

Regular Council Meeting

11/12/2020

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.

Mayor requested additions to the agenda: 1) Eliminate #13 Public Comment; 2) remove Guest Speaker, Phil Blankenship, who was unable to join the Zoom meeting.

BAUER/SIMPSON: Motion to accept agenda with suggested revisions. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from 10/22/2020 and 11/4/2020 meetings were presented to Council. Mayor mentioned that Chad Hollon needed to be added to the 11/4/2020 excused from meeting motion in the minutes.

BAUER/GEHART: Motion to approve minutes from 10/22/2020 and 11/4/2020 meetings with suggested change. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/ADJUSTMENTS

Bills and adjustments were presented to Council. Reilly questioned a Canon charge presented in the bills. After Fiscal Officer explained the payment was reportedly received 4 days late by Canon. Mayor suggested not paying Canon bill until he could call Canon for further explanation.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2020 APPROPRIATIONS
PRESENTED TO COUNCIL 11/12/2020

FUND/DEPT	UAN ACCT #	FUND
SOLID WASTE PERSONAL SERVICES	1000-561-100	\$4,220.00
SOLID WASTE HEALTH CARE INSURANCE	1000-561-221	(\$370.00)
SOLID WASTE GARBAGE AND TRASH REMOVAL	1000-561-398	(\$3,850.00)
FISCAL OFFICE LIFE INSURANCE	1000-725-222	\$0.32
FISCAL OFFICE SUPPLIES	1000-725-400	(\$0.32)
INDIGENT BURIALS	1000-230-690	(\$500.00)
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SVCS	1000-290-640	(\$7.00)
MAYOR'S OFFICE CONTRACTUAL SVCS	1000-710-300	(\$2.23)
FISCAL OFFICE CONTRACTUAL SVCS	1000-725-300	(\$200.00)
FISCAL OFFICE SUPPLIES	1000-725-400	(\$2.23)
LANDS/BUILDINGS SUPPLIES	1000-730-400	(\$191.68)
LANDS/BUILDINGS CONTRACTUAL SVCS	1000-730-300	\$903.14
ZONING PERSONAL SERVICES	1000-410-100	(\$200.00)
LANDS/BUILDINGS SUPPLIES	1000-730-400	(\$500.00)
LANDS/BUILDINGS CONTRACTUAL SVCS	1000-730-300	\$700.00
TOTAL GEN FUND		\$0.00
CURLESS FUND BANK FEES	4951-990-990-0005	\$4,848.98
STREET MEDICARE	2011-610-213	\$40.35
STREET LIFE INSURANCE	2011-610-222	\$15.16
STREET OPERATING SUPPLIES (SNOW REMOVAL)	2011-610-420-0008	(\$55.51)
CHERRY STREET PHASE 1 CAPITAL OUTLAY	4905-800-500	\$1,871.10
PD OPERATING HEALTH INSURANCE	2906-110-221	(\$5,581.60)
PD OPERATING TRAINING	2906-110-348	\$1,000.00
PD OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES	2906-110-393	\$2,000.00
PD OPERATING CONTRACTUAL	2906-110-300	\$1,000.00

PD OPERATING SUPPLIES (FUEL)	2906-110-420-0001	\$1,581.60
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND PERSONAL SERVICES	2151-110-100	\$153,584.34
TOTAL OTHER		\$160,304.42
TOTAL GEN FUND+OTHER		\$160,304.42

HOPKINS/BRUMBAUGH: Motion to approve bills (EXCEPT FOR #6, CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES)/adjustments as presented. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

GUEST SPEAKERS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reilly reviewed major points from Safety/Service 10/15/20 meeting, including curb painting from McDonald's to cemetery disallowing parking, drafting ordinance for no left hand turns into McDonald's. Mayor suggested there needed to be an ordinance in place if the curbs would be painted as suggested. Chief had mentioned in discussion that there are already double yellow lines on the road in front of McDonald's and the bank which means there should already be no left turn there. Looking at placing breakaway dividers in this area.

