

Bethel Village Council February 22, 2010

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Monday, February 22, 2010, with Mayor James T. Dick presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Cherry delivered the invocation, followed by Mayor Dick 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, Donna Gunn, Gary Hutchinson, Tim Cherry, Mary Daugherty; Solicitor George Leicht, Village Administrator Travis Dotson and Fiscal Officer Angel Burton.

Mayor Dick thanked Bethel Building and Loan for sponsoring this year's Council meeting videos.

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2010 meeting, as written, was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Mr. Cherry. All yeas.

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2010 special meeting, as corrected (invocation and pledge inserted), was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Ms. Ireton. 5 yeas – Mr. Hutchinson abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor James T. Dick

Mayor Dick recognized and congratulated Bethel Building and Loan for receiving a Customer Focus Award from the Clermont Chamber of Commerce. He also mentioned a recent luncheon for the Bethel businesses, where Andy McCreanor from Clermont 20/20 spoke.

The "Founder's Day Celebration" will be held at Burke Park on June 25-27, 2010. This event is organized by the Burke Park Log Cabin Committee. A Community Easter Egg Hunt will be March 27, 2010, also at Burke Park.

Mayor Dick thanked the organizers of BAMFest, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 2010. There will be 3 music venues, and artists with displays. The Grant Vocational School is building flower pots for placement around town, paid for by various sponsors.

Village Administrator, Travis Dotson

The Village's salt reserve was tapped during the recent snow events, but was refilled today, after the County's supplies were refilled.

Mr. Dotson will be attending an Asset Management Class on March 16th, and again for a software follow-up on April 6th. The training is provided free of charge, and will address utility rate setting.

The County is providing free Certified Public Records Training on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Council may name a designee to be trained in their place, however attending public records training is recommended.

Fiscal Officer, Angel Burton

Ms. Burton copied Council on the 2009 uniform overage amounts.

The salary for the Zoning Administrator was not included on the 2010 Wage Resolution, and needs to be addressed.

Ms. Burton relayed the BAMFest Committee's appreciation for the support they have received from Council.

Solicitor George Leicht

There has been a minor change to the J&E Settlement agreement, and that change has been forwarded to the Village Administrator.

Mr. Leicht addressed salaries for himself, the Village magistrate and the Village zoning administrator. Mr. Leicht stated he acts in an as-needed, hourly basis with the Village, and may be terminated if Council chooses. Mr. Rapp may have a contract with the Village, and it's recommended the Village adopt a resolution regarding the Zoning Administrator's salary.

The audit has been released, together with findings, and Mr. Leicht would like Council's guidance on how to proceed. The matter may be addressed in Executive Session at a later date.

Police Chief Mark Planck

The 2007 Charger is at Grant Vocational for the door repair. He expects the repairs to take a few weeks.

Finance Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn

Ms. Gunn addressed the 2009 uniform overages. Finance recommended at the last meeting that the overages be forgiven, but action was tabled in order to gather the exact overage amounts, of which Ms. Burton copied everyone on prior to tonight's meeting.

A motion to forgive the 2009 uniform overage amounts totaling \$405, including \$164 for Jerry Whitacre, \$138 for Matt Flischel, \$85 for Jim Hollandsworth and \$19 for Brad Moore, was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Mr. Hutchinson. All ye.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be Monday, March 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. A representative from Sunrise Lake will be meeting with the committee regarding the expense of annexing the property. Health insurance will also be discussed.

Public Works Committee, Chairperson Tim Cherry

The Public Works Committee met this evening before Council. The committee is forwarding the utility rate review to Finance, to consider the reallocation of various expenses, in order to bring the department in line with actual functions. The committee is also discussing capital improvements related to the water system, and the remainder of the contract with Tate Monroe Water.

The next Public Works Committee meeting will be Monday, March 22, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Safety Committee, Chairperson Gary Hutchinson

The Safety Committee will not be meeting on Monday, March 1, 2010, unless needed.

Personnel Committee, Chairperson Mary Daugherty

Nil.

Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton

Ms. Ireton also attended the Business luncheon last week at the Grant Memorial. Together with the Mayor and Ms. Johnson, she toured the building with Frank Manning. She also spoke with Mr. Manning about the commission members. Ms. Ireton is working on gathering all the members' contact information.

She also hopes to have something on the Burke Park picnic tables by the first meeting in March.

Planning Commission, Priscilla Johnson

Nil.

CALL OF MEMBERS

Priscilla Johnson: Nil.

Janice Ireton: Congratulated the Boys' Varsity Basketball team for making it to State, and also the wrestling team for sending 4 wrestlers to the district meet in Goshen, for state qualifications. Dustin Davidson had his 100th pin.

She thanked the organizers of the Bethel Business Luncheon, noting the great speaker. She also thanked Frank Manning for opening the Grant Memorial during the event.

Donna Gunn: Congratulated the Academic Team, and thanked the Street Crew for doing such a great job with the resources available.

Gary Hutchinson: Nil.

Tim Cherry: Echoed the accolades for the sports and the scholars.

Mary Daugherty: Nil.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Rus Whitley asked if the Public Works Committee has been working on a plan to get the Public Works employees that work with high-voltage electric certified.

Mr. Dotson has been looking into various training programs, offered by AEP and Duke, but scheduling is the issue.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 1634 SETTING THE ZONING FEES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL,
2nd Reading

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses (checks 20650-20672) was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Mr. Cherry. All yea.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cherry. Seconded by Ms. Ireton. All yea. 7:12 p.m.

James T. Dick, Mayor

Angelina Burton, Fiscal Officer