

## **Bethel Village Council June 28, 2012**

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Thursday, June 28, 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, Amy Planck, 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, Gary Hutchinson, Thomas Collopy, Thomas Collopy Sr., Wendy Collopy, Heather Reynolds, Norbert & Mary Jacobs

Mr. Hembree made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21, 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

Ms. Gunn made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2012 meeting, as written, 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

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

### **REPORTS**

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

Mayor Ausman swore in Thomas Collopy as a new auxiliary police officer.

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

All items are currently in committee

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

Tax budget hearing will be on July 12 prior to the council meeting  
Annual financial information will be reviewed later in the meeting  
Will be meeting with the county auditor tomorrow to discuss the local government fund

**Solicitor Julia Carney:** Nil

**Police Chief Mark Planck:** Nil

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

Met earlier this evening and discussed amending appropriations and the 2013 tax budget; future AEP rates are being negotiated; Solicitor contract is up for renewal with a new base rate of \$24,600 annually; Kyle Jennings will be going to Columbus for lineman training  
Next meeting will be on July 12 at 5:00 pm.

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

Next meeting will be on July 9 at 5 pm.

**Personnel Committee, Chairperson Amy Planck**

Continue to work on the personnel handbook  
Next meeting will be on July 16 at 6:30 pm

**Parks and Village Property, Chairperson Donna Gunn**

Nothing to report

**Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton:**

List of scholarship recipients was reviewed; we have a request for \$2,000 for the tiger tools program

Ms. Shepherd made a motion to request \$2,000 from the Burke Trust for the Tiger Tools program, 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

**Planning Commission, Amy Planck**

Nothing to report

**Bethel Business Association, Priscilla Johnson**

The group is desiring a link on the village’s website; will be on vacation next week, can someone else from the village attend the meeting?

**CALL OF MEMBERS**

Amy Planck: Nil

Jeremiah Hembree: Nil

Lucy Shepherd: Nil

Donna Gunn: Attended the Loveland council meeting and shared information about the impact of removing all ALB host trees in our area; let Loveland know that a courtesy call would have been appreciated; Mayor of Loveland indicated that they would seek input in the future; please read the environmental assessment study and respond to it by July 9.

Janice Ireton: Please check on the elderly with this extreme heat

Priscilla Johnson: Echo Ms. Ireton’s comment, be cautious in this heat

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Robert Jacobs asked why Bethel would care about what Loveland has to say about the ALB. Ms. Gunn replied that positive responses help our cause, negative responses hurt our cause. Mayor Ausman stated that he fears a domino effect from other local governments. Ms. Planck stated that we should fear the impact of such statements.

**LEGISLATION**

**RESOLUTION 927 – A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH A ONE MILL LEVY FOR PARK AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES**

Ms. Planck made a motion to waive the three readings of RES 927, 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. Planck made a motion to adopt RES 927, 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 1683 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER**

Ms. Shepherd made a motion to waive the three readings of ORD 1683, 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

Ms. Gunn made a motion to adopt ORD 1683, 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

Mr. Hembree made a motion to adopt ORD 1683 as an emergency measure, 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

**ORDINANCE 1684 – AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF JULIA B. CARNEY AS SOLICITOR AND THE LAW FIRM OF MANLEY BURKE, LPA TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses in the amount of \$230,488.78, 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

Bill Gilpin reviewed the annual financial cycle of the village including revenues, appropriations, budget timeline and year end. Also discussed were amounts and rates and year end reporting; the timeline for each financial function was explained.

Meeting on motion adjourned at 7:48 pm. All yea

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Alan J. Ausman, Mayor

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William R. Gilpin, Fiscal Officer