

Regular Council Meeting  
06/14/2018  
7:00 PM  
Municipal Building

Gary Bauer, Lori Byrom, Don Gephart, Chad Hollon, Reilly Hopkins, and Cindy Sutton were present. Mayor presided over the meeting.

Mayor stated there were a couple of items he wanted to add to the agenda. Council agreed by common consent. Mayor also thanked Cindy for filling in for him at the last meeting.

Minutes from 5/24/18 were presented to Council.

**HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to approve minutes from 5/24/18. All voted yea.**

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Bills were presented to Council.

**HOLLON/SUTTON: Motion to approve bills as presented. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Mayor introduced Richard Baker from the Eagles Organization. Mr. Baker gave a brief introduction of the Eagles Organization; motto “People Helping People.” Current goal is to donate to James Cancer Center \$20 million for cancer research. He stated that they like to keep some donations locally and last year they had donated \$12,000 to youth baseball program, various donations to high school, food pantry, etc. They are hosting an upcoming car show for 4<sup>th</sup> of July week and there is a desire to do a 4-day donation time for charity purposes. He requested to be able to close a section of street for this charity “Cancer-Free Kids”. Sunday would be the only day requested to have street closure for the event.

**SUTTON/BYROM: Motion to allow Eagles to close off street for event. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

Chad stated there had been an assemblage ordinance that had been passed and advised it should be filled out for the following year. Wayne requested that cleanup for the event be completed by the Eagles. Chief stated he had signed off on the Eagles Organization liquor license for the past few years, and there had been no issues working with them.

Mayor introduced a group representing the UFCW (United Food Commercial Workers Union). Leroy Addis, Blanchester Food Pantry, said he had been contacted about possibly installing a non-perishable food box outside the Municipal Building for those in need outside of normal food pantry hours. Lori asked where the unit would be located. Bill Benner, UFCW representative, answered there were concerns with vandalism. There would be no cost to the community. This union would maintain it and check it a couple times per week. The cabinet would have to be secured somehow into the ground. Wayne asked if anyone could access the box. Bill Benner stated that it would be on a take as you need and give as you can “honor system”. There was no opposition among Council regarding installation, but Mayor requested giving Council a little time to think about a good location. Don asked if there might be contents available for newborns. Bill Benner stated that there might be a variety of household items as long as they were non-perishable. Leroy stated that there are some restrictions in providing infant products. It was stated one of their workers is a carpenter and builds the donation boxes free of charge. Residents would be welcome to help stock the contents.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Gary stated that Safety Team had met and agreed that a cruiser should be purchased after examining and discussing the cost and condition of the cruiser. Mayor stated that the appropriations would be increased for the general fund (\$10,500 including transporting vehicle to Village).

**BAUER/HOLLON: Motion to allow Chief to move forward with purchase of cruiser \$10,500. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

Cindy gave report from Zoning Appeals meeting and confirmed it was voted not to charge Skyline for additional signage.

Cindy gave report for Planning and Zoning meeting where there was discussion over sidewalk displays for downtown businesses and a group at the meeting inquired of possibly amending Ordinance 2015.027. John Hill stated there was a list of cars that had been cited.

Cindy then gave report from recent Finance Committee Meeting. Bill Gilpin and Mayor Hauk were both in attendance. Both spoke on earnings tax enactments within their respective villages. Health insurance plans were also discussed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2018.021, Income Tax Ordinance, was reintroduced and revised since last Council meeting. Don stated he would like to see Council enact Ordinance 2018.021, Income Tax Ordinance, with no expiration date at 1%. Chad declared he felt this was 3 times the amount needed. Mayor read through the initial portion of the tax ordinance.

**GEPHART/BYROM: Motion to place Ordinance 2018.021 on first reading. Roll call was made. GEPHART, BYROM, SUTTON, BAUER voted yea; HOLLON, HOPKINS voted no. Motion passed for first reading.**

Ordinance 2018.022 was reintroduced to Council.

