

Bethel Village Council August 9, 2010

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Monday, August 9, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor James T. Dick presiding.

Mr. Cherry 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, Tim Cherry, Rus Whitley, Mary Daugherty; Fiscal Officer Angel Burton and Village Administrator Travis Dotson. Solicitor George Leicht arrived after roll call.

A motion to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2010 meeting, as written, was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Mr. Whitley. All ye.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

REPORTS

Mayor James T. Dick

For July 2010, the Mayor's Court collected a total of \$5813, with \$4396 going back to the Village, \$1392 going to the State and \$25 in other revenues.

Mayor Dick reminded everyone of the 2nd annual Bethel Building and Loan 10K/5K this Saturday, August 14th. The run will begin in Burke Park, go to East Fork Lake and then back. The Bethel PD will be assisting, as well as the Ohio State Patrol. Later that afternoon, the Bethel Boosters will be having a fundraiser behind the Bick Primary School.

Ms. Kim Coniglio is interested in scheduling an additional Zumba class at the Community Center on Saturday mornings. The rental would be from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Most other Saturday rentals are in the evenings, with setup around 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Dotson pointed out the rental policy adopted by Council allows for only one rental a day, and the bulk of the Center's rentals are on the weekends. People typically decorate the Center early in the day for the rental event. Mayor Dick would like to see the rental policy revisited, especially if it allows for only one rental per day.

A motion permitting Ms. Coniglio to rent the Community Center on Saturday mornings, under the same rental terms set out during the June 14, 2010 Council meeting, was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Ms. Johnson. 5 yeas, Ms. Daugherty "nay". Motion carried.

Village Administrator, Travis Dotson

The Request for Bids on the Village's paving and road repair project has been published, and all contractors, whether small or large, are encouraged to submit proposals. The bid opening is August 27, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

The playground equipment is in, and everything but the slide has been installed.

Fiscal Officer, Angel Burton

Nil.

Solicitor George Leicht

All is quiet.

Police Chief Mark Planck

The Chief distributed copies of his department's July 2010 report to council members for their review.

Finance Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn

The Finance Committee met last Wednesday, August 4, 2010.

The committee discussed the status of current appropriations. Due to the sale of the backhoe, Ms. Burton has asked that the funds appropriated under Capital Outlay in the MVL fund be reallocated to the Supply line. (Used for Public Works Street operations) There is also a need to reallocate \$1500 from the Water Bond Interest line to the Debt Service line, to pay annual bond service fees.

Ms. Gunn made a motion to reallocate \$1500 from the Water Bond Interest line to the Water Bond Debt Service line. Seconded by Ms. Ireton. All yeas.

A motion to reallocate \$4050 from the MVL Capital Outlay line to the MVL Operating Supplies line was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Mr. Whitley. All yeas.

One of the Public Works Department trucks was involved in a hit and run, and sustained substantial damage. The repair quote is for \$2800. In order to avoid an insurance claim, Mr. Dotson explored other repair options, and found a F250 truck bed for \$350 on CraigsList.com. The gentleman selling the part has agreed to take \$250. Mr. Leicht requested the truck bed be inspected by an auto body professional, to insure proper installation. Mr. Dotson will have Scott's Auto inspect the work.

The committee tabled the discussion of implementing a payroll service until the next meeting.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Public Works Committee, Chairperson Tim Cherry

The next Public Works Committee meeting will be Monday, August 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Safety Committee, Chairperson Rus Whitley

The Safety Committee met before this evening's Council.

Parking meters were discussed. The Village has 42 meters – 6 broken, 36 working. 2010 year-to-date collections are \$362.32, which averages out to \$2.55/day, or 7 cents per meter, per day. Only one business owner is in favor of keeping the meters. The committee will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

The Chief will be obtaining estimates on having the transmission repaired in the Crown Victoria.

The sale of the confiscated Jaguar was also discussed. Mr. Leicht and the Chief will discuss the matter further.

The next Safety Committee meeting is Monday, September 13, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Personnel Committee, Chairperson Mary Daugherty

The next Personnel Committee meeting was set to Monday, August 30, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., to accommodate member schedules.

Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton

The Tiger Tools for School donation has been received.

Planning Commission, Priscilla Johnson

The Planning Commission was scheduled to meet on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 but a quorum wasn't present. The meeting will be rescheduled.

Records Commission

Neither Mr. Leicht nor Ms. Burton were able to attend the Records Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, August 2, 2010, due to personal reasons.

The meeting is rescheduled to Monday, August 30th, 2010 at noon.

CALL OF MEMBERS

Priscilla Johnson: Invited everyone to this weekend's 10K/5K and Bethel Boosters fundraiser.

Janice Ireton: Encouraged supporting the weekend events, despite the forecasted heat -- it's nice to show the kids and the sports support. There's also a football scrimmage at Glen Este this Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Donna Gunn: The ad-hoc Rules of Council committee will meet on Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Rus Whitley: Encouraged young people to say no to drugs, despite the pressure to say yes. It's easier to say yes, but they'll like themselves better someday if they stay away from drugs. He encouraged students to stop an officer or go to the local churches if they need help.

Tim Cherry: Gave Council Kathy Lehr's number at the County, for information regarding the upcoming County Commissioner Town Hall meeting on August 16th at Grant Vocational.

He also thanked the Booster volunteers that have been working behind the scenes, improving the ball fields and bringing them up to code.

Mary Daugherty: Nil.

PUBLIC INPUT

Nil.

LEGISLATION

Nil.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses (checks 21300-21352: including payment of \$1500 to Bank of NY, \$2865.59 to WD Larson/Tristate Peterbilt, \$2000 to Bethel PTO; void 21305 and make \$250 good faith payment to Prosource, while Chief disputes invoice) was made by Ms. Daugherty. Seconded by Mr. Whitley. All ye.

JULY EXPENSES

A motion to approve the July, 2010 expenses, as presented (checks 20948-21025, in addition to payroll and direct charges), was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Ms. Ireton. All ye.

Council adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

James T. Dick, Mayor

Angelina Burton, Fiscal Officer