

Bethel Village Council February 9, 2012

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor Alan J. Ausman presiding.

Ms. Planck 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, Janice Ireton, Lucy Shepherd, Rev. Jeremiah Hembree, Village Administrator Travis Dotson, Fiscal Officer Bill Gilpin and Solicitor Julia Carney. Ms. Gunn was absent.

Also in attendance were John Seney of the Bethel Journal, Mark Dixon and Brett Gates of the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture, Jose Granada and Elyfredo Marin of the USDA, Katie Gough, William Pribble and John Mattes.

Ms. Ireton made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2012 meeting, as amended, seconded by Ms. Planck. By roll:

Ms. Johnson "yea" Ms. Ireton "yea" Ms. Gunn absent
Ms. Shepherd "yea" Mr. Hembree "yea" Ms. Planck "yea" Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS

ALB update; Jose Granada of the USDA displayed a map and gave an update. The current focus is on removal of infested trees only. The hope is to have all trees located in phase 1 removed by the end of February. Phase 2 will be defined by properties. The tree grading process was explained. 178 infested trees have been found in one area of the village. At some point the Ohio Department of Agriculture will take over the project. Ms. Shepherd asked if property owners would receive written notices regarding their properties. Jose Granada replied that letters were going out on February 10 to property owners. Mr. Hembree asked what the plan was once the infested trees are removed. Jose Granada replied that the current operation is focusing on infested trees only and other ideas are being studied and an environmental assessment is due in mid-March. Mr. Hembree asked if the assessment will be widely publicized. Jose Granada responded that the USDA is working hard to publicize the assessment. Ms. Johnson asked when the survey inside the village will begin. Jose Granada responded hopefully within the next week.

REPORTS

Mayor Alan J. Ausman

Mayor's Court report for the month of January, 2012; Total revenue of \$6,322, revenue to the village of \$4,720, \$57 to the indigent driver alcohol treatment fund and \$1,545 to the state.

Village Administrator, Travis Dotson

There is a winter weather advisory for tomorrow and the crew is ready.
There have been many applications received for the job openings.

Fiscal Officer, Bill Gilpin

Ms. Gunn will give the finance committee report at the February 23 meeting.
I will begin sending more of the reports electronically.

Solicitor Julia Carney

Nothing to report

Police Chief Mark Planck

Nothing to report

Finance Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn

Absent

Safety Committee, Chairperson Jeremiah Hembree

Nothing to report, all is good

Personnel Committee, Chairperson Amy Planck

Nothing to report

Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton

Nothing this month; March will be active

Planning Commission, Priscilla Johnson

Nothing to report

CALL OF MEMBERS

Priscilla Johnson: Nil.

Janice Ireton: Things are going in the right direction for the village. The wrestling team will be heading to the southern Ohio buckeye conference meet.

Donna Gunn: Absent

Lucy Shepherd: Support your local churches and schools. Keep the Frazee family in your thoughts and prayers.

Jeremiah Hembree: Nil.

Amy Planck: Nil.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

LEGISLATION

None

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Ms. Ireton made a motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses in the amount of \$81,142.30, seconded by Ms. Johnson. By roll:

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

JANUARY EXPENSES

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Planck made a motion at 7:03 pm to go into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee, seconded by Ms. Johnson. By roll:

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

Ms. Planck made a motion at 7:45 pm to return to regular session, seconded by Ms. Ireton. By roll:

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

No action was taken during executive session.

There was discussion on whether there was a need for a motion to approve the payment of vacation pay contingent upon the former employees signing a release waiver. Julia Carney indicated that requiring the signing of a release at the time of any type of payment is common practice.

Ms. Planck made a motion to approve the payment of vacation time payout to the former village employees contingent upon their signing a release, seconded by Mr. Hembree. By roll:

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

There was discussion on whether or not the motion passes with a 3 to 2 vote. It was suggested to recess the meeting while Julia Carney makes a determination.

Mr. Hembree made a motion to recess the meeting at 7:55 pm, seconded by Ms. Ireton. By roll:

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

Ms. Ireton made a motion to return to regular session at 8:00 pm, seconded by Ms. Shepherd. By roll:

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

Julia Carney stated that the motion passes with a majority vote of council members present according to Roberts rule of order.

Mr. Hembree made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Planck. All yea. 8:01 pm.

Alan J. Ausman, Mayor

William R. Gilpin, Fiscal Officer