**HOLLON/BYROM: Motion to place Ordinance 2018.022, an Ordinance for the Establishment of Curfew for the Village of Blanchester, on its third and final reading. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

Ordinance 2018.023 was reintroduced to Council.

**BAUER/HOLLON: Motion to place Ordinance 2018.023, an Ordinance Regulating the Discharge of Firearms in the Village of Blanchester, on its third and final reading. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

Ordinance 2018.024 was reintroduced to Council. A correction was made to the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph in the ordinance (changing "West Street" to "Wall Street").

**BAUER/SUTTON: Motion to place Ordinance 2018.024, an Ordinance Closing, but Not Abandoning, the Alley-Way Running in an East-West Direction and Intersecting Broadway Street and Wall Street in the Village of Blanchester, Clinton County, Ohio, on its second reading with noted change. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2018.025 was introduced to Council. Mayor reminded Council about the deannexation of the Wilson property from last fall. The County Auditor's Office had requested an actual ordinance vs. only the minutes of the meeting where Council had approved the deannexation (detachment).

**SUTTON/GEPHART: Motion to place Ordinance 2018.025, an Ordinance Accepting a Petition for Detachment of Wilson Property, Parcel Number 220-06-01-03-0001-00, and Declaring an Emergency in the Village of Blanchester, on emergency reading. Roll call was made. BYROM, BAUER, GEPHART, HOPKINS, SUTTON voted yea; HOLLON voted no.**

**BAUER/GEPHART: Motion to adopt Ordinance 2018.025. Roll call was made. BYROM, BAUER, GEPHART, HOPKINS, SUTTON voted yea; HOLLON voted no.**

Mayor inquired if any Council members were interested in “History in Your Backyard”, as was presented to Council a few meetings ago by Mr. Glassmeyer. There was no comment regarding the matter.

**HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion to appropriate \$2,476.73 from Police Equipment fund. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

Mayor stated he was approached about possibly putting up a donation box on the municipal grounds for handicapped veteran clothing. It would be maintained by the organization and monitored by the same. If it were to cause problems, the Village could request that it be removed from the premises. Mayor asked if there was interest in having this organization attend a Council meeting to present more information regarding the matter. Xezakia Rouse was there to represent Paralyzed Veterans of America. He stated he was a former veteran from the Marine Corps. He reported that his organization located in West Chester makes sure that the donation bins are clean and maintained, and this service would add to the atmosphere that the Village has for veterans. This would be a metal box with signage, 4’x4’x6’. He presented information to Council regarding the donation box. Mayor confirmed that Council would get back to Mr. Rouse on this matter.

Mayor stated that the National League of Cities has a program that offers a plan to homeowners of insurance up to \$8,500 for utility damages or emergency repairs. Mayor stated there could be a representative to come out to the next Council meeting if Council wished to obtain additional information. An attendee said he believed homeowners’ insurance offers the same service at about half the cost. There was some interest among Council in hearing the representative.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief asked if the appropriations would be increased to purchase the cruiser which was confirmed by Council. Jewelle stated the appropriations would be listed on the next Council meeting adjustments.

#### **STREET**

Wayne spoke about the estimates regarding prevailing wages for road repair. He believed Municipal Building repair had been completed. He announced he was present at the finance committee meeting and said, “We could follow in their footsteps and come out ahead.” He noted that Bethel’s and Sabina’s electric rates for their villages were the same for residential and businesses.

#### **PARKS**

None.

#### **BPA**

Ram stated they had final approval for the Water project. Grant money would be available, but local share would be needed. The BPA is planning to apply for a loan to cover the cost with OPWC. Ram revealed there had been an electrical power outage last Friday. Usually these outages are due to Duke’s incoming power sources, but this time there was a problem with the Village’s equipment at the Middleboro substation. He said there were some glitches with the Broadway new lighting, which were repaired on Monday. Schools are working to get some solar energy supply to cut down on cost. He stated the BPA is working on unbundling rates. Reilly asked if the school produced too much energy would they have to sell it back and IMPA was not interested in buying back. Ram stated that was not the case. He stated that they had worked with the solar company several years ago and then that company seemed to stop communication suddenly without explanation. Solar is not guaranteed to provide the schools with the total amount of power needed annually. Unbundling will accommodate potential customers with a solar power service charge displaying each charge separate. Lori asked where the panels would be installed. Ram stated he didn’t have an answer at this time. He stated

that the BPA is not standing in the school's way, but must answer to all of the electrical customers and protect everyone's interests in the village.

