

## **Bethel Village Council June 13, 2011**

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor James T. Dick presiding.

Mr. Ausman delivered the invocation, followed by Mayor Dick 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, Rus Whitley, Tim Cherry. Alan Ausman; Village Administrator Travis Dotson; Solicitor George Leicht and Fiscal Officer Bill Gilpin were absent.

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2011 meeting, as written, was made by Ms. Ireton. Second by Mr. Ausman. All yeas.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Mayor James T. Dick**

Letter was received from Chief Gregory of Williamsburg Police Department thanking Chief Planck and department for assistance with June in Old Williamsburg days.  
Mayor's Court report for May: Total revenue of \$6328.90, total to village \$5,020.90, total to state \$1283.00, restitution of \$25.00.

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

All items are going through the committee process.

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

Absent

#### **Solicitor George Leicht**

There is a need for a brief executive session at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

#### **Police Chief Mark Planck**

Nil.

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

Met last week and discussed many items.  
Street levy discussion along with park levy, committees feels street levy is priority over park levy.  
Electric rates were discussed with additional information forthcoming from our consultant.  
Please contact your county commissioners regarding the repair of Charity St. bridge.  
Financial Planning and Supervision Commission meeting was held and the commission is pleased with the village's progress.

Next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

#### **Public Works Committee, Chairperson Tim Cherry**

The committee met earlier this evening, visit to South Ash was made to assess drainage. County will be asked to do an assessment of the drainage with a camera truck. Specifications a valve maintenance trailer were reviewed.

Program to map infrastructure of the village is forthcoming and will be linked with the county gis system.

There was discussion on advertising for the valve maintenance trailer. With no objection from council, Mr. Dotson will proceed with advertising.

OPOT signal project will have a preliminary construction meeting on June 28 at 11:30am.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

#### **Safety Committee, Chairperson Rus Whitley**

Met this evening, new cruiser is in, will need minor repairs.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 11 at 5:00 pm.

#### **Personnel Committee, Chairperson Alan Ausman**

Next meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2011 at 5:30 pm.

Resolution 909 will have second reading this evening.

#### **Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton**

Scholarship letters will go out soon.

2 pending requests have not yet been approved.

#### **Planning Commission, Priscilla Johnson**

There is a need to change the meeting day moving forward.

#### **CALL OF MEMBERS**

Priscilla Johnson: Nil.

Janice Ireton: Nil.

Donna Gunn: Congratulations to Bethel-Tate school system for being recognized as the most efficient school system in the state. Happy retirement wishes to Jim Smith. BAMFest held a wrap-up meeting, event was successful and suggestions for improvement were received. The committee discussed what to do with the proceeds and the decision to issue a scholarship.

Rus Whitley: Thanks for supporting your local churches.

Was impressed with the Burke scholarship interview process.

The American flag wall has been defaced again. Donations of \$445 have been received to use as a reward for information on the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) involved. George Leicht stated that the wall is outside the village, so the village could not be involved.

Tim Cherry: Nil

Alan Ausman: Has a couple of articles on the possibility of coal fired power plants being shut down, and the associated projected ramifications thereof.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Lucy Shepherd asked if council has ever considered a wind farm to power the village rather than using fossil fuels. Looking forward, can anything be done to reduce the use of fossil fuels. Ms. Johnson stated that she has researched the idea and found that Ohio is not an ideal location for wind power.

Mr. Dotson reminded everyone that if you contact the county commissioners about the bridge project, that it is a CDBG grant that has been applied for.

## **LEGISLATION**

RESOLUTION 909-ADOPTING AMENDED JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR CERTAIN VILLAGE EMPLOYEES AND INCORPORATING THE SAME IN THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK, 2nd Reading

RESOLUTION 910-A RESOLUTION DECLARING NECESSITY FOR A LEVY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE BURKE PARK, THE GRANT MEMORIAL BUILDING AND THE COMMUNITY CENTER, PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 5705.19(G), 2nd Reading

There was discussion on tabling Resolution 910 in favor of putting the street levy on the November ballot instead.

RESOLUTION 911-A RESOLUTION DECLARING NECESSITY FOR A 2 MIL LEVY THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING AND REPAIR OF STREETS, ROADS AND BRIDGES IN THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 5705.19(G) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

There was a discussion on whether to word it as a replacement or renewal and how to present it to the public. Further discussion on how soon to present the resolution to the county auditor's office for certification. Consensus is to amend as renewal and pass this evening. Mr. Leicht will amend for passage this evening.

A motion to waive the three readings of RES 911 Street Levy was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Mr. Cherry. By roll: Mr. Ausman "yea", Mr. Cherry "yea", Mr. Whitley "yea", Ms. Gunn "yea", Ms. Ireton "yea", Ms. Johnson "yea". Motion carried.

A motion to adopt RES 911 Street Levy was made by Mr. Cherry. Seconded by Mr. Whitley. By roll: Mr. Ausman "yea", Mr. Cherry "yea", Mr. Whitley "yea", Ms. Gunn "yea", Ms. Ireton "yea", Ms. Johnson "yea". Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 1657-AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2011 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three readings of ORD 1657 Amended Appropriations was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Ms. Johnson. By roll: Mr. Ausman "yea", Mr. Cherry "yea", Mr. Whitley "yea", Ms. Gunn "yea", Ms. Ireton "yea", Ms. Johnson "yea". Motion carried.

A motion to adopt ORD 1657 Amended Appropriations was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Ms. Ireton. By roll: Mr. Ausman "yea", Mr. Cherry "yea", Mr. Whitley "yea", Ms. Gunn "yea", Ms. Ireton "yea", Ms. Johnson "yea". Motion carried.

## **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

A motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses (checks 22510-22566 plus electronic payments and charges); in the amount of \$231,644.93 was made by Ms. Ireton. Second by Ms. Johnson. All yea.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to enter into executive session at 7:13 pm for pending litigation was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Mr. Whitley. By roll: Mr. Ausman "yea", Mr. Cherry "yea", Mr. Whitley "yea", Ms. Gunn "yea", Ms. Ireton "yea", Ms. Johnson "yea". Motion carried.

A motion to return to regular session at 7:18 pm was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Mr. Whitley. By roll: Mr. Ausman "yea", Mr. Cherry "yea", Mr. Whitley "yea", Ms. Gunn "yea", Ms. Ireton "yea", Ms. Johnson "yea". Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn at 7:19 pm was made by Mr. Whitley. Second by Mr. Cherry. All yea.

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James T. Dick, Mayor

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William R. Gilpin, Fiscal Officer

NOT APPROVED