

Bethel Village Council July 11, 2011

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Monday, July 11, 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 and Solicitor George Leicht. Fiscal Officer Bill Gilpin was absent.

A motion to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2011 meeting, as written, was made by Ms. Gunn. Second by Mr. Whitley. All "yea" except Mr. Cherry who abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS

Pat McPherron – Asian Longhorn Beetle Incident Commander, gave a status update on the program and informed Mayor and Council of a meeting on July 14 at the community center.

Butch Loudon – Archie Lee Boyce American Legion Post 406, asked the village to put up a banner for their upcoming car show in August. There was also discussion on the Legion's Christmas program to be held on December 3. Travis Dotson asked Butch Loudon to get with Chief Planck to work out the details.

REPORTS

Mayor James T. Dick

There will be a meeting regarding the Asian longhorn beetle problem at the community center this Thursday, July 14, from 6 to 8 pm.
The Mayor's Court report for June 2011 was reviewed.

Village Administrator, Travis Dotson

The changeover to the new utility software is progressing with all active accounts now entered into the system and in-house training was received today. The plan is to use the new system for this month's billing.
Hopefully by the end of the week the needed information on the electric rates will be available and the in-house review process will begin.

Fiscal Officer, Bill Gilpin

Absent

Solicitor George Leicht

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

Police Chief Mark Planck

Nil.

Finance Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn

The committee met on July 7 and reviewed the cuts that will be forthcoming as a result of the new state budget. New revenue streams will have to be identified or cuts will have to be made at some point in the future.
Resolution 912 for the street levy needs to be passed this evening as well as Resolution 913 adopting the 2012 tax budget.

Our banking agreement is being reviewed to hopefully improve the village's interest income. There was discussion on whether a special finance committee meeting may be needed to discuss the electric rate information.

The next meeting date will be set at the July 25 council meeting.

Public Works Committee, Chairperson Tim Cherry

The committee met earlier this evening.

One bid for the valve maintenance trailer was received from EH Wachs and the committee is recommending awarding the purchase from that bid in the amount of \$58,350 after removing the water heater option from the bid price. Mr. Cherry explained to council how the valve maintenance trailer would be used.

A motion to accept the bid for the valve maintenance trailer from EH Wachs in the amount of \$58,350 was made by Mr. Cherry. Second by Mr. Whitley. All "yea".

The ODOT signal upgrade should begin any day, utilities have been marked. The signals at East and Union streets will be removed.

Pavement resurfacing will be considered once the final cost of the signal upgrade work is realized.

Safety Committee, Chairperson Rus Whitley

Met this evening along with public works.

New tires will be installed on cruiser 502 tomorrow.

Cruiser 503 experienced a fire due to headlight wiring problems.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2011 at 5:00 pm.

Personnel Committee, Chairperson Alan Ausman

Nil.

Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton

The Bethel-Tate school district PTO is requesting \$2,000 for their tiger tools program for needy children, which is held just prior to the school year beginning.

A motion to request \$2,000.00 from the Burke Trust for the "Tiger Tools" program was made by Ms. Ireton. Second by Ms. Gunn. All "yea".

Vern Bastin introduced himself, gave some background information on his community involvement and expressed his interest in serving on the Burke Trust Commission.

A motion to appoint Vern Bastin to the Burke Trust Commission was made by Ms. Ireton. Second by Mr. Ausman. All "yea".

Mayor Dick stated that he had two Burke Commission appointments to make, one from 2010 and one for 2011. Mayor Dick asked Theresa Baudendistel to address council.

Theresa Baudendistel introduced herself, gave some background information on her community involvement and expressed her interest in serving on the Burke Trust Commission.

Mayor Dick stated that Theresa Baudendistel is his appointment to the Burke Trust Commission for 2011 with her term expiring in 2016. Mayor Dick also indicated that Dan Henneman is his appointment for 2010 with his term expiring in 2015.

Planning Commission, Priscilla Johnson

Nil.

CALL OF MEMBERS

Priscilla Johnson: Nil.

Janice Ireton: Thanks to her neighbor for mowing an elderly persons yard and abandoned properties in the neighborhood.

Donna Gunn: Asked for community help in organizing an event similar to Loveland's amazing race to raise money for any number of community needs. Please contact Ms. Gunn at 734-7171 or 382-0164.

Rus Whitley: Thanks for supporting your local churches.
Flag Wall vandalism-The reward money is being collected with the approximate total being \$1,100-\$1,200. \$1,000 was the amount advertised as the reward and the remainder will be retained for future use. Thanks to all who have gotten involved and supported the effort.

Tim Cherry: Nil

Alan Ausman: Thanks to all who are willing to step up and serve the community.

PUBLIC INPUT

Gary Hutchinson recognized Mary Dannemiller of the Bethel Journal who is leaving for a new career in Chicago.

Janice Ireton stated that the Saltair Church of Christ takes up a weekly collection for military family needs care packages. Please contact the church if you would like to contribute.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION 912- A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF TEN MILL LIMITATION, (Street Levy)

Discussion; Ms. Gunn explained that the levy is a 5 year renewal of the current street levy that is in place and will raise approximately \$65,000 annually.

A motion to waive the three readings of RES 912 Street Levy was made by Ms. Ireton. 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 RES 912 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.

RESOLUTION 913-A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2012 TAX BUDGET

A motion to waive the three readings of RES 913 2012 Tax Budget was made by Mr. Ausman. 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.

A motion to adopt RES 913 2012 Tax Budget 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.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses (checks 22593-22632 plus electronic payments and charges); in the amount of \$60,273.87 was made by Ms. Ireton. Second by Mr. Whitley. All yea.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter into executive session at 7:09 pm for personnel issues was made by Mr. Whitley. 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 return to regular session at 7:16 pm was made by Mr. Cherry. Seconded by Mr. Ausman. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 1657- AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH EH WACHS TO PURCHASE A VALVE MAINTENANCE TRAILER AND APPURTENCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three readings of ORD 1657 Purchase Valve Maintenance Trailer 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.

A motion to adopt ORD1657 Purchase Valve Maintenance Trailer was made by Mr. Cherry. Seconded by Mr. Ausman. 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 Ms. Gunn. All yea.

James T. Dick, Mayor

William R. Gilpin, Fiscal Officer