

## Regular Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

July 10, 2024

Mayor Robert Flanagan called the meeting to order, Bob also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Roll Call

Present: Mayor Robert Flanagan, Jay Van Horn, Ruth Saffell, Jordan Castello, Colby Rinehart, Carol Merritt, Fiscal Officer Ricky Burkhead, Administrator Dirk Davis, Cole Anolak  
Absent: Zach Gaston, Solicitor Michael Shaheen

### Guest(s)

Chuck Little, Tim Snyder, Chris Hunt, Rod Miller, Cindy Foose, Dave Green

### 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. Colby Rinehart made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes, seconded by Jay Van Horn, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jay Van Horn – Yes, Jordan Castello– Yes, Colby Rinehart – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes.

### Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Tim Snyder came to council to discuss the closing of the Epworth Center and Project Mana. Tim is reaching out to the community and residents to try to get support to revive Project Mana to help people with food. Tim stated that there is a meeting in the community room next Tuesday July 16th at 7pm. Tim also informed that there are 61 communities who have signed to ban marijuana businesses inside of their villages. Tim stated that he doesn't see anything good that would come with the recreational use of the drug and he doesn't want Bethesda to officially endorse the practice.

Administrator Dirk Davis presented his monthly report:

- The tree cutting is finished and cost \$2,400 for two trees.
- The limestone base for the sign is done and Brent Gay will install it.
- The trailer demolition on South Willow is coming along.
- A hydrant buddy was ordered and is not in the street garage and is ready to use. Dirk has set up a maintenance program for it. The sewer camera is on order.
- Dirk hopes to get back to the railroad bed clearing this next month as the workers have been on vacation.
- The sewer issue on Lake Street has been fixed. The crew installed 5 sticks of 14" lines. Dirk provided pictures and stated that we saved around \$40,000 by doing this project ourselves.
- The fishing tournament is this coming Saturday. Dirk asked for help with the event.
- The drain pipe for the Abby's Crossing/Chestnut Street project is \$395 per stick. Dirk stated that we need 24 sticks of 24" pipe. Baughman Pipe estimate is \$9480. Dirk stated that we also need to construct 5 catch basins for about \$800 each. Jay Van Horn made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Ruth Saffell, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jay Van Horn – Yes, Jordan Castello– Yes, Colby Rinehart – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes.
- Dirk stated that he temporarily hired a janitor so that Daniel can work for the street crew. Dirk recommended hiring Ashley Hickenbottom as part time janitor for \$14 an hour. Carol Merritt made a motion to hire Ashley for \$14 an hour, seconded by Jay Van Horn, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jay Van Horn – Yes, Jordan Castello– Yes, Colby Rinehart – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes.
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Fiscal Officer Rick Burkhead presented the 2025 Budget for approval. Ruth Saffell made a motion to approve the 2025 budget and to submit it to the county auditor, seconded by Jordan Castello, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jay Van Horn – Yes, Jordan Castello– Yes, Colby Rinehart – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes. Rick stated that the police levy will be filed tomorrow.

Mayor Bob Flanagan stated that Chris was on vacation for 12 days last week. Bob is going to work with Chris to get coverage for when he is off. Bob stated that several people have complained that we have not had coverage. Bob commended the public works crew that did the work on Lake Street. Bob is asking for volunteers for the building permit committee. Bob flipped coins and announced that Carol, Zach, and Jordan will be on the building permit committee.

Fire Chief Chris Hunt stated that there were 53 calls last month in total, 24 EMS calls, six fire calls, three wrecks and 27 transports. Ruth presented an application for Savannah Mahue from Bethesda for Firefighter. Jordan Castello made a motion to approve the application pending background check, seconded by Colby Rinehart, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jay Van Horn – Yes, Jordan Castello– Yes, Colby Rinehart – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes.

Jordan Castello stated that the parade is Saturday if anyone wants to join the parade they are welcome.

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

Motion to adjourn by Jay Van Horn, 2nd by Colby Rinehart, with a unanimous vote.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.**

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Mayor Bob Flanagan

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Fiscal Officer Ricky W. Burkhead Jr.