

## **Bethel Village Council November 28, 2011**

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Monday, November 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor James 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, Timothy Cherry, Alan Ausman, Village Administrator Travis Dotson, Fiscal Officer Bill Gilpin and Village Solicitor Julia Carney.

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2011 meeting, as written with one correction was made by Ms. Gunn. Second by Ms. Ireton. All ye.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Brett Gaspard of Rumpke reported on the pilot recycling program the village has participated in this year. The county will not be picking up any of the cost in 2012, therefore the cost per household will be \$0.75 in 2012.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Mayor James T. Dick; A**

The Down Home Christmas is this weekend all day long. The Christmas Parade will be at 6:00 pm. The program at the Methodist Church begins at 7:00 pm.

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

The 2 linemen will be in Columbus the next 2 weeks for the next round of training. The county engineer's office will be studying the storm water flow in the village.

#### **Fiscal Officer, Bill Gilpin; Absent**

The list of bills for approval has some late additions. The changes have been highlighted on the updated report.

The December 2010 minutes have been reviewed for typical ordinances, etc. There may be the need for an amended estimate of resources.

Asking for a motion to prepay the bills for the month of December.

#### **Solicitor Julia Carney**

Nil.

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

Everything is all set for Saturday. Everyone please come out and enjoy the festivities.

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

The committee met earlier this evening.

The committee is recommending raising the garbage rates by \$0.75 per month in 2012 to cover the cost of the recycling program. It is a pass through charge with no additional fees of any kind.

Please keep in mind that the village's garbage rates are well below our neighbors in the township.

The village has a 5 year contract proposal from Cincinnati Bell that will save the village approximately \$8500.

The 2012 appropriations are set with most at 85% of revenue or below.

Next meeting is December 6 at 5:00 pm.

**Public Works Committee, Chairperson Tim Cherry**

No scheduled meeting for December unless the need arises.

**Safety Committee, Chairperson Rus Whitley**

No scheduled meeting for December unless the need arises.

**Personnel Committee, Chairperson Alan Ausman**

No scheduled meeting for December unless the need arises.

**Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton Nil.**

**Planning Commission, Priscilla Johnson Nil.**

**CALL OF MEMBERS**

Priscilla Johnson: Please come out for the Down Home Christmas.

Janice Ireton: Thanks to all for decorating their windows. Encourage everyone to attend Down Home Christmas.

Donna Gunn: Please enjoy Down Home Christmas; there will be a raffle for a doll house, baskets, etc., hot chocolate and cookies in the park.

There is a website for the beetle problem. It is [www.bethelalb.com](http://www.bethelalb.com)

In 2012 there may be some consolidation of committees and possibly doing away with the public works committee in favor of letting the administrator handle the duties.

Rus Whitley: Please come out for the Down Home Christmas. Raffle tickets are available at Community Savings Bank and Village Hardware in addition to being sold at the Grant Memorial Building during the event.

Tim Cherry: Ditto on the Down Home Christmas. The Christmas decorations make the village look great. Please check out the program at the Methodist Church.

Alan Ausman: Ditto on the Down Home Christmas. The Cantata will be 7:30 on Saturday and 6:00 on Sunday.

Travis Dotson added that all of the Christmas lights have been refitted with led lights that will reduce the power consumption by approximately 90%.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Brett Gaspard added that additional recycling cans are available for \$1.00 per month. Ms. Ireton asked what becomes of the recycling materials after pick up. Brett Gaspard explained the process.

**LEGISLATION**

RESOLUTION 914- A RESOLUTION SPECIFYING WAGES AND SALARIES FOR 2012,  
2nd Reading

ORDINANCE 1665- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2011,  
Adoption

A motion to waive the three readings of ORD 1665 Amending Appropriations was made by Ms. Gunn. Second by Ms. Ireton. By roll: Ms. Gunn "yea", Ms. Ireton "yea", Ms. Johnson "yea", Mr. Whitley "yea", Mr. Cherry "yea", Mr. Ausman "yea". Motion carried.

A motion to adopt ORD 1665 Amending Appropriations was made by Mr. Ausman. Seconded by Mr. Cherry. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 1666 – AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE INDIGENT DRIVER ALCOHOL TREATMENT FUND NUMBER 2272, 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE 1667 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE WATER OPERATING FUND TO THE WATER MORTGAGE FUND, 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE 1668 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE ELECTRIC OPERATING FUND TO THE ELECTRIC EXTENSION AND REPLACEMENT FUND, 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE 1669 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE WATER OPERATING FUND TO THE WATER EXTENSION AND REPLACEMENT FUND, 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE 1670 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1662 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO CONTINUE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three readings of ORD 1670 Amending ORD 1662 was made by Ms. Ireton. Second by Ms. Johnson. By roll: Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Ausman “yea”. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt ORD 1670 Amending ORD 1662 was made by Mr. Whitley. Seconded by Ms. Gunn. By roll: Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Ausman “yea”. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt ORD 1670 Amending ORD 1662 as an emergency measure was made by Mr. Ausman. Seconded by Ms. Ireton. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 1671 – AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE RATES OF GARBAGE, TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL, 1<sup>ST</sup> Reading

Travis Dotson asked what council would like to do for December’s meeting. The consensus was to hold the meeting on Thursday, December 15 at 6:00 pm.

#### **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

A motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses totaling \$144,552.14 was made by Ms. Ireton. Second by Ms. Gunn. All yea.

Meeting on motion adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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James T. Dick, Mayor

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Bill Gilpin, Fiscal Officer