

## Regular Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

August 22, 2019

Mayor Marty Lucas called the meeting to order, Chuck Little led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Roll Call

Present: Mayor Marty Lucas, Fiscal Officer Ricky Burkhead, Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn, Solicitor Jeffrey Menoski, Jordan Castello, Administrator Dirk Davis, Chuck Little, Cindy Foose  
Absent: Carol Merritt

### Guest(s)

Stephanie Castello, Pete Busack

### Reports

The Fiscal Officer E-Mailed Fund Status, Cash Summary by Fund, Fund Ledger, Payroll, Receipt Register & YTD Appropriation status reports to Council Members, Administrator, Fire Chief & Mayor. Jordan Castello made a motion to approve the July 2019 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.

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Mayor Lucas informed council that Josh Williamson has secured a position with the Belmont County Sheriff's Office and that his last day will be August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mayor Lucas thanked Josh for his service to Bethesda. Chuck Little made a motion to accept Josh's resignation, seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Mayor Lucas stated that he would like a police committee meeting in the next week to discuss scheduling. The meeting will be Monday August 26 at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Lucas thanked council for allowing the Muriel to be painted on the community room and thanked Twila for painting it. Mayor Lucas thanked Mark West for donating \$500 to the Fire Truck Fund and thanked Belmont Savings Bank for donating \$50 to the gun bash.

Administrator Dirk Davis stated that Twila Fisher painted the Muriel and was wondering when she would be paid. Rick stated that it was approved to be done after we received the tax revenue which we haven't received yet.

Dirk presented his monthly report to council.

- The public works crew has fixed a leaking pipe in the northern part of the park cottage area and the costs were billed to the cottage owners.
- The public works crew put up a split rail fence on the park lake dam and it looks very nice.
- The public works crew repaired a sewer line on Second Street coming from the lift station.
- A semi truck from Eagle Transportation ran over a bunch of signs and the costs for repairs were \$615.30. A semi truck from Needs Farm ran over signs on Lake Street and repairs were \$171.42.
- Greg Williams has begun fixing the creek between First and Second Streets. We are looking at possibly replacing half of the bulk header by Second Street as there is a huge crack in it.
- The old building between Main Street and First Street has been torn down. Dirk stated that it is very nice to have the building removed.
- Dirk met with Dale Bratton from Badger Meter and our water meter system is going to be out of date and needs upgraded to a Beacon AMA portfolio. The quote to do the upgrades is \$15,475. We have until January 1<sup>st</sup> to decide on the upgrades. Dave stated that we almost no choice but to upgrade because our current software wonder work after January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Dirk handed out a recap of duties for July and August for the public works crew.

Solicitor Jeff Menoski presented Ordinance 2019-5 which pertains to property maintenance for the second reading. Language to offer the option to have litter removed from the properties and the costs assessed to real estate taxes or a daily misdemeanor charge of \$25 was added to the ordinance. Council discussed property maintenance ordinance and animal ordinances. Jordan Castello made a motion to declare tonight the second reading of Ordinance 2019-5, seconded by Chuck Little, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.

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Fiscal Officer Burkhead presented Resolution 2019-2 which authorizes the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to sign the bond agreements with Wesbanco. Ruth Saffell made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-2, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Fiscal Officer Rick Burkhead then presented Ordinance 2019-4 which authorizes the issuance of \$500,000 in bonds for the purpose of paying for part of the cost of acquiring a new ladder truck for the fire department and declaring an emergency. Motion to suspend the rules made by Ruth Saffell, seconded by Jordan Castello, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-4 by Chuck Little, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Rick asked for council's permission to apply for a one day liquor permit for the gun bash. Chuck Little made a motion to apply for a liquor permit, seconded by Jay Van Horn, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.

Jay Van Horn stated that the preproduction meeting for the fire truck is tomorrow.

Chuck Little presented a building permit for TJ Schultz to build a new home. Chuck Little made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Jordan Castello, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.

Jordan Castello stated that we need to organize a recreation meeting to discuss trick or treat and Christmas. Jordan stated that she wanted to put it out there that she was running for mayor.

Police Chief Pete Busak stated that there were 41 citations last month. 29 were in Bethesda and 10 in Morristown. Pete stated that he arrested a Mexican National and the individual was taken to the county jail. Pete stated that he was working a sexual assault case from June and the prosecutor declined to issue charges. Pete stated that he filed two reports for the destruction signs. Pete stated that the corrosion repair was done this past month. Pete stated that he paid to have a spoiler put on the back of the car. Mayor Lucas thanked him for doing that. Pete stated that EQT sent him a check for \$1000 and he is going to put in a new gun rack and restripe the Dodge Charger.

Dirk thanked Pete and Marty for being diligent and working with Josh as they have been working for him to get him a better job with higher pay.

Motion to pay bills by Jay Van Horn, 2nd by Ruth Saffell, with a unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn by Chuck Little, 2nd by Jay Van Horn, with a unanimous vote.

**The next meeting will be Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.**

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Mayor Marty Lucas

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Fiscal Officer Ricky W. Burkhead Jr.