

Bethel Village Council October 27, 2008

Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers in the Bethel Municipal Building on Monday, October 27th, 2008 at 6:30 pm with Mayor John Swarthout presiding.

The meeting was video taped, to be aired on cable television.

Mr. Ausman delivered the invocation followed by Mayor Swarthout leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Upon roll call, the following were counted as present: Council Members Alan Ausman, Joe Houlihan, Donna Gunn, Gary Hutchinson, Tim Cherry, James Dick. Also present: Village Administrator Travis Dotson, Fiscal Officer Angel Burton.

A motion to approve the minutes from October 13, 2008, as written, was made by Mr. Hutchinson. Seconded by Mr. Houlihan. All yea.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Swarthout

Mayor Swarthout encouraged everyone to vote at the upcoming election, and expressed his support of Issue 22.

The Mayor reminded everyone to be careful and mindful of the children that will be out trick-or-treating this Halloween Friday. He also reminded everyone to change their clocks on Sunday, November 2, 2008.

Village Administrator, Travis Dotson

Mr. Dotson will be e-mailing the employee handbook draft revisions to the personnel committee for review.

An ordinance defining the Village's rules and regulations for providing utility services is before Council for first reading this evening. The utility clerks are in the process of certifying unpaid utility bills to property owner taxes.

Fiscal Officer, Angel Burton

About a month ago, the 2nd grade students from William Bick Primary visited the Municipal Building on a field trip. The Village sent coloring pages with the Village logo back with the teachers, who in turn returned them to the office for a contest. One winner was picked from each class. The students with the winning coloring pages are: Luke Fisher from Ms. Snider's class, Dustin from Ms. Kreimer's class, Briana Goins from Ms. Dennis' class, Mason Hance from Ms. Davis' class, Ashley from Ms. Jenike's class and Noah Bruce from Ms. Warren's class. Briana Goins was chosen as the grand prize winner. Each winner will be getting a tiger WebKinz (for the Bethel-Tate Tigers) and the grand prize winner also gets a gift certificate to McDonald's. The Village employees have enjoyed displaying all the entries, noting the color the pages have brought to the office.

Solicitor, George Leicht

Nil. (Currently on a 60-day leave of absence)

Police Chief Planck

There will be an Investing in Excellence rally on election eve, for the Bethel-Tate tax levy. Supporters will be lining Plane Street, beginning at the Grant Memorial building.

Finance Committee, Chairperson Gary Hutchinson

The next Finance Meeting will be Monday, November 10th at 5:00 p.m.

Public Works, Chairperson Tim Cherry

Mr. Cherry spoke on behalf of the Public Works committee. The group met this evening. They are working on resurrecting the Skate Park, due to the grant deadline of 12/31/2008. The group also discussed the curb repairs needed due to the damage caused from garbage trucks.

Safety Committee, Chairperson Joe Houlihan

The next Safety Committee meeting will be Thursday, November 6th at 5:30 p.m.

Burke Trust Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn

Two appointments will be expiring in October. A member of council and the Mayor will name the replacements.

Planning Commission, Councilperson James Dick

The commission has postponed any further meetings until February 5th, 2009.

Call of Members:

Mr. Ausman: Expressed his support of Issue 22, stressing the importance of the schools.

Mr. Houlihan: Nil.

Ms. Gunn: Nil.

Mr. Hutchinson: Nil.

Mr. Cherry: Impressed by the Bethel-Tate schools and supports Issue 22.

Mr. Dick: Nil.

Public Input:

Nil.

Legislation:

ORDINANCE 1600 DESIGNATING THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY FORMERLY USED AS THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL WATER PLANT, 3rd reading

There is an issue with an easement to the damsite portion of the property. The land was acquired in the '30s or '40s, and the easement obtained was 10-15 feet short of the damsite property. There is a court order from 1976 granting the Village right to access the property. The easement is with the Federal government, and the Village will have an easier time securing the easement than a private individual. Mr. Leicht advised the property bids include a contingent amount for the damsite property/"back 20" once the Village secures an easement.

The sale of the property must be advertised for 5 weeks, as per ORC.

A motion to adopt Ord 1600 designating the sale of the property formerly used as the Village of Bethel Water Plant was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Mr. Cherry. By Roll: Ms. Gunn "yea", Mr. Cherry "yea", Mr. Ausman "yea", Mr. Houlihan "yea", Mr. Hutchinson "yea", Mr. Dick "yea". Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 1601 SPECIFYING DEPOSITS FOR THE UTILITIES WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL, OHIO, 2nd reading

ORDINANCE 1602 AMENDING 2008 APPROPRIATIONS, 2nd reading

ORDINANCE 1603 SPECIFYING THE GENERAL SERVICE REGULATIONS FOR THE UTILITIES SERVICES SUPPLIED BY THE VILLAGE WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL, OHIO, 1st reading

RESOLUTION 870 ESTABLISHING THE BETHEL EVENTS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, 1st reading (The personnel committee will be reviewing the fund, and establishing purposes for its use)

RESOLUTION 871 ESTABLISHING THE SKATE PARK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Ms. Burton needs the Skate Park fund established to account for the expenses and receipts related to the construction of the Skate Park, due to the ODNR NatureWorks grant award.

A motion to suspend the 3 readings of Res 871 Establishing the Skate Park fund was made by Mr. Hutchinson. Seconded by Mr. Dick. By Roll: Mr. Hutchinson “yea”, Mr. Dick “yea”, Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Houlihan “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt Res 871 Establishing the Skate Park fund was made by Mr. Dick. Seconded by Mr. Cherry. By Roll: Mr. Dick “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Houlihan “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Mr. Hutchinson “yea”. Motion Carried.

Payment of Bills:

A motion approving the payment of the presented expenses and bills was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Mr. Houlihan. All yea.

Financial Report:

A motion approving the September Financial Report was made by Mr. Ausman. Seconded by Mr. Hutchinson. All yea.

A motion to enter executive session for the discussion of personnel matters was made by Mr. Dick. Seconded by Ms. Gunn. By Roll: Mr. Dick “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Houlihan “yea”, Mr. Hutchinson “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”. 7:11 p.m.

A motion to enter regular session was made by Mr. Ausman. Seconded by Mr. Cherry. By Roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Mr. Houlihan “yea”, Mr. Hutchinson “yea”, Mr. Dick “yea”. 7:17 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Ms. Houlihan. All yea. 7:18 p.m.

Mayor John Swarthout

Angel Burton, Fiscal Officer