

Regular Council Meeting  
05/28/2020  
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.

Reilly suggested an addition to the agenda: 1) New Business: Extra cleaning expense.

**BAUER/BRUMBAUGH: Motion to accept agenda with suggested change. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from 05/14/20 meeting were presented to Council.

**GEPHART/SIMPSON: Motion to approve minutes from 05/14/20 meeting as presented. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS/ADJUSTMENTS**

Bills and adjustments were presented to Council.

**ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2020 APPROPRIATIONS  
PRESENTED TO COUNCIL 05/28/2020**

FUND/DEPT	UAN ACCT #	FUND
LANDS/BUILDINGS SUPPLIES	1000-730-400	\$ 7,000.00
LANDS/BUILDINGS CONTRACTUAL	1000-730-300	\$ 3,000.00
<b>TOTAL GEN FUND</b>		<b>\$10,000.00</b>
CURLESS FUND BANK FEES	4951-990-990-0005	\$ 4,000.00
CURLESS FUND MARKET VALUE LOSS	4951-990-990-0014	\$ 30,000.00
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>		<b>\$34,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL GEN FUND+OTHER</b>		<b>\$44,000.00</b>

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor confirmed there was conference call with Village department officials on 5/22/20 to discuss reopening. He inquired how Council would like to go forward with Council meetings. He feared there would not be adequate social distancing if meetings were opened to the public. Reilly stated Zoom was working well and had no issues, and that he was in favor of continuing the current method. Chad stated Zoom would be simpler than trying to conduct meetings in Council Chambers according to all of the new state guidelines. Harry asked how many people could be in the room during a meeting. Mayor answered current occupancy is 75 and the guidelines only allow 50% of max occupancy or approximately 37 people, which would still be a challenge meeting the social distancing guideline. He confirmed it would probably be easiest to proceed via Zoom meetings. Reilly suggested reassessing at a later date. Harry inquired if he was out of state if he could still attend Council Zoom meeting. Andrew affirmed it doesn't make difference where a Council member is physically as long as they are there virtually via videoconferencing; it is the same as being physically present in the eyes of the law.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Reilly stated they had reached out to cleaning services regarding upstairs cleaning. Council paid for 50%/Legion paying other 50%. Suggested approving not to exceed \$350. Don requested cleaning would include the steps. Jewelle asked if the not to exceed amount was for the Village's portion only which Reilly confirmed. Reilly confirmed. Don suggested not to exceed \$400.

**HOPKINS/BAUER: Motion not to exceed \$200 (Village's portion) for cleaning. Roll call was made. BAUER, BRUMBAUGH, GEPHART, HOPKINS, SIMPSON voted yea; HOLLON voted no. Motion passed per quorum.**

**SOLICITOR**

None.

**FISCAL OFFICE**

Jewelle reported that the Curlless Fund Permanent Fund had a loss in market value in 2020's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of ~\$22,000. She speculated it was probably due to 2020's volatile markets. She then reminded Council to sign off on the end of months signature page for the auditor's records.

Jewelle gave an update on the Legacy Fund application and stated there was an issue with inputting the application into the application portal where the character limit had been exceeded. She stated she had reached out to Mike Hinnenkamp for application revision to move forward and hoped to have the application submitted by the following day.

**MAYOR**

Mayor announced he had received an informal quote in an email from Rumpke, a proposal to extend the current contract for 3-year additional years which would extend the current contract to end October 1, 2023. He would be presenting the letter at the finance meeting. Chad stated he was going to try to do the next finance meeting in the municipal building.

Tammy Campbell from ODOT notified the Mayor they would be sending the deeds and partial descriptions regarding the State Route 28 roadside park by end of week. There will need to be a hearing to annex the Warren County portion of the park into the Village. Andrew stated he would be available to assist in any required documentation. Mayor inquired if Andrew had reached out to the Snyder's regarding the annexation. Andrew said he had spoken with a person managing the farm and they had indicated they thought it would be favorable to proceed. Mayor offered to organize a meeting between the three of them. Andrew said he would be happy to draft the petition on their behalf to file and to keep the Snyder's cost to a minimum.

**HOPKINS/: Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.**

Approved: June 11, 2020

Mayor: John M. Carman

Attest: Jewelle Gephart