

04/22/2021

Regular Council Meeting

7:00 PM

Meeting held via Zoom teleconference and streamed live on the Village of Blanchester Facebook page

Gary Bauer, Harry Brumbaugh, Don Gephart, Chad Hollon, Reilly Hopkins, and Richard Simpson were present. Mayor John Carman presided over the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**BAUER/BRUMBAUGH: Motion to accept agenda as presented. All voted yea.**

Mayor requested one addition to the agenda under NEW BUSINESS: Resolution 2021.010.

**BAUER/SIMPSON: Motion to accept agenda with proposed addition. All voted yea.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from 04/08/2021 meeting were presented to Council.

**HOPKINS/BRUMBAUGH: Motion to approve minutes from 04/08/2021 meeting as presented. All voted yea.**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS/ADJUSTMENTS**

Bills and adjustments were presented to Council.

**ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2021 APPROPRIATIONS**

**PRESENTED TO COUNCIL 04/22/2021**

FUND/DEPT	UAN ACCT #	FUND
LANDS/BUILDINGS SUPPLIES	1000-730-400	\$80.37
LANDS/BUILDINGS PERSONAL SERVICES	1000-730-100	\$24,786.00
LANDS/BUILDINGS OPERS	1000-730-211	\$3,470.00
LANDS/BUILDINGS MEDICARE	1000-730-213	\$359.00
LANDS/BUILDINGS WORKERS COMPENSATION	1000-730-225	\$230.00
<b>TOTAL GEN FUND</b>		<b>\$28,925.37</b>
STORM SEWER PERSONAL SERVICES	4501-640-100	\$5,000.00
CURLESS TRUST PERMANENT FUND BANK FEES	4951-990-990-0005	\$4,482.99
CURLESS TRUST PERMANENT MARKET VALUE LOSS	4951-990-990-0014	\$1,395.79
STORM SEWER CONTRACTUAL	4501-640-300	\$7,615.00
PD OPERATING PERSONAL SERVICES	2906-110-100	(\$2,437.76)
PD OPERATING HEALTH INSURANCE	2906-110-221	(\$2,437.76)
PD OPERATING UNEMPLOYMENT	2906-110-240	\$4,875.52
WATER SUPPLIES	5101-531-400	\$26.79
SEWER SUPPLIES	5201-541-400	\$26.79
ELECTRIC SUPPLIES (LANDS/BLDGS)	5301-519-490-0010	\$26.79
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>		<b>\$18,493.78</b>
<b>TOTAL GEN FUND+OTHER</b>		<b>\$47,419.15</b>

**HOPKINS/BRUMBAUGH: Motion to approve bills/adjustments as presented. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Mayor introduced Viva Goorian, President of Gregory Wolfe Associates, Inc., and Chris Colvin, Waynesville Council Member. Viva spoke to Council regarding a resolution that Waynesville had previously passed and had been drafted as Resolution 2021.009, Urging the Ohio State Legislature to Take All Necessary Action to Add Ohio to the Roll of States Which Have Adopted

Resolutions to Trigger an Article V Convention of States. She said, “This country is very, very important to me, and as a good citizen, I try to pay my bills. I try to watch my own checkbook. I try to be honest, and treat my neighbors well. And I get very concerned which is where I love this resolution that passed in Waynesville because it’s holding our government to the same standards we hold our own households to regarding fiscal responsibility.”

Chris clarified the fact that federal government continues to dig into the collective tax base deeper leaving the local governments with less revenue to work with in their communities. He stressed that it was important to examine Article V and how it ultimately impacts states and smaller entities. Harry explained he believed the proposed resolution pertains to how local entities and states are slowly losing their revenue and rights to federal government. Chris noted, “One of the things I’ve learned in local government that’s critically important; that our role is not simply to do ordinances and to make law, but also to inform the public and to be actively engaged in that process.” Viva and Chris both urged Council to consider having a separate meeting to give the issue its due diligence and to have the opportunity to better inform themselves on the subject. Harry expressed he felt this issue is about how slowly the states over time have given up more and more power and authority to the federal government and this was a chance to acknowledge the state’s rights. Gary supported the desire to look deeper into the subject. Chris mentioned using [conventionofstates.com](http://conventionofstates.com) as a resource for more information. Chris informed Council that 16 states have now approved this resolution in state chambers, and several are currently in the process of doing so. Mayor suggested having a special meeting to discuss the topic further.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor explained at the recent BZA hearing on 04/13/2021, in which the BZA Board approved the 2 proposed UDF signs. In addition, the variance application fees were approved to be waived.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Tom Lee’s topic was agreed to be discussed following executive session.

