

Bethel Village Council September 13, 2012

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor Ausman presiding.

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

Also in attendance were John Seney of the Bethel Journal, Amy Waddle, Danika Waddle, Kaidence Waddle, Delores Waddle, Bill Waddle, Nathan Roy and Greg Schuler.

Ms. Ireton made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 23, 2012 meeting, as written, seconded by Ms. Shepherd. By roll:

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

COMMUNICATIONS; Nil

REPORTS

Mayor Alan J. Ausman;

Mayor Ausman swore in Sean Waddle to the position of auxiliary police officer.

Trick or Treat will be held on October 31 from 6 to 8 pm.

Village-wide yard sales are this weekend

Homecoming is on October 5

The idea of cutting back to 1 council meeting per month has come up due to the fact that the second meeting of the month has become unnecessary. Mayor Ausman recommended moving to 1 meeting per month to be held on the second Thursday of the month. Ms. Shepherd asked about the timeliness of approving the payment of bills. Ms. Gunn replied that Bill Gilpin has been given approval to pay the bills on a monthly basis. Ms. Ireton stated that we would need to stay on top of things. Mr. Hembree asked about approving ordinances and resolutions; would we waive the readings or call for a special meeting? Ms. Gunn suggested we try it through December to see if it works. Ms. Shepherd stated that she would be concerned about reducing the opportunity for the public to voice their opinion.

Mr. Hembree made a motion to suspend the second council meeting of the month through December, 2012 and to re-evaluate the results in January, 2013, seconded by Ms. Gunn. By roll:

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

The Mayor’s Court report for August 2012 was read aloud; Total revenue of \$3063.00, \$2254.00 to the village, \$786.50 to the state and \$22.50 to the county.

Village Administrator, Travis Dotson

The monthly public works activity report was read aloud

Fiscal Officer, Bill Gilpin;

Resolution 1689 accepting amounts and rates was reviewed; it must be passed this evening. Ordinance 1690 for amending appropriations was reviewed.

The 2009-10 audit is still ongoing; the audit staff hopes to wrap up by the end of the month.

Solicitor Julia Carney; Nothing to report

Police Chief Mark Planck;

Unit 501 has had a license plate reader installed; Unit 504 needs paint work; Unit 502 has been repaired.

There will be a marine laid to rest at Tate Twp. Cemetery this Saturday.
There will be 200 to 500 motorcycles passing through town on Saturday for a benefit ride.

Finance Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn

The committee met earlier this evening; street paving bids were reviewed; the committee is recommending accepting the bid from Brown County Construction Co. of approximately \$124k.

Revenues and expenditures are on track for the year.
The water tower maintenance work will go out for bid in the spring.
Next meeting is October 11 at 5:00 pm.

Safety Committee, Chairperson Jeremiah Hembree;

Next meeting is September 24 at 5:00 pm.

Personnel Committee, Chairperson Amy Planck;

Next meeting is September 24 at 6:00 pm.

Parks and Village Property, Chairperson Donna Gunn

Next meeting is September 24 at 7:00 pm.

Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton;

We have a request for the Burke Trust in the amount of \$12,500 to assist with the cost of paving the municipal parking lot, specifically the area surrounding the community center.

Ms. Ireton made a motion to request \$12,500 from the Burke Trust for assisting with the overall cost to pave the municipal parking lot, 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

Planning Commission, Amy Planck; Nothing to report

Bethel Business Association, Priscilla Johnson;

Next meeting is October 1 at 12:00 pm.

CALL OF MEMBERS

Priscilla Johnson: Nil

Janice Ireton: Thanks to all for support during time of loss; flowers were greatly appreciated

Donna Gunn: Tree Aid will be held this Sunday the 16th from noon to 8 pm; seminar by Laura Weber on September 24 at 7 pm at the Grant Memorial Building.

Lucy Shepherd: Nil

Jeremiah Hembree: Sept. 16 is back to church Sunday; please make a full family day of it by going to church and then on to Burke Park for Tree Aid.

Amy Planck: Nil

PUBLIC INPUT:

Greg Schuler asked about Resolution 930; Ms. Carney explained that it involves the Marshall property that is now in the village.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 1689 - ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF 24.905 ACRES OF LAND IN TATE TOWNSHIP TO THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL PURSUANT TO A PETITION FILED BY MICHAEL A. AND DONNA M. MARSHALL.

Mr. Hembree made a motion to waive the three readings of ORD 1689, seconded by Ms. Gunn. 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 1689, seconded by Ms. Gunn. By roll:

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

ORDINANCE 1690 – TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,2012

Ms. Planck made a motion to waive the three readings of ORD 1690, 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. Planck made a motion to adopt ORD 1690, 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

ORDINANCE 1691 - AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BROWN COUNTY CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Hembree made a motion to waive the three readings of ORD 1691, 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

Ms. Planck made a motion to adopt ORD 1691, 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

Ms. Gunn made a motion to adopt ORD 1691 as an emergency measure, 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

RESOLUTION 929 - ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Ms. Planck made a motion to waive the three readings of RES 929, 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 RES 929, 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

RESOLUTION 930 - A RESOLUTION INITIATING A ZONE CHANGE TO PROPERTY RECENTLY ANNEXED INTO THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL

Ms. Ireton made a motion to waive the three readings of RES 930, seconded by Ms. Gunn. 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 RES 930, 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

RESOLUTION 931 - INITIATING A ZONE CHANGE TO TATE RUN SUBDIVISION

Ms. Ireton asked if she should abstain from voting since she is a resident of the subdivision. Ms. Carney replied that it would be appropriate to abstain.

Mr. Hembree made a motion to waive the three readings of RES 931, seconded by Ms. Shepherd. By roll:

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

Ms. Gunn made a motion to adopt RES 931, seconded by Ms. Shepherd. By roll:

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

AUGUST EXPENSES

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

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

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Ms. Planck made a motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses in the amount of \$151,343.83, 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

Meeting on motion adjourned at 7:17 p.m.