

Regular Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

October 12, 2022

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

Roll Call

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

Guest(s)

Jordan Castello, Stephanie Castello, Phil Castello, Chuck Little, Chris Emory, Jerry Echman, Jeanette Lucas, Jack Regis

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. Zach Gaston made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes.

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Jerry Echman addressed everyone and announced he was running for commissioner and he is currently a first term commissioner. Jerry stated that he is running as republican. Jerry discussed various projects he is working on and thanked everyone for their support this election year.

Administrator Dirk Davis and absent and Rick gave his monthly report to council:

- No applicant so far for Class 2 Sewer Operator.
- Park lake volume was tested and we fall under ODNR by a very small margin.
- No update from ODOT on 4 way turning issue.
- Sewer plan oxidation ditch has to have a rod welded as it was out of balance.
- Oil and gas truck traffic still going through town we need to find a resolution.
- A plan to build five bays for road aggregate was given to council to review. Need estimate for laying block.
- We need to upgrade our Xerox machine with Hughes. A new lease is cheaper. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve the upgrade, seconded by Rod Miller, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes.

Fiscal Officer Burkhead presented Resolution 2022-5 which is accepts the county tax rates. Rod Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-5, seconded by Zach Gaston, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes. Rick presented Ordinance 2022-4, which is the trailer court ordinance, for the second reading. Rod Miller made a motion to declare tonight the second reading of Ordinance 2022-4, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes.

Solicitor Shaheen stated that he will follow up with Pike Paving with a letter and he will follow up with EQT about Main Street.

Mayor Samantha Burkhead stated that we will be packing trick or treat bags on October 25th at 6:00. Samantha thanked Cindy, Rod and Jay for helping load up pumpkins which we are going to have the community help carve and line the park trail. Samantha stated that we will schedule a date to carve pumpkins when we review the weather. Samantha stated that Indy Fruit has donated the fruit to make Veteran's Day baskets and asked if council wanted to include a \$25 Riesbeck's gift card in the baskets. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve the gift cards, seconded by Zach Gaston, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose - Yes, Rod Miller - Yes, Carol Merritt - Yes. Samantha stated that we will be delivering baskets on November 5th with cooperation of the American Legion and the Sons of the Legion. Samantha stated that The Nightmare Before Christmas will be showing this Saturday at the community room.

Chief Chris Storm reviewed the calls that were responded to last month. Chris stated that he sent out letters for Christmas with the Cops. Chris stated that there were 20 citations last month, one tanker cited for speeding, and four overdoses responded to. Chris stated that he is going to talk to a drug councilor to find some funding to have someone come in and help these people who are struggling with addiction. We will be drawing the police gun raffle at the November council meeting. Chris asked Jordan if she takes stray dogs and cats, she stated no.

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Cindy Foose stated that several warnings were sent out and a couple people will be cited into court soon.

Rod Miller presented a building permit for Devin Clark for a fence. Cindy Foose made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Zach Gaston, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes. Rod presented a building permit for Frankie Papera to rebuild a porch, rear of house and garage. Carol Merritt made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes.

Jay Van Horn presented an application for Tiffany Schnegg to be an EMT and hopefully soon a paramedic. Rod Miller made a motion to approve hiring Tiffany, seconded by Cindy Foose, Cindy Foose – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes.

Fiscal Officer Burkhead stated that the fire department is looking to apply for a FEMA grant to purchase some fire equipment. Rick stated that the fire department wants to hire Ohio First Responder Grants LLC to assist with writing this grant to replace our brush truck. Rod Miller made a motion to hire Ohio First Responder Grants LLC to help Bethesda, seconded by Cindy Foose, Cindy Foose – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes.

Jay Van Horn stated that the American Legion is holding a flag retirement ceremony at 10:30 this coming Saturday. Jay stated that the Legion is also having a spaghetti dinner on October 29th at the community room.

Jack Regis addressed council and informed everyone he was running for commissioner as democrat. Jack stated that he is a lifelong resident of Martins Ferry and his goal is to attend council meetings and involve local communities more in the County decisions and keep communities informed.

Carol Merritt made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel, at 7:14 p.m., seconded by Zach Gaston, Jay - Yes, Zach - Yes, Carol – Yes, Cindy – Yes, Rod - Yes.

At 7:28 p.m. Mayor Samantha Burkhead declared executive session over.

Cindy Foose made a motion to advertise the hiring of a full time Class 2 Sewer operator, seconded by Zach Gaston, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes.

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

Motion to adjourn by Rod Miller, 2nd by Cindy Foose, with a unanimous vote.

The next meeting will be Wednesday November 9th, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Samantha Burkhead

Fiscal Officer Ricky W. Burkhead Jr.