Ram gave an update about Broadway and Center Street intersection currently with a concrete divider. Ram confirmed ODOT is still working research on this intersection to see if it requires a traffic light or not. The concrete barricade that is there currently is for safety purposes, but there is an attempt now to see if there can be an alternative put in its place. There will be a state electric pole put there eventually and electric wire placement is being reviewed. He stated that the intersection needs to be cleaned up and this is also being examined currently. Mayor announced the traffic study has been postponed because of COVID issues and may be postponed until end of December or beginning of January. There have been some issues with visibility in this area for cars turning left.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2020.029 was introduced to Council by the Mayor.

HOLLON/SIMPSON: Motion to adopt Resolution 2020.029, Establishing Limits and Setting Amounts for the Fiscal Officer to Follow for Accounting Purposes for the Fiscal Year 2021. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Resolution 2020.030 was introduced to Council by the Mayor.

HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion to adopt Resolution 2020.030, Resolution to Urge Governor DeWine and the Ohio Legislature to Extend the Deadline for Operating Public Meetings Electronically. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

SOLICITOR

None.

FISCAL OFFICE

Jewelie stated on behalf of Phil Blankenship regarding the latest health care report and status, there had been a one-time emergency with an employee that had increased the claims, but shouldn't be a problem going forward. Phil had confirmed he did not believe any changes were needed to the funding at this time and requested to be added to the last Council meeting of the year.

Jewelie stated that the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CARES Act) stipulations had been extended to include safety workers' salaries including police personnel. She suggested that after other contingent upgrades to the WIFI and internet at the municipal building had been covered as well as any other outstanding leave times and/or supplies/services covered by the CARES Act

that she be allowed to go back to March and begin to cover the police personnel wages with the remainder of the grant monies. Discussion took place as to upcoming deadlines and requirements with the state and county regarding CARES Act grant funds.

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to allow Fiscal Officer to reallocate any remaining received 2020 CARES Act grant funds for salaries according to CARES Act guidelines, thereby encumbering remaining CARES Act grant funds for reallocation. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Ram announced that the BPA may need some additional equipment for remote work purposes to be covered by the CARES Act grant funds.

Jewelie announced that the Municipal Building Playground reimbursed grant had been received from Natureworks ODNR and the advance could be paid back to the General Fund. She also stated that a second 2020 reimbursement had been received from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) and the departments had received the reimbursement into their funds according to the original percentages which were used to pay the respective year's installments to the BWC. She publicly thanked Governor DeWine and other government officials responsible for enacting these reimbursements to the entities.

MAYOR

Paul Daniels was present with the Mayor to speak regarding a storm pipe issue at Parker's Place. Paul explained there was a 48" storm pipe that extends to where Phase I ended and Phase II was supposed to begin. There needs to be a manhole placed there. Paul stated the Street Department had used the excavator to fix the problem as best possible, but it was not safe to dig further. He was getting a quote from Panetta the following morning and Televac to camera the pipe to see if that is the only crushed spot in the pipe. He stated he had tried to get into the pipe, but the opening is too small as it was crushed. He had concerns there may be other crushed areas in the length of the pipe.

HOLLON/BRUMBAUGH: 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, Ram, James Bowling, Paul Daniels and Fiscal Officer to meeting. Roll call was made. All voted yea. Meeting recessed at 7:34 PM.

Roll call was made. Meeting resumed at 8:13 PM.

HOLLON/BRUMBAUGH: Motion to approve step raises proposed by Board of Public Affairs (Exhibit A). Roll call was made. All voted yea.

HOPKINS/BAUER: Motion to continue contract with Peelle Law Office, naming Katie Wilkin as new Solicitor/Prosecutor for Village of Blanchester. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Approved: December 10, 2020

Mayor: John M. Cannon

Attest: Jewelie Cantel

EXHIBIT A

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 12, 2020
To: The Honorable Mayor and the Village Council
From: Ram Reddy, Director of Utilities
Subject: Employee Pay Raises

At the November 5, 2020 meeting, the Trustees of the Board of Public Affairs (BPA) have approved a step raise for the following BPA employees:

- Accord, Levi from step: E-5-M to E-5-N
- Austin Setty from step: E-2-J to E-2-K

With the Council's approval, these pay raises will become effective next first full pay period followed by the Council Meeting on November 12, 2020.

Respectfully,
Board of Public Affairs

