

## **Bethel Village Council May 23, 2011**

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor James Dick presiding.

Ms. Ireton 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, Solicitor George Leicht and Fiscal Officer Bill Gilpin.

Also present were Chief Planck, Ruth Gelter of the Independent Press, Mary Dannemiller of the Bethel Journal, Lucy Shepherd, Kristin Bednerski and Jeremiah S. Hembree.

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2011 meeting, as written, was made by Ms. Ireton. Second by Mr. Whitley. All ye.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Nil.

### **REPORTS**

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

Nil.

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

The new utility software is installed. Training is coming in to review.  
Fire retardant clothing for the linemen is being reviewed.  
ODNR grant update-Due to budget cutbacks, there will be no money available for Clermont County in 2011. Our application will be re-submitted in 2012.

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

Appropriations and budgets numbers are being studied in preparation for the second half of 2011 and the 2012 budget.

#### **Solicitor George Leicht**

Nil.

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

Nil.

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

Next meeting is Monday June 6 at 5:00 pm.

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

Next meeting is June 13 at 5:00 pm.

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

Next meeting is June 13 at 5:00 pm.

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

The committee met on May 17, Resolution 909 amending job descriptions is before council this evening.

Next meeting will be May 24 at 5:00 pm.

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

Requests have been submitted for \$20,000 for scholarships and \$500 for the Easter Egg hunt. Scholarship applicants will be interviewed on May 24.

Recipients will be recognized at Graduation this Friday.

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

The committee met on May 19 and discussed the historic business district.

The committee would like to have an arborist take a look at the trees.

The Burke Commission has some trees they would like to see planted.

### **CALL OF MEMBERS**

Priscilla Johnson: Nil.

Janice Ireton: Please pray for the graduates, their safety and their futures.

Donna Gunn: Some terms of the Burke Trust Commission are expiring. Any interested parties please see Mr. Dotson. Would like to amend Resolution 910 to include reference to the community center.

Rus Whitley: New cruiser will be here Wednesday. Support the local churches. Asked about a possible conflict of interest in selling ammunition to the police department. George Leicht indicated that there would be a high level of scrutiny involved. George Leicht asked Bill Gilpin to obtain advice from the state auditor's office.

Tim Cherry: Please support the local churches. The Bethel Ministerial Association is an amazing and impressive ministry.

Alan Ausman: At the last meeting Gary Hutchinson made a reference to the village being in violation of rules and regulations pertaining to the utility funds and that the state will step in and do something. Mr. Ausman has done some research on the ORC and cannot locate any such reference. If anyone has any questions regarding the electric rate study currently underway please call Mr. Ausman at 404-6583.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Ruth Gelter asked if there was any new information on her drainage issue.

Travis Dotson stated that Mitch Hatfield has looked at it and will get transit readings before the next safety and public works committee meetings. Jeff Stine will be called about the problem as well. Ms. Gunn stated that the drainage issue is a community problem as much as it is a homeowner problem.

### **LEGISLATION**

RESOLUTION 909-ADOPTING AMENDED JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR CERTAIN VILLAGE EMPLOYEES AND INCORPORATING THE SAME IN THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK, 1st Reading

RESOLUTION 910-A RESOLUTION DECLARING NECESSITY FOR A LEVY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE BURKE PARK, THE GRANT MEMORIAL BUILDING AND THE COMMUNITY CENTER, PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 5705.19(G), 1st Reading

There was discussion on the proposed language of the levy and George Leicht stated that beyond the pre-amble statutory language must be used.

There was discussion on millage. Bill Gilpin will prepare some figures for consideration.

**PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

A motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses totaling \$90,219.09 was made by Ms. Gunn. Second by Ms. Johnson. All yea.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Whitley. Second by Ms. Ireton. All yea. 7:00 p.m.

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James T. Dick, Mayor

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Bill Gilpin, Fiscal Officer