

Bethel Village Council July 12, 2012

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 6:32 p.m., with Mayor Ausman presiding.

Mayor Ausman delivered the invocation, followed by Mayor Ausman leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Upon roll call, the following members were counted as present: Council Members Priscilla Johnson, Donna Gunn, Lucy Shepherd, Jeremiah Hembree, Amy Planck, Village Administrator Travis Dotson, Fiscal Officer Bill Gilpin and Village Solicitor Julia Carney. Janice Ireton was absent.

Also in attendance was John Seney of the Bethel Journal.

Mr. Hembree made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2012 meeting, as written, seconded by Ms. Shepherd. By roll:

Ms. Johnson “yea”	Ms. Ireton-absent	Ms. Gunn “yea”	
Ms. Shepherd “yea”	Mr. Hembree “yea”	Ms. Planck “yea”	Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS; Nil

REPORTS

Mayor Alan J. Ausman; Nothing to report

Village Administrator, Travis Dotson

The monthly public works report was read aloud

Fiscal Officer, Bill Gilpin;

Met with Dave Thompson from the state auditor’s office and discussed the status of the 2009-10 audit; the preparation for adding the Burke Trust to the village’s books is being completed.

The fiscal recovery commission meeting scheduled for July has been rescheduled for August 22; the hope is to be able to request release from fiscal emergency at that meeting.

Solicitor Julia Carney;

The annexation process is ongoing; there will need to be additional legislative action at some point in the future.

Police Chief Mark Planck;

August 11 will be the 5/10k walk/run will be held with the assistance of the police dept.

Finance Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn

Travis Dotson has locked in the electric rate with AEP at \$47.95 per megawatt hour for 2015 through 2017.

The park levy will be on the November ballot.

The unemployment appeals are ongoing

Next meeting is August 9 at 5:00 pm.

Safety Committee, Chairperson Jeremiah Hembree;

The committee met last Monday; discussions included new officer hiring, vehicle conditions and future needs.

Personnel Committee, Chairperson Amy Planck;
Next meeting is July 16 at 5:00 pm

Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton; Absent

Planning Commission, Amy Planck; Nothing to report

Bethel Business Association, Priscilla Johnson; Nothing to report

CALL OF MEMBERS

Amy Planck: County fair is 7-22 to 7-29, please come out and support

Jeremiah Hembree: Please participate in the 5/10k walk/run; support the local support groups

Lucy Shepherd: Check on the elderly and pets on these hot days

Donna Gunn: Monday was the deadline for commenting on the ALB environmental assessment; currently waiting on the results; possibility of requesting an environmental impact study next.

Janice Ireton: Absent

Priscilla Johnson: Shop local, support your local businesses

PUBLIC INPUT: None

LEGISLATION: None

ORDINANCE 1684 – AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF JULIA B. CARNEY AS SOLICITOR AND THE LAW FIRM OF MANLEY BURKE, LPA TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL, 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE 1685 – AMENDING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2012

Ms. Gunn made a motion to waive the three readings of ORD 1685, seconded by Ms. Johnson. By roll:

Ms. Johnson “yea”	Ms. Ireton-absent	Ms. Gunn “yea”	
Ms. Shepherd “yea”	Mr. Hembree “yea”	Ms. Planck “yea”	Motion Carried

Mr. Hembree made a motion to adopt ORD 1685, seconded by Ms. Shepherd. By roll:

Ms. Johnson “yea”	Ms. Ireton-absent	Ms. Gunn “yea”	
Ms. Shepherd “yea”	Mr. Hembree “yea”	Ms. Planck “yea”	Motion Carried

ORDINANCE 1686 - APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2013 TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL AND AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO SUBMIT THE BUDGET TO THE AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Gunn made a motion to waive the three readings of ORD 1686, seconded by Ms. Planck. By roll:

Ms. Johnson “yea”	Ms. Ireton-absent	Ms. Gunn “yea”	
Ms. Shepherd “yea”	Mr. Hembree “yea”	Ms. Planck “yea”	Motion Carried

Ms. Shepherd made a motion to adopt ORD 1686, seconded by Ms. Gunn. By roll:

Ms. Johnson “yea”	Ms. Ireton-absent	Ms. Gunn “yea”	
Ms. Shepherd “yea”	Mr. Hembree “yea”	Ms. Planck “yea”	Motion Carried

Mr. Hembree made a motion to adopt ORD 1686 as an emergency measure, seconded by Ms. Shepherd. By roll:

Ms. Johnson “yea” Ms. Ireton-absent Ms. Gunn “yea”
Ms. Shepherd “yea” Mr. Hembree “yea” Ms. Planck “yea” Motion Carried

ORDINANCE 1687 - AMENDING ORDINANCE No. 1601, CLARIFYING THE REQUIRED DEPOSITS FOR THE UTILITIES WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL, OHIO, 1st Reading

JUNE EXPENSES

Mr. Hembree made a motion to approve the June, 2012 expenses, as presented, seconded by Ms. Shepherd. By roll:

Ms. Johnson “yea” Ms. Ireton-absent Ms. Gunn “yea” Motion Carried
Ms. Shepherd “yea” Mr. Hembree “yea” Ms. Planck-“yea”

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Ms. Planck made a motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses in the amount of \$47,898.93, seconded by Ms. Shepherd. By roll:

Ms. Johnson “yea” Ms. Ireton-absent Ms. Gunn “yea”
Ms. Shepherd “yea” Mr. Hembree “yea” Ms. Planck “yea” Motion Carried

Travis Dotson reported that earlier in the year an offer to pay out vacation time was extended to the three terminated employees. Since that offer has expired, that motion needs to be rescinded.

Julia Carney explained that the offer is over 3 months old with no response from any of the former employees.

Mr. Hembree made a motion to rescind the original motion offering a settlement agreement to the three terminated public works employees, seconded by Ms. Gunn. By roll:

Ms. Johnson “yea” Ms. Ireton-absent Ms. Gunn “yea”
Ms. Shepherd “nay” Mr. Hembree “yea” Ms. Planck “yea” Motion Carried

Meeting on motion adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Alan J. Ausman, Mayor

Bill Gilpin, Fiscal Officer