

Bethel Village Council May 10, 2012

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Thursday, May 10, 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 Janice Ireton, Donna Gunn, Lucy Shepherd, Rev. Jeremiah Hembree, Amy Planck, Village Administrator Travis Dotson, Fiscal Officer Bill Gilpin and Solicitor Julia Carney. Priscilla Johnson was absent.

Also in attendance were John Seney of the Bethel Journal and Gary Hutchinson.

Ms. Gunn made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2012 meeting, as written, seconded by Ms. Planck. By roll:

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

Mr. Hembree made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2012 meeting, as written, seconded by Ms. Ireton. By roll:

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

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS

Mayor Alan J. Ausman

Mayor's Court report for the month of April, 2012: Total revenue of \$8,049.01, revenue to the village of \$6,329.01 and \$1720.00 to the state.

Village Administrator, Travis Dotson

Back Trees Services came out and gave a demonstration on treating host trees for ALB prevention treatment. 5 large trees were treated with donated materials.

The new parking areas in the park are being worked on.

The public works department April report was read aloud.

The storm siren is being updated to new bandwidth requirements.

Fiscal Officer, Bill Gilpin

Nothing to report

Solicitor Julia Carney

Ordinance 1681 deals with the Marshall property annexation.

Have talked with the attorney representing the group concerned with the ALB situation

Police Chief Mark Planck

Nothing to report

Finance Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn

The committee met on May 7, discussion included the Burke Trust inclusion on the village's books; the 911 invoice was discussed with a payment plan approved.

The worker's compensation MCO and TPA have been combined with one company, CompManagement.

420 touch read meters were purchased at a significant savings.

The bulk water station needs \$12k in repairs, consensus is to shut it down due to lack of use rather than spend the money.

Mayor and Council salaries were discussed with no action taken.

The next meeting will be May 21 during a break in the interview schedule. The next regular meeting will be June 4 at 5:00 pm.

Safety Committee, Chairperson Jeremiah Hembree

The committee met on April 23, discussions included staffing needs and adding new auxiliary officers, radio replacement upcoming at approximately 5 to 6k each, vehicle replacement schedule.

The next meeting will be on May 21 during a break of the scholarship interviews.

Personnel Committee, Chairperson Amy Planck

The next meeting will be on May 14 at 6:00 pm.

Parks and Village Property, Chairperson Donna Gunn

First meeting was held, discussion included possibly adding a message board for advertising on the corner of the Grant Memorial building; a quote from Back Tree Service for ALB treatment at approximately \$7,000 per year for the duration of the infestation to defend against the ALB.

The next meeting will be scheduled when needed.

Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton

The scholarship applications are due by May 18; council will meet on May 21 to interview the candidates.

We have received a letter of resignation from Frank Manning. Walt Carter has expressed interest in returning to the board.

Ms. Ireton made a motion to appoint Walt Carter to the Burke Trust Commission with the term expiring in 2013, seconded by Ms. Gunn. By roll:

Ms. Johnson-absent Ms. Ireton "yea" Ms. Gunn "yea"

Ms. Shepherd "yea" Mr. Hembree "yea" Ms. Planck "yea" Motion Carried

Travis Dotson told Ms. Ireton that the trust will need to be notified and they will need to meet and elect a new chairperson.

Planning Commission, Amy Planck

Nothing to report

Bethel Business Association, Priscilla Johnson

Mayor Ausman reported that the Bethel Business Association met last Monday; officers were sworn in; future meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month at noon.

CALL OF MEMBERS

Priscilla Johnson: Absent

Janice Ireton: Graduation is on May 25

Donna Gunn: BAMfest is this weekend. Please come and enjoy the fun. The tree situation has become very unpleasant for some residents, remember that you are in charge, not the contractor.

There is a need to amend the rules of council to reflect that we now have a committee for parks and village property and a representative to the Bethel Business Association.

Ms. Gunn made a motion to amend the rules of council to reflect the reformation of the parks and village property committee and a representative to the Bethel Business Association, seconded by Ms. Ireton. By roll:

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

Lucy Shepherd: The tree trimming on Plane St. looks great.

Jeremiah Hembree: Mother’s Day is this Sunday, take care of Mom. The tree situation has been very unpleasant; take care of your property and look out for your neighbor as well. Thanks to all for supporting the national day of prayer.

Amy Planck: Thanks to the public works department for making the village look so nice; had the pleasure of interviewing 18 for alumni scholarships.

PUBLIC INPUT

Gary Hutchinson asked if they are finding the beetle in any new places. Ms. Gunn replied that they are finding them every day. Travis Dotson stated that there is a large infestation in the southwest area of the village. Gary Hutchinson stated that the 911 fees bothers him; are we allowed to have the service if the bill is not paid. Ms. Gunn replied that the balance would continue to add up until paid. Gary Hutchinson stated that his water tastes bad. Mayor Ausman stated that he has not noticed any difference in the water.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION 924 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN iPad USAGE POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL, OHIO, 3rd Reading

Ms. Gunn made a motion to adopt RES 924 iPad usage Policy, seconded by Ms. Shepherd. By roll:

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

ORDINANCE 1680 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2011 FIRE CODE, 1st Reading

ORDINANCE 1681 - AN ORDINANCE STATING SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE PROPOSED ANNEXED TERRITORY, 1st Reading

Julia Carney stated that the correct area being annexed is 24.905 acres due to the right of way being excluded from the annexation.

Discussion: Ms. Shepherd asked if we knew what the property owner’s intent was. Travis Dotson replied that the intent is to make it a recreational complex with soccer, etc. Ms. Shepherd stated that she is concerned with the impact on the police department. Travis Dotson stated that the property owners asked for the annexation because Tate Township does not have a recreational designation in their zoning code and the village does.

Mr. Hembree made a motion to waive the three readings of ORD 1681 Annexation Services, seconded by Ms. Ireton. By roll:

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

Travis Dotson asked if 4 votes were enough to waive the 3 reading rule. Julia Carney stated that due to the lack of a 75% vote, the motion fails. Mayor Ausman stated that this will serve as the

first reading of the ordinance. Julia Carney stated that we will need a special meeting to pass due to a deadline to submit to the county.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Ms. Ireton made a motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses in the amount of \$209,435.00, seconded by Ms. Gunn. By roll:

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

APRIL EXPENSES

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

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

Meeting on motion adjourned at 7:20 pm, all yea.

Alan J. Ausman, Mayor

William R. Gilpin, Fiscal Officer

NOT APPROVED