

## **Bethel Village Council July 25, 2011**

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Monday, July 25, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor James Dick presiding.

Ms. Ireton 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 Janice Ireton, Donna Gunn, Rus Whitley, Alan Ausman, Village Administrator Travis Dotson and Fiscal Officer Bill Gilpin. Council Member Priscilla Johnson and Solicitor George Leicht were absent.

Also present were Patrolman Shane Bininger, Ruth Gelter of the Independent Press, John Seney of the Bethel Journal, Beth Pulliam, Mike Marshall and Dan Hennemann.

A motion to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2011 meeting, as written, was made by Ms. Ireton. Second by Mr. Ausman. All ye.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mike Marshall stated that he attended a council meeting in April asking about the status of his property being annexed into the village, and to date has not been given any indication of when the annexation will be finalized.

### **REPORTS**

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

Mayor Dick acknowledged that George Leicht is very busy and finding it difficult to accomplish some of the items that are needed by the village, and suggested the possible hiring of a legal firm on a temporary basis to get things moving more quickly.

The financial recovery plan will need to be modified to compensate for the changes in the new biannual state budget. The next fiscal recovery commission meeting is on August 2, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

Dan Hennemann introduced himself, gave some background information on himself and thanked Mayor Dick for appointing him to the Burke Commission.

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

The village has received official notice that it will be receiving a CDBG grant of approximately \$160,000 to repair the traffic and pedestrian bridge on South Charity Street.

The USDA group will be bringing in a 50' trailer to use for office space. The trailer will be placed in the municipal parking lot.

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

The 2012 tax budget has been delivered to the auditor's office.

The 2.0 mil street renewal levy has been filed with the county board of elections and will be put on the November 8 ballot.

Two Burke Trust requests need to be signed by council this evening.

Four of ten Burke Educational Scholarship recipients have turned in their paperwork.

#### **Solicitor George Leicht**

Absent.

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

Absent.

**Finance Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn**

Next meeting is Tuesday August 2 at 5:00 pm.

**Public Works Committee, Chairperson Tim Cherry**

Next meeting is Monday August 8 following the council meeting.

**Safety Committee, Chairperson Rus Whitley**

Next meeting is Monday August 8 following the council meeting.  
Hopefully will have more information on bridge replacement by then.

**Personnel Committee, Chairperson Alan Ausman**

Next meeting is August 2 at 7:00 pm.  
Will discuss solicitor issues and other personnel issues.

**Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton**

Have 2 trust request forms that need to be signed. One is for the tiger tools program and the other is for the Grant Memorial chairs. The trust has asked that any unused scholarship monies be returned and an additional scholarship will then be awarded.  
Mayor Dick stated that there is a need to schedule a meeting to introduce the commission members.

**Planning Commission, Priscilla Johnson**

Absent.

**CALL OF MEMBERS**

Priscilla Johnson: Absent.

Janice Ireton: Please support the Clermont County Fair this week.

Donna Gunn: Great news on the CDBG grant and thanks to Travis Dotson for his hard work on submitting the grant application. Please support the American Legion car show on August 7 and the 5-10k run on August 13. Again, if anyone is interested in helping organize a mini amazing race event, please contact Ms. Gunn.

Rus Whitley: Please continue to support the local churches.

Tim Cherry: Nil.

Alan Ausman: Thanks to Dan Hennemann for stepping forward and serving on the Burke Trust Commission. The orange barrels are going up and work will begin soon on the traffic signal upgrade project.

**PUBLIC INPUT** None.

**LEGISLATION** None.

**PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

A motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses totaling \$179,062.02 was made by Mr. Whitley. Second by Ms. Ireton. All yea.

Meeting on motion adjourned at 6:52 p.m.