

Regular Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

July 13, 2022

Mayor Samantha Burkhead called the meeting to order, Samantha led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Jay Van Horn, Ruth Saffell, Zach Gaston, Cindy Foose, Administrator Dirk Davis, Mayor Samantha Burkhead, Rod Miller, Police Chief Chris Storm, Fiscal Officer Ricky Burkhead, Solicitor Michael Shaheen
Absent: Carol Merritt

Guest(s)

Jordan Castello, Stephanie Castello, Phil Castello, Linda Reeves, Shirley Lucas, Larry Taylor, Sandy Tomolonis, Ron Lucas, Alan Stonebraker, Bob Flanagan, Bob Orr, Lana Orr, Susan Gallovich

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. Jay Van Horn made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes, seconded by Zach Gaston, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.

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Larry Taylor from Trebel Energy presented a consulting and management agreement that was sent to council prior to the meeting. Solicitor Michael Shaheen stated that there were two items that had issues and those issues have been addressed. The first item was the timing for termination which is now 120 days for auto renewal, and the second item was the community reinvestment grant/donation which. Larry stated that Trebel being the third party provider will not be paying the grant that the supplier would have to be the ones to pay any donation or grant. Larry discussed that those expectations would be given when there is a purchase agreement made with a supplier. Cindy Foose made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the management agreement with Trebel for gas aggregation management and electric if it becomes available in the future, seconded by Rod Miller, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.

Fiscal Officer Burkhead presented the 2023 budget for approval. Ruth Saffell made a motion to approve the 2023 budget and to submit it to the county auditor, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes. Rick stated that the ARPA money should arrive soon and asked permission to pay the \$9,917 Diperna Electric bill for the generator for the sewer lift station. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Rod Miller, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.

The IT Man and the clock tower maintenance person discussed a solution for internet and a VPN for the clock tower. Dirk discussed what all work that Russ does to keep the clock in sync. Zach Gust submitted an estimate in the amount of \$3,204.52 to get internet and VPN abilities for Russ. Jay Van Horn made a motion to approve the estimate, seconded by Zach Gaston, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.

Administrator Dirk Davis gave his monthly report:

- No news on the street garage floor.
- Dirk discussed possibly using some of the rescue money for grants for the park lake.
- Dirk is waiting to hear back from JP for a meeting to discuss the sewer plant.
- The Sewer plant operator ad was \$444.66 for eight publications and there were no applicants. Dirk stated that John is retiring in December and Dave may retire next summer.
- The Virginia Street Extension sewer project is complete and the grounds was leveled and seeded.
- Dave Green gave an update on the gearbox, UV Light System, the flow meters, the lab scales, and the air conditioner at the sewer plant.
- Dirk stated that we looked at raising deductibles to save on premiums but that doesn't seem to be worth it.
- Dirk received a letter from ODNR on July 1 that gave recommendations on what needs done to the park lake dam area. Dirk stated that a local resident filed a complaint. Michael stated that the ODNR gentleman recommended that we contact an engineer and discuss the lake and dam. Dirk stated that he was on a waiting list to get a hold of someone. A resident stated that trapping the muskrat and keeping them off of the dam would help. Dirk stated that there is a dam inspection this fall and if there are problems the park lake may be lost.

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Solicitor Shaheen stated that his office and the personnel committee have reviewed the proposed employee handbook and he has prepared legislation to approve the handbook. Mr. Shaheen stated that we always have the ability to update this book in the future as well. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-4, seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes. Mr. Shaheen discussed the residency require for the chief of police. Mr. Shaheen presented Ordinance 2022-3 which repeals Ordinance 2018-5 and removes the residency requirement for chief of police. Jay Van Horn made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes. Jay Van Horn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-3, seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes. Solicitor Shaheen stated that he was asked to help provide proper language for the waterfowl signage at the park. Mr. Shaheen stated that he would get this done for the park board. Mr. Shaheen stated that the plat for the alley behind the old VFW has been received and the transaction will be complete once the Mayor and President of council sign it. Mr. Shaheen introduced Sarah Surface. Sarah handles the municipalities at his office and she can help direct communications for Mr. Shaheen.

Mayor Samantha Burkhead offered a big thank you to Dirk for his hard work on putting together the fishing tournament this year and making it happen.

Police Chief Chris Storm stated that there were 28 traffic stops and 18 citations last month. Chris stated that the department assisted the Sheriff twice and the Bethesda EMS twice. Chris stated that he wants to set up a fishing day with the chief. Mr. Wines stated that he would donate bait for any fishing day. Chris stated that Christmas with a cop is already set up for this holiday season and he will be setting up a go fund me to support the event.

Cindy Foose gave an update for the ordinance committee. Cindy stated that the blue house on Second Street is going to be torn down and a modular home put in its place. Cindy stated that the trailer court work is in process as they are removing old junk trailers. Cindy stated that Summit Street property has been contacted after neighbors complained about trash around it. The Oak Street property eminent domain is still in process. Cindy stated that the committee is going to meet with some property owners to help with property line disputes. Cindy stated that an extra ordinance committee meeting will be held on Wednesday July 27th to address new property issues.

Jay Van Horn thanked Chris for his help at the Chautauqua Days when an issue came up on Sunday with a situation someone had. Jay presented an application for Jason Armstrong for EMS pending a background check. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Ruth Saffell, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes. Jay presented an application for Gerald Shaffer for EMS pending a background check. Ruth Saffell made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Cindy Foose, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.

Administrator Dirk Davis thanked everyone who helped with the fishing tournament. Dirk stated that if it wasn't for certain people the event would not have happened. Dirk thanked Judy Jenewein, Samantha Burkhead, Mike Flowers, Chief Storm, BA Starr, John McCormick, Hazen Lodge, Linda Reeves, Pat French, Chuck Little and many others who helped. We had 105 signups this year for the tournament. Dirk stated that there are usually 170-234 but due to it being last minute there was less participation.

Jay Van Horn made a motion to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation, at 7:12 p.m., seconded by Rod Miller, Jay - Yes, Ruth - Yes, Zach - Yes, Cindy - Yes, Rod - Yes.

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Samantha Burkhead declared executive session over.

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

Motion to adjourn by Rod Miller, 2nd by Jay Van Horn, with a unanimous vote.

The next meeting will be Wednesday July 10th, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Samantha Burkhead

Fiscal Officer Ricky W. Burkhead Jr.