

Regular Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

January 17, 2019

Mayor Martin Lucas called the meeting to order, Chuck Little led the Pledge of Allegiance and Carol Merritt offered prayer.

Roll Call

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

Absent:

Guest(s)

Stephanie Castello, Neil Hunt, Chris Hunt, Robert Defrank, Dick Quinlin, Phil Castello.

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. Ruth Saffell made a motion to approve the December 2018 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Jordan Castello - Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes, Chuck Little - Yes.

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Fire Chief Neil Hunt presented council with the year-end report for the fire department. Neil stated that there were 915 calls responded to in 2018. Neil informed council that there are some issues with the Ladder Truck. Jay Van Horn stated that the fire committee met with Neil and the Fire Department and discussed the 30 year old ladder truck that we have and the issues with rust that we have. Jay stated that the fire department would like council's permission to begin the process of looking for a new or used ladder truck to replace the one that we have now. Neil stated that the current truck was purchased in 2006 and that if we look at buying a new unit we might be able to get \$30,000 out of it. Jay stated that with purchasing a new unit we would get 30 years out of it as opposed to who knows how long with a used unit. Mayor Lucas asked how long of a time frame it would take. Neil stated that it could take as much as a year to decide what we want to purchase and another year if we have one built. Jay Van Horn made a motion to authorize the Fire Department to explore various options to replace our ladder truck, seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Jordan Castello - Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes, Chuck Little - Yes. Jay presented an application for Mark Fitzgerald to be an EMT and Jay made a motion to approve the application pending a background check, seconded by Chuck Little, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Jordan Castello - Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes, Chuck Little - Yes. Neil informed everyone that if the company that builds the fire trucks offers a tour of the factory, he would invite council and the administration to go check it out. Jay informed council that the cadet program has started back up. Jay informed everyone that the Fire Department are always looking for new members.

Chuck Little made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and contracts, at 7:41 p.m., seconded by Carol Merritt, Jay - Yes, Cindy - Yes, Ruth - Yes, Jordan - Yes, Chuck - Yes, Carol - Yes.

At 8:33 p.m. Mayor Lucas declared executive session over.

Mayor Lucas asked for a motion to advertise for the position of part time police chief. Jordan Castello made a motion to advertise for the position, seconded by Carol Merritt, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Jordan Castello - Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes, Chuck Little - Yes.

Administrator Dirk Davis gave council the monthly administrators report. The topics included:

- 1- Dirk stated that the lift station pump had to have propellers reordered. Dirk stated that Josh torched the gear box shaft because he didn't know and the shaft will need to be reordered and we hope that it gets fixed by February.
- 2- Our class 2 sewer operator John Bates which is an independent contractor, was going to retire. Dirk stated that he offered John \$2000 per month to stay through August. Dirk stated that he received a quote of \$1290 per week from Quality Environmental. John has agreed to work for \$2000 per month until August 1, 2019. Dirk stated that this will give Josh and Dave more time to get their sewer licenses. Ruth Saffell made a motion to approve the increase to \$2000 per month for John Bates, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Jordan Castello - Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes, Chuck Little - Yes. Dirk stated that John does a great job.
- 3- Dirk gave a contract to Solicitor Menoski for the snow plowing for the Methodist Church. The contract states \$100 per snow plowing, and \$40 for salt application. Dirk stated that the village streets will be cared for first. Dirk asked council to look over the contract and we will decide next month.
- 4- Dirk stated that the annual reports would be ready at the next meeting.
- 5- The community room as a leak in the front of the building. The estimate to fix this is \$4,180 and the better material quote is \$5,060 to fix the leaks and the front of the building. Dirk asked council to review the estimates.
- 6- Dave and Josh are working towards getting their class 2 sewer license. Dirk stated that we pay John \$1200 per month for part time. Dirk stated that if they get their licenses that the money we pay John, that half would be diverted to Dave when he gets his license and the other half put back for sewer plant repairs. Jay asked what it Josh gets his license. Dirk stated that he didn't think that would happen but they would split the money between them. Dirk stated that he is planning on Josh being Dave's replacement down the road. Dirk stated that Josh's training is going to cost around \$1500. Chuck Little made a motion to increase the training from \$1000 that was already approved to \$1500, seconded by Jay Van Horn, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Jordan Castello - Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes, Chuck Little - Yes.
- 7- Dirk stated that he is working with the Aaron Pennington from the EPA to have our sewer plant mandatory hours cut from 20 to 10 hours per week.

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Fiscal Officer Burkhead presented council with the 2019 Annual Appropriations, the budgets and the certificate of estimated resources that need approved and sent to the county auditor. Jordan Castello made a motion to approve all of these, seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes. Rick stated that soon the paving and bridge projects will be starting. We have received an ODNR grant for the bridges and Jeff has reviewed the agreement. The park board meeting on February 11th at 5:30 if anyone wants to attend. Dirk stated that Dan Carpenter is coming to the meeting to discuss monument ideas for the donors.

Solicitor Menoski presented resolution 2019-1 which is the grant agreement with ODNR for the park bridge replacement project. Jeff reviewed the agreement and he stated that it looks good. Chuck Little made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-1 seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Chuck Little – Yes.

Cindy Foose thanked Rick and Chuck for being patient and explaining the budgets and finances to her at the finance meeting.

Chuck Little commended Josh Williamson for doing such a good job.

Mayor Lucas stated that Chuck completed his mayors court training today.

Jordan Castello nominated Chuck Little to be this year's council president, second nomination by Jay Van Horn, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Chuck Little – Abstain.

Mayor Lucas asked for a recreation committee meeting on February 11th at 6:30 to discuss Easter.

Motion to pay bills by Ruth Saffell, 2nd by Jordan Castello, with a unanimous vote.

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

The next meeting will be Thursday February 28th, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Marty Lucas

Fiscal Officer Ricky W. Burkhead Jr.