

Bethel Village Council October 17, 2011

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., with Vice Mayor Donna Gunn presiding.

Mr. Cherry delivered the invocation, followed by Vice Mayor Gunn 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, Timothy Cherry, Alan Ausman, Village Administrator Travis Dotson, Fiscal Officer Bill Gilpin and Village Solicitor Julia Carney.

Also present were Ruth Gelter of the Independent Press, John Seney of the Bethel Journal, Dennis Eversole and Mike Salvatore.

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2011 meeting, as written was made by Ms. Ireton. Second by Mr. Whitley. All yeas.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

REPORTS

Mayor James T. Dick; Absent

Village Administrator, Travis Dotson

Trick or Treat will be on October 29 from 6 to 8 pm.

Fiscal Officer, Bill Gilpin

Audit Update-The audit team is hoping to be largely finished by the end of the week.

Bills for approval; Late arrivals were added to the list and reviewed.

The general fund turned positive last week. It will fluctuate for the next few weeks but should stay positive at some point in November.

The two Burke Trust requests have been approved and the funds have been received.

Solicitor Julia Carney

Nil.

Police Chief Mark Planck

Thanks to the volunteers from the Church of Christ for painting the downstairs area of village hall.

Finance Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn

The committee met on October 3.

The general fund is improving nicely and many people are responsible. The village will still be considered in fiscal emergency for a couple of years and under the supervision of the financial recovery commission.

The electric rate study is ongoing and should be completed within 4 weeks.

Capital planning for the water and electric departments will call for replacement of trucks in the near future.

Changes to the employee uniform allowance is being considered.

Ordinance for the annual liability insurance policy renewal and increases in coverage was reviewed.

The second reading on the RiverHills Bank ordinance will take place this evening, although a compromise has been worked out with Community Savings Bank.

Next meeting is November 7 at 5:00 pm.

Public Works Committee, Chairperson Tim Cherry

The committee met earlier this evening.

Ordinance 1663 for the award of the paving bid needs to be approved this evening. 3 bids were received and the lowest and best bid was received from Rack 7 paving. Appropriations will need to be amended to allow for the total amount of paving being considered.

The traffic signal upgrade is complete. There will be adjustments to the timing as patterns are studied.

The valve maintenance trailer is being used more often as the crew becomes more familiar with its capabilities.

Next meeting is November 14 at 5:00 pm.

Safety Committee, Chairperson Rus Whitley

The committee met earlier this evening and discussed staffing levels of the auxiliary officers.

Next meeting is Monday November 14 at 5:00 pm.

Personnel Committee, Chairperson Alan Ausman

The committee met on October 6; Merit raises were discussed at length.

No meeting will be scheduled for November.

Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton Nil.

Thank you to the committee for awarding an additional scholarship to Hayley Rose.

Planning Commission, Priscilla Johnson

Next meeting is Thursday October 20 at 5:30 pm.

CALL OF MEMBERS

Priscilla Johnson: Nil.

Janice Ireton: Please be careful during trick or treat, be safe.

Donna Gunn: Down Home Christmas meeting tomorrow evening at Community Savings Bank; Street levy; will need help at the polls from other council members.

Quote of the month; "Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip".

Rus Whitley: Please continue to support the local churches and be careful during trick or treat.

Tim Cherry: Please continue to support the street levy.

Alan Ausman: The Methodist Church will have their holy house during trick or treat.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 1661- AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING RIVERHILLS BANK AS A DEPOSITORY FOR ACTIVE, INACTIVE AND INTERIM DEPOSITS, 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE 1663- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RACK SEVEN PAVING CO., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three readings of ORD 1663 Rack Seven Paving was made by Mr. Whitley. Second by Ms. Johnson. By roll: Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt ORD 1663 Rack Seven Paving was made by Mr. Cherry. Seconded by Ms. Ireton. By roll: Mr. Cherry “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Mr. Ausman “yea”. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt ORD 1663 Rack Seven Paving as an emergency measure was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Ms. Johnson. By roll: Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Ausman “yea”. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 1664- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS WITH THE OHIO PLAN RISK MANAGEMENT, INC. TO PROVIDE INSURANCE TO THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three readings of ORD 1664 Ohio Plan was made by Mr. Ausman. Second by Ms. Johnson. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt ORD 1664 Ohio Plan was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Mr. Cherry. By roll: Ms. Ireton “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Mr. Ausman “yea”. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt ORD 1664 Ohio Plan as an emergency measure was made by Mr. Whitley. Seconded by Mr. Ausman. By roll: Mr. Whitley “yea”, Mr. Ausman “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses totaling \$235,958.25 was made by Ms. Ireton. Second by Ms. Johnson. All yea.

Meeting on motion adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

James T. Dick, Mayor

Bill Gilpin, Fiscal Officer