activity for March was reviewed; list provided by Public Works Supervisor Mitch Hatfield. There has been a lot of work done in the park for spring time.

The Burke educational scholarship interviews are scheduled for May 21.

We will have the 1st reading of Resolution 924 regarding the usage of the iPad's.

Fiscal Officer, Bill Gilpin

The list of bills for approval is for the net amount, not the gross, due to a check to open a certificate of deposit being included in the list.

The records retention committee needs to be re-organized and make arrangements to destroy obsolete records.

Resolution 922 is for approval of the financial recovery plan, which needs to be done prior to the next committee meeting scheduled for April 18.

The modified recovery plan was reviewed; 2011 was updated to actual figures and 2012 estimates were updated. 2016 and 2017 were added to comply with the rule for a 5 year forecast.

Resolution 923 deals with the usage of a bank debit card; it is getting more difficult to obtain a village credit card without a personal guarantee for payment.

Solicitor Julia Carney

The national flood insurance program is being investigated. The village will need to adopt floodplain regulations to become part of the program, then residents will be able to purchase flood insurance protection.

Police Chief Mark Planck

Nothing to report

Finance Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn

The committee met on April 2, discussion included considering placing a park levy or police levy on the ballot for consideration by the voters. The consensus of the committee is that a police levy is the greater need at this time.

The next meeting will be scheduled at the April 26 council meeting.

Safety Committee, Chairperson Jeremiah Hembree

The next meeting will be Monday, April 23 at 5:00 pm.

Personnel Committee, Chairperson Amy Planck

The employee manual is proceeding in rough draft form. iPad training will be scheduled.

Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton

Absent

Planning Commission, Amy Planck

Nothing to report

CALL OF MEMBERS

Priscilla Johnson: Attended the business association meeting; officers were elected; next meeting will be on May 7 at 12:00; dues will be \$50.00 annually

Janice Ireton: Absent

Donna Gunn: Easter Egg Hunt was a lot of fun; thanks to Jennifer Dick, Heather and Jeremiah Hembree for their efforts in organizing the event. BAMfest is May 12 with lots of activities

Lucy Shepherd: Have spent lots of time at the ball fields over the years; please don't lose sight of what youth ball is all about, namely instructing the kids.

Jeremiah Hembree: Echoed what Ms. Shepherd said. Thanks to all who came out and supported the Holy Week events. Over \$6k was raised for those in need.

Amy Planck: The Easter Egg Hunt was lots of fun; observed leaders developing leaders. April is child abuse awareness month with many activities planned throughout the county.

PUBLIC INPUT

Geoff Vontz spoke about the boosters board, there are actually 4 members; no one has run anyone off the fields. It is for the kids and that is why it is structured the way it is. The incident that Rick Peters spoke about did happen. The board has a zero tolerance policy. Geoff Vontz stated that he knows he is not well liked, but that is ok as he feels he has a job to do.

Mayor Ausman stated that the village has no authority in the matter and that hopefully cooler heads will prevail; everyone knows there are two sides to every story.

Mr. Hembree asked about the league rules concerning bringing in food and drink.

Geoff Vontz stated that the rules are in place to protect the concession stand sales.

Travis Dotson stated that food and drinks are allowed on fields 1 and 2 that are part of Burke Park.

Ms. Planck asked if the village had signage posted for the Burke Park fields. Travis Dotson will take care of.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION 922 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE UPDATED FINANCIAL RECOVERY PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL, OHIO

Mr. Hembree made a motion to waive the three readings of RES 922 Financial Recovery Plan, seconded by Ms. Gunn. By roll:

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

Ms. Gunn made a motion to adopt RES 922 Financial Recovery Plan, seconded by Ms. Johnson. By roll:

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

RESOLUTION 923 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REVISED POLICY GOVERNING THE USE OF VILLAGE CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS BY VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

Mr. Hembree made a motion to waive the three readings of RES 923 Debit Card Policy, seconded by Ms. Johnson. By roll:

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

Ms. Gunn made a motion to adopt RES 923 Debit Card Policy, seconded by Mr. Hembree. By roll:

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

RESOLUTION 924 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN iPad USAGE POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL, OHIO, 1st Reading

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Ms. Gunn made a motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses in the amount of \$147,094.40, seconded by Ms. Shepherd. By roll:

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

MARCH EXPENSES

Ms. Gunn made a motion to approve the March, 2012 expenses, as presented, seconded by Ms. Planck. By roll:

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

Mayor Ausman noted that the next council meeting on April 26 happens to be the 210th anniversary of the incorporation of the village.

Mr. Hembree made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Shepherd. All yea. 7:35 pm.

Alan J. Ausman, Mayor

William R. Gilpin, Fiscal Officer