

Regular Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

June 27, 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, Carol Merritt, Administrator Dirk Davis, Chuck Little, Cindy Foose
Absent:

Guest(s)

Stephanie Castello, Phil Castello, Pete Busack, Alan Stonebreaker

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. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve the May 2019 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Chuck Little, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.

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Fiscal Officer Burkhead presented the 2020 budget for approval. Carol Merritt made a motion to approve the budget and to submit it to the county, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Rick informed council that the Fire Department wishes to begin the process of issuing \$500,000 worth of government notes to pay for the purchase of a new ladder truck. Rick stated that he has been told that the percentage would be between 2.5% and 3% which is less than issuing bonds. Rick stated that several documents will be forthcoming that will need approved by council prior to the finalized note issuance. Chuck Little made a motion to begin the process of issuing \$500,000 in notes, seconded by Carol Merritt - Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Jay informed council that it will take about one year to build the fire truck and that we hope to have the truck signed off on and ordered by the end of August. Rick stated that the notes could be paid off within five years but most likely 3-4 years. We intend to put down \$350,000 on the ladder truck. Rick presented the fire contract for Goshen TWP for 07/01/19 thru 06/30/22. Jay Van Horn made a motion to approve the contract renewal, seconded by Carol Merritt, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Rick informed council that the gun bash tickets have been ordered and the bash will be held on November 2nd at 4:00. Rick stated that we have made some improvements this year but have stuck to mostly the same formula. Rick stated that anyone wanting to sponsor a gun or donate and contact him, Dirk, Jay, or the Fire Department. Rick stated that the fireworks are scheduled for July 14th at dusk. The fire department will be having many activities for the kids that night as well. A pirate treasure hunt, face painting, toys for the kids, food and drinks, and a petting zoo. We are going to hold a recreation meeting beforehand to go over everything for the weekend festivities. Rick stated that Comcast will be installed very soon at the park. Rick stated that he is working with ATT to get a first responders account for a few of the village phones.

Jay Van Horn informed council that the fire department is having a family fun day at the park from 1:00-4:00. There will be demonstrations, a flame house, and a helicopter will be flown in for people to check out. Jordan stated that there will also be a craft fair downtown, a farmers market, and food trucks both days.

Administrator Dirk Davis handed out the 5-20 year capital improvement plan. Dirk stated that this is an outlook of issues that we need to address in the future. Dirk stated that right now we do not have the matching finances for grants but we hope to later this year. Dirk stated that the parking lot and the basketball court needs to be resealed. Dirk is waiting on a quote from Mid Atlantic to do the municipal building parking lot. Dirk is going to check with VHV for the basketball court. Dirk stated that Jim and Byron have installed 300 feet of 12” storm drain on Second Street. They will install three new catch basins later. Dirk stated that the consumer confident report for the water department is done and we are going to put these out at the local businesses and downtown facilities for people to view. Dirk stated that this will save us mailing out 530 letters for people to only throw them away. Dirk stated that Dave and Theresa did a great job compiling all of the information that is required to put the report together. Dirk stated that a while back, he wrote a letter to the post office about bulk mailing being moved to Barnesville. Dirk stated that they are going to move it anyway and that he was going to contact our senators.

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Jay Van Horn presented an application for Brian Bott for EMT. Chuck Little made a motion to approve the application pending a background check, seconded by Jordan Castello, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Jay stated that the fire department has put up signs to try to raise money for the new ladder truck. Jay said that the department is going to put letters out to let people know about the ladder truck and the needs for this new truck.

Cindy Foose thanked everyone for the flowers and the condolences for her father.

Chuck Little presented a building permit for Joel Briado for a new house on Spring Street and another on Memory Lane. Chuck Little made a motion to approve the permits, seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.

Alan Stonebreaker asked when the village is going to start to slow traffic coming through town. Pete stated that we have a guy out every night. Pete stated that he is out during the day and rarely sees people traveling fast through town. Jordan suggested that two days a week we change the hours to 4pm-12am and have Josh sit down by his house and watch traffic for a couple hours a shift. Mayor Lucas stated that we are very limited on hours due to the funds for the police department. Mayor Lucas stated that we would have to work with what time we have.

Jordan Castello made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel, at 8:26 p.m., seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay - Yes, Ruth - Yes, Jordan - Yes, Carol – Yes, Chuck – Yes, Cindy – Yes.

At 9:23 p.m. Mayor Lucas declared executive session over.

Pete Busack stated that we had several ducks at the park that were mutilated and killed. The police department is investigating. Pete stated that there were 21 citations last month with 11 of them in Bethesda, 8 in Morristown, and two in Goshen TWP. Pete stated that 9 warnings were given and 42 complaints responded to. Pete stated that he would like to request a new PC for the dispatch desk. Rick stated that he would order one. Pete stated that there is a spot on the Dodge that is rusting out and needs to be repaired before winter. Pete stated that it should cost under \$500. Jordan Castello made a motion to do the repairs after the second half of taxes come in for the police levy, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Pete handed out Ordinance 521.08 which pertains to litter collecting on properties. Jay stated that this ordinance has been revised and that we need to be looking at the current ordinance.

Mayor Lucas offered condolences for Bill Shubat's family with his passing.

Mayor Lucas stated that the Memorial Day Parade was awesome and he thanked everyone who helped put it together. Mayor Lucas stated that the new shelter at the park is finished and it looks very nice. The park board is looking to purchase new picnic tables.

Tuesday night we are meeting with the newspaper to do a write up on the Chautauqua weekend events that the village will be conducting.

Motion to pay bills by Chuck Little, 2nd by Ruth Saffell, with a unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn by Carol Merritt, 2nd by Chuck Little, with a unanimous vote.

The next meeting will be Thursday July 25th, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Marty Lucas

Fiscal Officer Ricky W. Burkhead Jr.