#### **SOLICITOR**

None.

#### **FISCAL OFFICE**

None.

#### **MAYOR**

Mayor gave reminded Council a grant had been applied for with Marion Township for Dudley Road project (small government grant). After bidding process, Cox Paving was granted the bid for \$300,921.42. Shawnee Trace to 2<sup>nd</sup> Creek will be completed, in which the Village has a small portion. He announced they would be milling it down ~ 12 inches to perform a lime fill and would be limiting traffic while fill is curing, so Marion Township will be granting lanyard passes to residents on Dudley Road.

John Porterfield has requested a car show as a fundraiser to the food pantry on 07/03/2021 and has asked to use the Municipal Building grounds for the location. Discussion took place regarding allowing participants to either use the building for restrooms vs. port-o-lets outside of the building. Common consent was to allow the car show to take place on the grounds, but Council was not in favor of opening the building to the public unsupervised.

Mayor shared information received from RITA regarding estimated revenue for 0.5% earnings tax. RITA verified that the estimates were about the same as were with the previous estimate a few years prior.

Paul Daniels confirmed Parker Place was completed. Mayor promised to email pictures to Council once obtained.

Mayor explained several streets were being examined for water/sewer infrastructure investments in advance of anticipated American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act grant funding (>\$800,000) including: West Fancy from bridge to Bourbon Street, East Fancy from Broadway to just past water tower, Central Avenue, South Wright from Fancy Street to Burroughs, East Burrough Street, East Baldwin from Columbus to Wright, North Wright from Center to John, Lazenby and Orchard View. These streets all contain cast iron piping nearly 100 years old. Mayor stated Blan-Fayetteville is being updated from 133 to McJunkin and the Village hopes to “piggy-back” off of the county’s bid process.

Mayor introduced Resolution 2021.010 to Council.

**HOLLON/BAUER: Motion to adopt Resolution 2021.010, Declaring it Necessary to Renew a Levy Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation and Declaring an Emergency. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

Mayor announced the pursuit of Cherry Street Phase 2 funding is still in process and should have confirmation of whether the Village would be granted the funding soon. Ram shared with Council further details about the selection process of the projects to be completed with ARP funding.

**HOLLON/BAUER: Motion to recess to executive session pursuant to 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official inviting Mayor, Solicitor, Fiscal Officer, and Tom Lee to meeting. Roll call was made. All voted yea. Meeting recessed at 7:54 PM.**

Roll call was made. Meeting resumed at 8:05 PM.

**HOLLON/GEHART: Motion to hire Donald Sturgill at Step H as Assistant Park Director around 1<sup>st</sup> week in June. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

**HOLLON/BRUMBAUGH: Motion to approve BPA Board recommendations (Exhibit A) for lifting probation for John Neeley (step raise to W-3-F) and Robert Coyle (step raise to E-6-F), and pay step raise for Jeremy Canter (E-2-M). Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

**HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.**

Approved: May 13, 2021

Mayor: John M. Carrman

Attest: Julie Carter



# EXHIBIT A

## MEMORANDUM

Date: April 22, 2021  
To: The Honorable Mayor and the Village Council  
From: The Trustees of the Board of Public Affairs  
Subject: Employee Pay Raises

At the April 8, 2021 meeting, the Board of Trustees of Public Affairs (BPA) approved and voted to recommend the Council:

1. To lift the probation period and approve a pay raise for the following employees as shown below:

• Neeley, John from step: W-3-E to W-3-F

• Coyle, Robert from step: E-6-E to E-6-F

2. To approve a pay raise for the following employee as shown below:

• Canter, Jeremy from step: E-2-L to E-2-M

With the Council's approval, these pay raises will become effective from the next full pay period following the date of approval by the Council which is April 22, 2021.

Respectfully,

Board of Public Affairs

