

Regular Council Meeting

04/09/2020

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.

**BAUER/HOLLON: Motion to excuse Harry Brumbaugh from meeting. All voted yea.**

Mayor presented the meeting's agenda with revisions: 1) Strike special speakers, committee reports, department heads (going forward give them instructions of how to submit departmental reports); 2) Table discussion of Ordinance 2020.007, Regulation of Parades and Assemblages, under Old Business due to time constraints in the Zoom Meeting portal. Don expressed the desire to move forward on the ordinance during this meeting as the Ordinance Committee had submitted it. Mayor stated that if there were adequate time in the meeting, they would try to include this discussion, but if discussion appeared to be time constraining, Council would need to move on to other pressing agenda items for the evening.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from 03/12/20 and 04/02/20 meetings were presented to Council.

**HOPKINS/SIMPSON: Motion to approve minutes from 03/12/20 and 04/02/20 minutes as presented. All voted yea.**

*At this point of the meeting, Harry Brumbaugh joined via Zoom Meetings videoconferencing.*

**APPROVAL OF BILLS/ADJUSTMENTS**

Bills and adjustments were presented to Council.

**ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2020 APPROPRIATIONS  
PRESENTED TO COUNCIL 04/09/2020**

| FUND/DEPT                   | UAN ACCT #   | FUND              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>TOTAL GEN FUND</b>       |              | <b>\$0.00</b>     |
| PARKS TRANSFERS OUT         | 2042-910-910 | \$ 6,859.00       |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER</b>          |              | <b>\$6,859.00</b> |
| <b>TOTAL GEN FUND+OTHER</b> |              | <b>\$6,859.00</b> |

**HOLLON/SIMPSON: Motion to approve bills and adjustments as presented. Roll call was made. (Harry did not respond to roll call. It was assumed he may not have been able to connect to the audio of the meeting yet.) All others voted yea.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor told everyone that James Bowling had sent out an email updating all of Council on the BPA Solar Panel Project. James Bowling confirmed all plans had been revised to the satisfaction of the School Board. He mentioned there would be enough variance between panels and sewer lines to protect the utilities, and should there be any potential damages, the School Board had agreed to share in the cost of damages. Mayor mentioned damages specifically would potentially be to the solar panels versus the utility lines to which James agreed. There would be 25 feet variance which was more than an adequate amount of space needed. Richard asked if this was all in writing. Mayor stated this information could be found within the Letter of Containment that was sent to the Council members.

**HOLLON/GEPHART: Motion to approve Letter of Containment for the BPA Solar Panel Project. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

Mayor mentioned the Village Yard Sale dates of 5/7-5/9/2020 needed to be rescheduled or cancelled due to the Governor's Stay at Home order, which had been extended to May 1st. Chad suggested tabling the decision until there were further announcements by the State of Ohio. It was agreed to table any decision until the next Council meeting by common consent.

Mayor attempted to advance to New Business and circle back to Old Business if time permitted. Point of order was called by Don. Mayor again stressed concern that this topic would possibly take longer than time permitted and would impede Council moving onto other pressing agenda topics.

Mayor opened discussion regarding Ordinance 2020.007, Regulation of Parades and Assemblages. Dean Lynch as present for the meeting who had stated he was in agreement. Chad asked if the ordinance being read was the revised by Andrew sent earlier in the day or the former one prior to 04/09/20. Chad stated the second revision was the one he favored over the first. Mayor stated that the Committee hasn't had the opportunity to review the newest revision from Andrew.

**HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to table Ordinance 2020.007. Roll call was made. Gephart/Simpson voted no; all others voted yea. Motion passed by quorum.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor introduced Resolution 2020.008 to Council. Mayor mentioned these funds were for the project portion not covered by the grant.

**HOPKINS/BAUER: Motion to adopt Resolution 2020.008, Resolution Requesting to Transfer \$6,859 to the Municipal Playground Project Fund (4913) from the Parks Operating Fund (2042). Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

Municipal Building roof repair bid was next discussed. Mayor reported Andrew had sent an email regarding competitive bidding, and had disclosed best practices for the repair was to obtain more than one bid for the project. The repair work would include renovating the roof over the back of the Municipal Building and also over the BPA office. Mayor announced there would be another bidder come out the following Wednesday, but suggested Council move forward with a motion for a not-to-exceed amount. Reilly thanked the BPA for agreeing to fund 50% of the cost and expressed his hope to be awarded additional grant monies through the legacy fund proposal. Chad stated that the repair for the bid received by Bill Strange and Sons, LLC, would include using new materials to secure the roof well. Reilly stated there would be a core sample completed on Friday. Don agreed there should be more quotes obtained, and suggested at least 2-3 more.

**HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion not to exceed \$37,000 for Municipal Building roof repair. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

Mayor stated that Hylant was willing to assist with the next phase of the Legacy Fund Grant Proposal for a fee of \$650. This amount would be due after the delivery of the final report. Deadline of contract with Hylant was listed as April 27<sup>th</sup>. Discussion took place about the cost of the service since Council members were led to believe originally that grant writing assistance would be provided as a free service by Hylant. Jewelie reminded Council that Hylant had previously offered free assistance to the Parks Department earlier in the year to write an initial Letter of Intent for a separate project. Reilly provided additional information about proposed charges to Council.

**HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion to move forward with Hylant's proposal to assist with grant proposal. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

**SOLICITOR**

None.

**FISCAL OFFICE**

Jewelie revealed OPWC had sent an email to Ohio government entities which explained OPWC had agreed to waive all July 2020 loan repayments. She elaborated that OPWC had suggested in the same email if entities wished to make 2 payments in January 2021, they were welcome to do so. However, she advised that since these hefty loan payments were taxing on the Water and Sewer Operating Funds following each payment installment, there should only be one loan payment made at that time. Ram agreed this was the best option for the Village as well and reminded Council since these loans were taken at 0% interest, there would be no penalty for choosing to forgo one loan payment as OPWC offered.

**MAYOR**

Mayor stated that he was in favor of moving forward with repair work for the Municipal Building. He thanked everyone for being attentive and patient during the rapidly changing societal and governmental changes due to COVID-19. He reminded everyone of the next meeting on 04/23/20 which was also to be held via Zoom Meetings and broadcast live on Facebook simultaneously.

**HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to adjourn. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.**

Approved: April 23, 2020

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

*John M. Cannon*

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

*Jewelie Carsted*

