

Regular Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

September 7, 2021

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

Roll Call

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

Absent:

Guest(s)

Stephanie Castello, Phil Castello, Chuck Little, Linda Reeves, Alan Stonebreaker, Dave Green, Zach Gaston, Ray Maynard

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 August meeting minutes, seconded by Carol Merritt Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes.

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Administrator Dirk Davis provided his monthly report:

-Sewer plant bearings on the south end of the ditch has been replaced and are running smoothly. Jim will start on the north end on Monday the 13th. Jim wants to make sure the south side is working correctly.

-Double chip and seal on Judson/Pear Alleys was delayed due to the hurricane rain and it will happen in 7-10 days.

-HB 168 update. Bethesda was sixth on the list of 10 and we will receive the points added to our application which was sent in to Dept of Development. The projects estimated cost is \$204,540.00 and our Match is \$15,000 to upgrade and install a sewer main on Virginia Street Extension. Dave commended Dirk for his work on this project.

-The lift station 6” high pressure line on Second Street will be applied for through this grant as well and Trina is working on that. Dirk commented that we do have a chance to get this as well. Trina has the information and will let us know as she needs more information.

-Dave Green finished the Lead and Copper Tap monitoring and it was sent in to the EPA. Dave explained that there are ten sites that he takes samples and has a lab test the results. Everything in the town is good and we have no lead lines.

-Dave Green discussed the generator that we was mandated to install at the sewer plant and the lift station. We are going to set the generator in the coming weeks at the lift station. Dave said that he ordered the generator for the lift station on second street.

- Dirk presented the Rumor Loudin Maintenance agreement for 2022 in the amount of \$785 to renew the agreement. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve the maintenance agreement, seconded by Carol Merritt, Jay Van Horn – Yes, Ruth Saffell – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes.

Cindy Foose asked what the status of the class two sewer operator is. Dirk stated that we can’t find anyone right now. Dirk and Sam will post on Indeed. Dirk discussed that John may try to stay. We may have to offer more compensation. The quotes are around \$80,000 a year in order to retain someone. We pay John Bates \$24,000 a year.

Rick presented the tax rate resolution 2021-12 for the 2022 budget from the county. We will receive the following: General \$37,549.82, Street \$22,088.13, Police \$40,119.00, Fire \$46,930.69, Park \$22,088.13. Ruth Saffell made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-12, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn – Yes, Ruth Saffell – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes.

Duck Ordinance is put on hold until next meeting. Cindy stated that she has some other thoughts and one thing is we may want to think about is signage. Cindy stated that she saw signs out west that were very detailed about not feeding ducks and there was a fine at the bottom. Jordan said we should try a decoy swan and the signs. Chuck suggested sheep dogs to chase the geese off.

Mayor Samantha Burkhead stated that Donieta has retired. Sam stated that she was sad to see her go as she did a great job. Samantha stated that we need to make a motion to accept her resignation. Cindy Foose made a motion to accept Donieta’s resignation, seconded by Rod Miller, Jay Van Horn – Yes, Ruth Saffell – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Samantha stated that Jessica Perkins is trained and has been appointed to temporarily do the job. Ruth Saffell made a motion to advertise for twice a week for two weeks for the mayors court position, seconded by Carol Merritt, Jay Van Horn – Yes, Ruth Saffell – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes.

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Samantha stated that we need someone to do IT work. Solicitor Shaheen stated that he will get her a gentleman who does independent contracting Zach Gust. Samantha stated that she contacted TSG to contract for \$600 a month then they charge you to an hourly rate. Linda suggested a Zach Gust as well. Samantha will call Zach and will come back with the estimates.

Samantha informed everyone that we are holding a Halloween douse decorating contest. Samantha asked if the council wanted to donate to the cost of this.

On October 5th there is a meet the candidate night at the community center at 7pm.

Officer Brian Oiler gave Chris's Police Report. The calls for august consisted of traffic stops, child stuck in a swing, ordinance forms suicide attempt, several barking dogs, and K9 at large. Officer Logsdon will have the Dodge organized so that it can be sold and will have the evidence locker inventoried. Chris is waiting on a call to see what body armor is eligible for the grant that we were awarded. Chris has been doing random business checks at night and giving out forms for security checks. There is a community picnic with the Police Department on September 18th. The Hazen Masonic Lodge has donated to the movie with the cops fund raiser and a date for a movie will be set at a later date. Chief Storm thanked everyone who helped make the community picnic and the movies in the park a success.

Rod Miller offered the Ordinance Committee report. Rod stated that the house on Washington will be given a statement that they have two months end of November to make the corrections and until the end of the month 09-30-21 to confirm plans. Jordan stated that the trailer parks were concerned that they now fall under our ordinances. Jordan stated that she is mainly concerned with the dilapidated empty trailers. Jordan stated that Ed Hess is the one doing the inspections and we need to have council hire this guy as an independent contractor. Rod Miller made a motion to use Ed Hess to conduct the inspections at \$100 per inspection, seconded by Carol Merritt, Jay Van Horn – Yes, Ruth Saffell – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes.

Jordan Castell stated that Trick or Treat will be on October 30th from 6-7:30. Jordan said she is trying to plan a fall fest from 10-4 that same day which will feature food vendors and pumpkin decorating. Jordan stated that the parade lineup will be at 5:30 and the costume judging directly after the parade. Linda Reeves stated that there is going to be a bake sale for the benefit of the recreation fund.

Jay Van Horn made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Personnel issues, at 7:41 p.m., seconded by Cindy foose , Jay - Yes, Ruth - Yes, Jordan - Yes, Cindy – Yes, Carol – Yes, Rod - Yes.

At 8:08 p.m. Mayor Samantha Burkhead declared executive session over.

Brian Oiler gave an extensive presentation regarding a grant that can be applied for to get a K9. Brian stated that this would be at no cost to the village and that Brian would be the handler for the dog and there would be no costs to the village. The dog is already Brian's dog.

Jay Van horn made a motion to proceed with training of Brian's dog Liberty at no cost to the village in October, seconded by Jordan, Jay Van Horn – Yes, Ruth Saffell – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes.

Motion to pay bills by Ruth Saffell, 2nd by Rod Miller, with a unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn by Jordan Castello, 2nd by Rod Miller, with a unanimous vote.

The next meeting will be Wednesday October 13th, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.