

## **Bethel Village Council**

### **April 11, 2011**

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor James T. Dick presiding.

Mr. Ausman 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, Rus Whitley, Tim Cherry. Alan Ausman; Village Administrator Travis Dotson and Solicitor George Leicht. Fiscal Officer Bill Gilpin was absent.

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2011 meeting, as written, was made by Mr. Ausman. Second by Ms. Gunn. All ye.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Michael Marshall spoke of property he owns that he would like to have annexed into the village, zoned RS to be used as a soccer complex.

Mr. Leicht indicated that an annexation plat may already exist for the property, but that the village does not have a zoning designation of "RS" (Recreational Sports). There was discussion on the annexation process.

Girl Scout leader Tiffany Adams and Crystal Squire gave a presentation on raising money to benefit St. Jude's and requested that the village waive fees for the event. The proposed date is June 4, and the show consists of local talent.

A motion to waive the fees for the event was made by Mr. Ausman. Second by Mr. Whitley. All ye.

#### **REPORTS**

##### **Mayor James T. Dick**

Nil.

##### **Village Administrator, Travis Dotson**

This Saturday is Clermont 20/20's Clean and Green litter pickup program, 9:00 am at the shelter house.

The Lion's Club pancake breakfast is also this Saturday beginning at 7:30 am.

The Grant Career Center community dinner is this Saturday, April 16.

##### **Interim Fiscal Officer, Bill Gilpin**

Absent

##### **Solicitor George Leicht**

There will be a brief executive session near the end of the meeting.

##### **Police Chief Mark Planck**

Nil.

##### **Finance Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn**

The committee met on April 4 and discussed health insurance. The committee is recommending keeping Humana until October, when the package will be re-bid.

Fees for use of village buildings will remain in place with the opportunity for waiving fees being considered on a case by case request.

The part-time utility clerk is retiring and the committee discussed hiring a full-time utility clerk and reallocating some of Kelly Terry's time to include working downstairs in the police department.

New utility software has been demonstrated. The upfront cost is approximately \$20,000 with annual support costs being lower than the current software. The new software has many more features and capabilities than the current software.

A motion to purchase utility software from Software Solutions was made by Ms. Gunn.

Mr. Leicht indicated that there is an ordinance prepared for consideration this evening enabling the purchase of the software.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday May 2, 2011 at 6:00 pm, but may be rescheduled for May 4.

#### **Public Works Committee, Chairperson Tim Cherry**

The committee met earlier this evening, material for scout project picnic tables has been delivered.

Special Events guidelines is being compiled and will be ready for approval soon.

2011 paving program is being reviewed.

Tate Township cleanup days is this weekend.

The next meeting is Monday, May 9, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

#### **Safety Committee, Chairperson Rus Whitley**

Met this evening, Cruiser 504 suspension repairs have been made.

5k run details were discussed, original plans have been changed, specifically that the course has been altered to now go outside the village. The committee is recommending the event be moved to the walking trail. There was discussion on the original agreement, if any actually existed. Mayor Dick indicated that the village should not force the moving of the event and that the people involved should be reminded of the original plan. Mr. Leicht agreed with Mayor Dick.

The Loveland Police Dept. has offered a used 2007 Ford Crown Vic to the village police department.

Next meeting is Monday, May 9 at 5:00 pm.

#### **Personnel Committee, Chairperson Alan Ausman**

The next Personnel Committee meeting is Tuesday April 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton**

A request for \$500.00 has been made by Jennifer Dick for the Easter Egg hunt.

A motion to request \$500.00 from the Burke Trust for use in the Easter Egg hunt was made by Ms. Gunn. Second by Mr. Whitley. All ye.

Burke Sholarships-Travis Dotson has the applications and will deliver them to the high school. The Burke Trust committee will meet on May 16, 2011 at 6:30 to review the scholarship applications. Scholarship recipients will be notified on May 20 and the scholarship information will be presented at graduation on May 27. Scholarship recipients will come before council on May 20.

New chairs at Grant Memorial building are working out well.

### **Planning Commission, Priscilla Johnson**

Surveys were reviewed. The commission would like the finance committee to see if any money would be available for property maintenance enforcement of the zoning code.

Next meeting will be May 12, 2011 at 5:30 pm.

### **CALL OF MEMBERS**

Priscilla Johnson: Everyone come out to Burke Park this weekend for Clean and Green.

Janice Ireton: Please support BAMFest on May 7.

Donna Gunn: Thanks to Jennifer Dick for heading up the Easter Egg hunt again this year. Thanks to Mr. Trester for the picnic tables. There has been vandalism at the park lately, please turn in anyone seen vandalizing property.

Rus Whitley: Please support your local churches. Thanks to the area youth for putting up the crosses throughout the village.

Mr. Whitley asked Mr. Leicht if mandatory direct deposit of village payroll was against one's constitutional rights? Mr. Leicht indicated that it is lawful. Mr. Dotson reminded everyone that the letter that was sent out was at the direction of council.

Tim Cherry: Nil

Alan Ausman: The community choir will be performing this Sunday at the Methodist Church. Please support the Midway Theatre and their efforts to show family movies.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

A representative from Tree House Learning Club daycare requested a full or partial waiver of a water bill due to plumbing leakage. Mr. Leicht requested that the effort be directed through the village administrator.

### **LEGISLATION**

RESOLUTION 903 WAIVING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR FISCAL OFFICER BILL GILPIN, 2nd Reading

RESOLUTION 907 REPLACING SECTIONS 718, 719 AND 720 OF PERSONNEL POLICIES REGARDING THE INFORMATION SERVICES GENERAL POLICY PERTAINING TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

A motion to adopt RES 907 Information Services was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Ms. Ireton. By roll: Mr. Ausman "yea", Mr. Cherry "yea", Mr. Whitley "yea", Ms. Gunn "yea", Ms. Ireton "yea", Ms. Johnson "yea". Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 1654 SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS eGov PROFESSIONAL UTILITIES BILLING SOFTWARE CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three readings of ORD 1654 Software Solutions was made by Mr. Whitley. Seconded by Ms. Gunn. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt ORD 1654 Software Solutions was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Mr. Ausman. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

### **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

A motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses (checks 22312-22396 plus electronic payments and charges); in the amount of \$243,263.72 was made by Mr. Ausman. Second by Ms. Ireton. All yea.

### **MARCH EXPENSES**

A motion to approve the March, 2011 expenses, as presented was made by Ms. Gunn. Second by Ms. Johnson. All yea.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation was made by Mr. Cherry. Second by Ms. Ireton. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

A motion to return to regular session was made by Mr. Cherry. Second by Mr. Whitley. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ausman. Second by Mr. Cherry. All yea.

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James T. Dick, Mayor

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William R. Gilpin, Fiscal Officer