**SOLICITOR**

Mayor asked Andrew if changing the zoning of a property requires a hearing. Andrew stated he'd like to review the resolution before making a definitive answer and stated that he would presume there was a hearing requirement.

**FISCAL OFFICE**

Jewelie presented adjustments to Council.

**ADJUSTMENTS 06/14/2018**

FUND/DEPT	UAN ACCT #	FUND
GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS OUT	1000-910-910	\$ 2,500.00
<b>TOTAL GEN FUND</b>		<b>\$2,500.00</b>
BLANCHESTER PLAYGROUND SUPPLIES	4908-310-490	\$ (6,953.50)
BLANCHESTER PLAYGROUND CAPITAL OUTLAY	4908-310-590	\$ 6,953.50
PRINCIPAL OWDA WTP PH3	5101-850-710-5000	\$ 0.01
INTEREST OWDA WTP PH3	5101-850-720-5000	\$ (0.01)
INTEREST OWDA LOAN 6269	5201-850-720-8000	\$ 0.01
INTEREST OWDA LOAN 5971	5201-850-720-9000	\$ (0.01)
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL GEN FUND+OTHER</b>		<b>\$2,500.00</b>

**HOLLON/BYROM: Motion to accept adjustments as presented. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

Jewelie announced that Aflac had set up an Open Enrollment date for employees for Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. However, due to the Aflac representative's wife having to have a medical procedure on that date, he needed to change the date to the 20<sup>th</sup>. Updated notification would be distributed to all employees.

Jewelie asked if all of Council had had the opportunity to review May's financial reports and reminded everyone that the auditors would like for the end of month reports to be Council-approved in the minutes. Mayor requested the email be resent to Council for review.

**MAYOR**

Mayor provided a notice from FEMA to all council members outlining a review of their recent floodplain maps. Mayor asked if anyone wanted to attend the meeting, they were welcome to do so.

Race Across America will be June 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Mayor asked Wayne to do his normal sweeping of the streets at that time. Donations can be made and/or residents may meet the riders as they enter the village. There is a website that shows where the riders are and how soon they will be arriving in the village.

Mayor stated he received a notice from Ohio Financing Agency. He stated that the grant had been awarded for the Friendship Acres housing project. He stated there had been a letter from the Blanchester Church of Christ, but it was most likely received outside of the statute of limitations date.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Richard Baker stated he could not hear even though there was a microphone at the podium. He asked if the microphone could be turned on. Mayor stated that the audio system didn't always work properly and the funding was not available for a new system.

Jerry O'Brien, Serendipity business owner, mentioned that he had questions about the ordinance regarding tables being placed outside of the business. Mayor explained that there was an ordinance in effect and it would have to be amended with three readings to be passed. Council would have to decide if the ordinance would be amended. Mr. O'Brien stated that he had gone to multiple communities where things were displayed on the sidewalks in those communities. Chad asked if his small items could be placed on a 6' table outside, and if he could apply for a table permit per the ordinance. Mr. O'Brien agreed he could start with that. John Hill stated that the ordinance would be enforced as Council had passed. Chad stated lack of enforcement in the past doesn't mean that it doesn't stand as an ordinance. Mr. O'Brien stated he didn't understand why it was now being enforced. John Hill stated he would enforce whichever way the Council passed the ordinance.

James Constable stated he had done research on wasteful spending and mentioned a public official's name. Chad called point of order regarding the rules in public comment being violated.

**HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to adjourn. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.**

Approved: 07/12/18

Mayor: John M. Carron

Attest: Shelli Carbo