

## Regular Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

July 14, 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, Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn, Jordan Castello, Rod Miller, Cindy Foose, Solicitor Michael Shaheen, Police Chief Chris Storm

Absent: Carol Merritt

### Guest(s)

Stephanie Castello, Phil Castello, Chuck Little, Bob Flanagan, Joni Davis, Debbie Mason, Zach Gaston, Paul Fitch, Alan Stonebreaker, Ron Lucas, Jeannette Lucas, Lana Orr, Bob Orr

### 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 Rod Miller, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.

### Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Fiscal Officer Rick Burkhead asked council to approve the 2022 budget. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve the budget, seconded by Jordan Castello, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Cindy Foose made a motion to hold the fireworks on July 31<sup>st</sup>, seconded by Jordan Castello, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.

Debbie Mason handed out some information from ODNR about the duck and geese situation at the park. Jay asked about the nine steps of removal that is supposed to be done. Debbie stated that there are steps in the ODNR documentation and the handout discusses the humane ways to deter the geese. Debbie explained that the proposed ordinance is a way to help us with the problem at the park and then it would lead to other remedies with ODNR. Jordan stated that signs made sense but she is against making it a fine.

Bob Flanagan stated that he appreciates Chief Storm as a veteran and that today Chris offered to help them by going to the grocery store for them since Diana just got home from the hospital. Bob state that he really likes Chris and thanked everyone for giving Chris the opportunity to serve the village. Bob stated that he also appreciates the increased visibility of the PD now. Bob thanked Samantha for everything that she does for the community that goes unnoticed.

Paul Fitch stated that he wanted to echo what Bob stated. Paul stated that Chris has stopped by his house to say hi and that he has met a lot of the officers and they all seem like nice gentlemen. Sherry Fitch stated that she was impressed with the new police department and complimented on whoever found them and hired them as they are doing a great job.

Solicitor Michael Shaheen offered advice that people should all speak up if they ever have issues and that will let us all deal with things as they come up and not to let things fester.

Alan Stonebreaker asked about the water tanks coming through town. Alan stated that Meyers is one of them and people are still speeding past his house. Alan stated that kids are still playing in the street off of Oak and them up Main Street. Council discussed the tankers driving through town.

Ron Lucas stated that there is water leaking off of the well pad behind his house and going below his property. Ron stated that one day he was working on his boat and took a nap and Chief Storm stopped to check on him. Jeannette said it is nice to know that there are police that will stop and check on you.

Administrator Dirk Davis gave his monthly report:

- Dave and Jim Diperna have been working on the park fountain and are trying to figure out how to fix it. The problem may be with the wire under the water that runs out to the pump.
- Sewer plant paddles that are run by the long shafts have bearings and couplers that are worn out. The costs are \$1,162 per bearing and there are 12 of them. There are four couplers for \$400 each. We purchased on set of bearings at \$1162. Carol Merritt contacted Timken who used to work for them and they are going to help us get the bearings for \$797.67 and couplers for \$452.86 and this saved us \$4,332.05 and the total cost of the parts is \$11,217.47. Jordan Castello made a motion to purchase these out of general fund, Cindy seconded, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.
- American Rescue plan has cut the original amount by about 50%. The money won't all be available right away half this year and half next year. Dirk said that everyone has needs. Jay asked about the project on Virginia Street that is going to cost about \$45,000 and we owe Diperna for around \$23,000. Dirk said that the Virginia project is ready to roll as soon as we have the money. Roger Morris is going to get us a quote to install the lines on Virginia.
- Samantha asked about the status of the concrete on the street garage. Dirk said the install will be late October or early November. Three weeks is the project timeframe. Bostic wants everything out of the garage when work is in progress. Michael recommended if he can't start by October 1 then to bump it to next year.

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Mayor Samantha Burkhead thanked everyone who helped with Chautauqua and the parade and raffle booth.

Police Chief Chris Storm said that we need to sell the dodge cruiser as it has some bigger issues. Rod Miller made a motion to sell it on Gov Deals with a \$3500 minimum, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Chris stated that he spoke to the sheriff and if they have a car that is going to be replaced we will try to get one donated to us. Chris stated that the body cams need to be fixed. Chris stated that there is a 75% grant 25% match that he could apply for to body armor vests. Rod Miller made a motion to allow Chris to apply for the vests, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes. Chris stated that he is looking for another academy auxiliary. Chris stated that this Saturday he is holding a meet and greet in the park. Chris stated that it was brought to him that there are dirt bikes and ATVs on the village streets and from here on out the riders will be ticketed. Chris stated that anyone that has a golf cart can make them legal to be driven on the roads. Chris thanked everyone for showing support for the police department. Michael stated that he would donate a body cam to the police department.

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Cindy Foose made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Personnel and Potential Litigation, at 7:32 p.m., seconded by Jordan Castello, Jay - Yes, Ruth - Yes, Jordan - Yes, Cindy – Yes, Rod - Yes.

At 8:02 p.m. Mayor Samantha Burkhead declared executive session over.

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Rod Miller presented building permits for TJ Schultz for a deck and Deborah Patterson for a garage and they both look good. Jay Van Horn made a motion to approve the permits, seconded by Jordan Castello, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.

Jordan Castello made a motion to offer to bow out of the Belmont paving roller agreement and return their money, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.

Fireworks are July 31 and the rain date is August 1<sup>st</sup>. Raffle will be drawn on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Jay presented a new hire for EMT and Fire Katherine Stober. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Jordan Castello, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes.

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

Motion to adjourn by Jay Van Horn, 2nd by Ruth Saffell, with a unanimous vote.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.**

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Mayor Samantha Burkhead

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Fiscal Officer Ricky W. Burkhead Jr.