

Regular Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

May 12, 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, Carol Merritt, Cindy Foose, Solicitor Michael Shaheen, Police Chief Chris Storm
Absent:

Guest(s)

Stephanie Castello, Phil Castello, Bob Orr, Lana Orr, Sandy Tomolinis, Neil Hunt, Dick Quinlin, Kristen Work, Calvin Logston, Robert Stoica, Mark Drake

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 April meeting minutes, seconded by Cindy Foose, 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 presented his monthly report:

- 1- The lift station and the sewer plant electric work have been started and Diperna understands that payment will happen once the stimulus money is received.
- 2- There was a sewer line issue on Lake Street on May 11th. There are roots penetrating the lines. Barnesville sent us two guys and a jet rodder and they helped us correct the issues. Mr. Shaheen stated that is he is needed to let him know.
- 3- Washington Street sewer problems by Team Consulting are being worked on. Smitty's is coming tomorrow to run a camera in the line to see whose issue it is.
- 4- Bostic Concrete is going to give us an idea of when he will have time to work on the street garage floor.

Fiscal Officer Burkhead stated that the UAN computer has been upgraded to the new PC that was given to the village by the state. Rick stated that there were issues with the old PC which caused it to crash but the database was able to be moved to the new PC. Rick stated that the Gun Bash will be on November 13th and the tickets have been ordered. Rick presented the renewal for the EMS contract for 2021 with Belmont County. Ruth Saffell made a motion to approve the contract renewal, seconded by Carol Merritt, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes.

Solicitor Michael Shaheen presented resolutions for several new hires:

- Resolution 2021-12 to hire Jeff Doty as an Paramedic with a 180 day probationary period pending background check and \$15 an hour. Rod Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-12 seconded by Cindy Foose, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, and Carol Merritt - Yes.
- Resolution 2021-13 to hire Kathy Doty as an EMT with a 180 day probationary period pending background check and \$13 an hour. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-13 seconded by Rod Miller, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, and Carol Merritt - Yes.
- Resolution 2021-14 to hire Scott Ware as a volunteer Firefighter and EMT with a 180 day probationary period pending background check. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-14 seconded by Carol Merritt, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, and Carol Merritt - Yes.
- Resolution 2021-8 to hire Kerkulah Kudel as an Part Time Police Officer with a 180 day probationary period pending background check and \$13 an hour. Jay Van Horn made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-8 seconded by Rod Miller, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – No, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Jay Van Horn – Yes, and Carol Merritt - Yes. Jordan stated that she voted no because we need to slow down and get everything set up and that we don't have the money to pay for extra people.
- Resolution 2021-9 to hire Robert Stoica as an Auxiliary Police Officer with a 180 day probationary period pending background check. Jay Van Horn made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-9 seconded by Cindy Foose, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – No, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Jay Van Horn – Yes, and Carol Merritt - Yes. Jordan stated that she voted no on a free auxiliary officer because we would have to pay for schooling for them. Chris stated that the employees will have to pay for their schooling themselves.
- Resolution 2021-10 to hire Kristen Work as an Auxiliary Police Officer with a 180 day probationary period pending background check. Rod Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-10 seconded by Jay Van Horn, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – No, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Jay Van Horn – Yes, and Carol Merritt - Yes.
- Resolution 2021-11 to hire Mark Drake as an auxiliary police officer with a 180 day probationary period pending background check. Rod Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-11 seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – No, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes.

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Solicitor Shaheen presented Ordinance 2021-4 which deals with dangerous buildings for the third and final reading. Carol Merritt made a motion to declare tonight the final reading and approve Ordinance 2021-4, seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes. Solicitor Shaheen presented Ordinance 2021-5 which repeals a section of the trailer ordinance for the third and final reading. Cindy Foose made a motion to declare tonight the final reading and approve Ordinance 2021-5, seconded by Rod Miller, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes.

Solicitor Michael Shaheen stated that there have been discussions ongoing about the street sweeper agreement with Belmont. We hope to have a document by the next council meeting. Mr. Shaheen has not heard from the Goshen TWP lawyer yet but he will reach out to them and try to get the roller agreement wrapped up. Mr. Shaheen asked if council has a decision on the Braido property behind Main Street. Rod Miller made a motion to have Michael negotiate the terms of the purchase up to \$12,000, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Jordan Castello – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt - No. Mr. Shaheen stated that there was a Bethesda native who has donated \$1000 to the fireworks show. Mayor Samantha Burkhead thanked them for the gracious donation.

Mayor Samantha Burkhead stated that there was a meeting with Larry Taylor with one resident, Jay, and Jordan. Samantha stated that the electric aggregation program did not convince anyone that it was a good idea. The savings would be variable and sometimes only a dollar or two per month. Samantha stated that it would not be worth the stress and anxiety of not having a guaranteed savings. Carol stated that her experience with the aggregate program and the distributor could still charge a fee that would net out any savings. Samantha stated that Larry acknowledged that there was an issue with people on a budget that they didn't know how to deal with yet. Jay stated that the last time this was presented there were issues with people on a budget. Jay stated that he didn't want to consider this until it is completely explained. Jordan stated that it wasn't worth the effort for a possibility of a savings. Cindy stated that one on one meetings work out better because information can be conveyed better.

Jordan stated that Memorial Day services are at Ebenezer cemetery at 10:00 and the parade lineup on Virginia Street will begin at 10:30 with the parade at 11:00. Jordan stated that Cheryl Skinner is going to be the speaker and Dick Quinlin is the grand marshal for the parade.

Police Chief Chris Storm stated that the lidar and the radar has been tested and recalibrated. Chris stated that LEADS is up and running and OLEG is still being worked on. Chris stated that he is looking at different places to find cheaper tires for the Explorer. Chris stated that there were lots of uniforms in the evidence room and we are going to use those for the other officers and in the future he hopes to go to all blue uniforms. Chris stated that he doesn't like everyone wearing different uniforms but we will raise some money to help make them all the same. Chris stated that Dick Quinlin is going to have a friend help Ray work on an evidence room audit. Chris stated that he is checking with Vance Outdoors about a gun safe for the department. Chris stated that there were several rifles and shotguns that need to be locked in a safe. Chris stated that Calvin, Ray and his background checks have all been conducted and received back. Chris stated that he is working to get each officer qualified and set up with the department. Chris stated that Kristen is a local person who will be working as an auxiliary officer in the town for us.

Fire Chief Neil Hunt stated that the department is holding its annual chicken BBQ and to call the firehouse to place your orders as they usually sell out. 740-484-4573 and it will be carry out only from 10am until sellout. Neil stated that dinners are \$10 each. Neil stated that the fire department is still raffling off the tailgate package for \$5 a chance or five for \$20. Neil stated that like years past that this year the department will be putting flags on the graves of retired firemen at the cemetery.

Dick Quinlin stated that we have a 1927 fire truck which Jay helped get charged and up and running. Dick stated that there is a lot of history with that old truck and that is the truck he will drive in the Memorial Day Parade.

Carol Merritt stated that Carol Goff and Associates have donated \$150 to the fireworks. Samantha thanked them for their donation.

Stephanie Castello asked if Chris needed OLEG to issues tickets. Chris stated that yes they do. Stephanie said that we are paying officers to work who can't respond to calls. Chris stated that due to people working at home at the state level, and that it is taking longer to get set up. Chris stated that the department can still respond to calls and assist with issues.

Motion to pay bills by Ruth Saffell, 2nd by Carol Merritt, with a unanimous vote.

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

The next meeting will be Thursday June 10th, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.