

Bethel Village Council August 23, 2012

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor Alan J. Ausman presiding.

Ms. Ireton 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, Amy Planck, Village Administrator Travis Dotson, Fiscal Officer Bill Gilpin and Solicitor Julia Carney. Rev. Jeremiah Hembree was absent.

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

Ms. Planck made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2012 meeting, as written, seconded by Ms. Shepherd. By roll:

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None

REPORTS

Mayor Alan J. Ausman: nothing to report

Village Administrator, Travis Dotson: nothing to report

Fiscal Officer, Bill Gilpin:

We have received a template from the state auditor for use in adding the Burke Trust financial information to the village's annual financial statement; the hope is to finalize the 2009-10 audit by the end of September.

Solicitor Julia Carney: nothing to report

Police Chief Mark Planck: Nothing to report

Finance Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn

The fiscal recovery commission met last evening; the report on accounting methods has been completed; overall the report was excellent but a few things will need attention. The village anticipates requesting release from fiscal emergency in January 2013. The utility department was complimented for the checks and balances that are in place for handling cash. After release from fiscal emergency the state will continue to monitor the village for two additional years.

Next meeting will be on September 13 at 5:00 pm.

Safety Committee, Chairperson Jeremiah Hembree: Absent

Personnel Committee, Chairperson Amy Planck:

Met earlier this evening, the rough draft of the employee manual is nearly complete, lots of work has been accomplished

Next meeting will be on September 10 at 5:00 pm

Parks and Village Property, Chairperson Donna Gunn: Nothing to report

Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton:

Read aloud a status report on how the disbursements have taken place for the 2 current groups of scholarship recipients; student communication has been good.

Planning Commission, Amy Planck: Nothing to report

Bethel Business Association, Priscilla Johnson:

Next meeting will be on September 10 at noon in the Grant Memorial Building

CALL OF MEMBERS

Priscilla Johnson: Nil

Janice Ireton: Nil

Donna Gunn: "Tree Aid" will be held on September 16 in Burke Park. The quarantine area has been expanded to include a portion of Stonelick Township.

Down Home Christmas planning is well under way; next meeting is September 11 at Community Savings Bank at 6 pm.

Lucy Shepherd: Nil

Jeremiah Hembree: absent

Amy Planck: School started today, please be cautious around school zones

PUBLIC INPUT: None

LEGISLATION: None

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Ms. Ireton made a motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses in the amount of \$227,837.57, seconded by Ms. Shepherd. By roll:

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

Meeting on motion adjourned at 6:44 pm. All yea

Alan J. Ausman, Mayor

William R. Gilpin, Fiscal Officer