

Bethel Village Council June 4, 2012

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Monday, June 4, 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, Janice Ireton, Donna Gunn, Lucy Shepherd, Rev. Jeremiah Hembree, Village Administrator Travis Dotson, Fiscal Officer Bill Gilpin and Solicitor Julia Carney. Amy Planck was absent.

Also in attendance were John Seney of the Bethel Journal, Mark Hoenle, Lauren Justice, Karen Justice, Paul Justice, Ariel Justice, Tyler Reinhart, Kimberly Anslinger and Greg Schuler.

Ms. Ireton made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2012 meeting, as amended, seconded by Ms. Gunn. By roll:

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

Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 14, 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-absent Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS

Mayor Alan J. Ausman

Mayor Ausman swore in Lauren Justice and Kimberly Anslinger as two new auxiliary police officers for the village.

The 5k run is this Saturday morning at the middle school.

Village Administrator, Travis Dotson

The ALB treatment of the trees in Burke Park has been completed.

The paving of parking spaces in Burke Park is complete.

The May public works activity report was read aloud.

Fiscal Officer, Bill Gilpin

The vote on the new local government fund distribution will be coming up in the near future.

Solicitor Julia Carney

The Marshall property annexation hearing will be held on June 6 by the county commissioners.

Police Chief Mark Planck

Nick Neibauer has been promoted to full-time status; Brandon Brenes will be promoted to part-time status; still looking for one more part-time officer to fill the schedule.

Finance Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn

The committee met this evening; revenues are on pace; appropriations will need to be amended soon; the 2013 tax budget hearing will be held on July 12, 2012 at 6:30 pm; a work session on the annual financial cycle will take place at the conclusion of the June 28 meeting.

The next meeting will be scheduled at the June 28 meeting.

Safety Committee, Chairperson Jeremiah Hembree

The committee met on May 21, discussions included hiring and safety training.

Personnel Committee, Chairperson Amy Planck

Absent; no report

Parks and Village Property, Chairperson Donna Gunn

Have been meeting with the baseball and softball groups; bylaws are being studied and suggestions are being made to amend their bylaws.

Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton

Graduation was on May 25; scholarship recipients are pleased; an eleventh scholarship has been proposed but no decision has been made.

Planning Commission, Amy Planck

Absent; no report

Bethel Business Association, Priscilla Johnson

Met earlier today with 14 members attending; the group is asking the village to reduce the electric rates for business customers to help attract new business; would it be possible for the business association to have a link on the village's website? Travis Dotson replied that it would not be a problem to provide the link to the business association website.

Ms. Gunn asked if the issue was with the electric rate or the utility deposit? Ms. Johnson replied that it was the rate itself. Travis Dotson stated that finance committee could take a look at it.

CALL OF MEMBERS

Priscilla Johnson: Nil

Janice Ireton: Support the Shirley Saylor event this weekend.

Donna Gunn: Attended the ALB meeting; the point was made for everyone to study the environmental assessment and comment on it; Burke Park looks spectacular; thanks to Judi Adams and crew for another successful BAMFest event.

Lucy Shepherd: It was exciting to participate in the Burke Scholarship interview process; we need to figure out a way to get the people who travel through the village to stop and shop.

Jeremiah Hembree: Summer is here, lots of church activities, vacation bible school, etc., please be careful and safe.

Amy Planck: Absent

PUBLIC INPUT

None

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 1680 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2011 FIRE CODE, 3rd Reading

Ms. Gunn made a motion to adopt ORD 1860, seconded by Mr. Hembree. By roll:

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

RESOLUTION 926 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR A TAX LEVY FOR PARK AND RECREATION PURPOSES IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Discussion; Mr. Hembree asked what the purpose of the levy was. Mr. Dotson replied that we had this levy previously but it has expired and that it is to help cover some of the park and Grant Memorial expenses.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to waive the three readings of RES 926, seconded by Ms. Ireton. By roll:

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

Ms. Ireton made a motion to adopt RES 926, seconded by Mr. Hembree. By roll:

Ms. Johnson “yea” Ms. Ireton “yea” Ms. Gunn “yea”
Ms. Shepherd “yea” Mr. Hembree “yea” Ms. Planck-absent 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 \$98,672.88, 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

MAY EXPENSES

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

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

Meeting on motion adjourned at 7:02 pm, all yea.

Alan J. Ausman, Mayor

William R. Gilpin, Fiscal Officer