

08/12/2021

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**

Agenda was presented to Council.

**HOPKINS/BRUMBAUGH: Motion to accept agenda with addition of Resolution 2021.015 to New Business. All voted yea.**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from 06/29/2021 and 7/08/2021 meetings were presented to Council.

**BRUMBAUGH/BAUER: Motion to approve minutes from 06/29/2021 and 07/08/2021 meetings as presented. All voted yea.**

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS/ADJUSTMENTS**

Bills and adjustments were presented to Council.

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

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance Committee: Possible acquisition of IOOF cemetery at some point (acquisition timeline/date unknown). Committee voted on recommendation to replace Village computer server.

Mayor shared with Council the proposal from S & H Consulting Services to replace the Village's server.

**BRUMBAUGH/HOLLON: Motion to approve proposal to replace Village server. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

Safety & Service: None.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Phil Blankenship – Agent of Record (EBS). Sherry Arnold from EBS discussed the Village's renewal of their health care coverage at the previous Regular Council Meeting on 07/08/2021. Phil stated that none of the benefits would change with the renewal and comparisons to last year's Fixed Costs and Maximum Costs saw a 0% and -1% change respectively. He encouraged Council to move forward with the renewal per Resolution 2021.019 (Renewing Contract with Employee Benefit Service Center as the Village of Blanchester's Third-Party Administrator).

**HOLLON/GEHART: Motion to adopt Resolution 2021.019. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Resolution 2021.015, to Relinquish the Right to Give Single-Step Raises to Board of Public Affairs Employees to the Board of Public Affairs Trustees

Reilly stated several reasons for his approval of the resolution. Mayor asked for feedback from other Council members. Chad agreed with Reilly's view that the Board could more readily and accurately justify pay raises than Council due to their familiarity with the employee's job performance. Don disagreed with changing the current pay raise approval process for BPA employees.

**HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to adopt Resolution 2021.015. Roll call was made. Brumbaugh, Hollon, and Hopkins voted yea. Bauer, Gephart, and Simpson voted no. The Mayor noted a quandary and cast a tie-breaking vote of no. Failure to adopt resolution.**

- B. Resolution 2021.017, to Provide for the Special Purpose of Flood Damage Reduction Within the Village of Blanchester, Ohio:

Katie Wilkin commented on the resolution's length and language, stating that it would help achieve compliance between the Village and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and ODNR (Ohio Department of Natural Resources). In order to meet the November 2021 approval deadline, the Mayor suggested scheduling the resolution's second and third readings in September 2021.

**HOPKINS/GEPHART: Motion to suspend readings rules and put Resolution 2021.017 on emergency. All voted yea.**

**HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion to adopt Resolution 2021.017. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

- C. Resolution 2021.018, to establish Legacy Fund – Parks 2908

**HOPKINS/SIMPSON: Motion to adopt Resolution 2021.018. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

- D. Resolution 2021.020, to Make Return of Nuisance Property Mowing to the County Auditor

**HOLLON/BAUER: Motion to adopt Resolution 2021.020. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

- E. Resolution 2021.021, to establish Cherry Street Phase II Fund

**HOLLON/BAUER: Motion to adopt Resolution 2021.021. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

- F. Resolution 2021.022, Emergency Resolution to Accept the Material Terms of the One Ohio Subdivision Settlement Pursuant to the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding and Consistent with the Terms of the July 21, 2021 National Opioid Settlement Agreement

Katie Wilkin discussed the resolution's importance and connection to the ongoing national opioid crisis and the reparations the Village could acquire from the settlement.

**HOLLON/BAUER: Motion to adopt Resolution 2021.022. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

- G. Resolution 2021.023, 2021 Supplemental Appropriations

Tammy briefly discussed with Council the various supplemental appropriations needed to cover the Village's expenses for the remainder of 2021. Katie Wilkin made a suggestion for a minor edit in the Resolution; the first sentence stating "An ORDINANCE" should be changed to "A RESOLUTION".

**HOPKINS/BRUMBAUGH: Motion to adopt Resolution 2021.023 with suggested edit. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

**SOLICITOR**

None.

**FISCAL OFFICE**

Tammy mentioned that Perry & Associates had requested an extension of the deadline for the 2019-2020 audit of the Village due to a need to collect further information.

**MAYOR**

None.

**STREET COMMISSIONER**

None.

**BAUER/GEPHART: Motion to recess to executive session to consider the compensation of a public employee or official pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §121.22 (G)(1), for Street Department Personnel. Roll call was made. All voted yea. Council recessed to executive session at 7:47 PM.**

Roll call was made. Meeting resumed at 7:57 PM.

**HOLLON/BAUER:** Motion to move Rick Jones and Dylan Perry off probation per Paul Daniels, to move Rick Jones from Step B to Step E of the Foreman pay scale, and to move Dylan Perry from Step E to Step F on the Laborer pay scale. Both step raises will go into effect on the first full pay period beginning on 08/15/2021. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

**HOPKINS/HOLLON:** Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Approved: 09/09/2021

Mayor: John M. Cannon

Attest: James A. May