

04/08/2021

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

Mayor reviewed agenda with Council, noting that the Village Solicitor would not be present.

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to approve meeting agenda with changes. All voted ye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from 3/25/2021 meeting were presented to Council.

HOPKINS/BAUER: Motion to approve minutes from 3/25/2021 as presented. All voted ye.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND ADJUSTMENTS

Bills and adjustments were presented to Council.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2021 APPROPRIATIONS

PRESENTED TO COUNCIL 04/08/2021

FUND/DEPT	UAN ACCT #	FUND
LANDS/BUILDINGS SUPPLIES	1000-730-400	\$0.01
LANDS/BUILDINGS CONTRACTUAL	1000-730-300	\$4,675.00
SOLID WASTE PERSONAL SERVICES	1000-561-100	(\$1,500.00)
SOLID WASTE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1000-561-300	\$1,500.00
TOTAL GEN FUND		\$4,675.01
PD OPERATING FUND PERSONAL SERVICES	2906-110-100	(\$309.00)
PD LIABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUMS	2906-110-353	\$309.00
STORM SEWER PERSONAL SERVICES	4501-640-100	\$3,000.00
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS ENGINEERING SERVICES	4912-800-346	\$34,290.00
TOTAL OTHER		\$37,290.00
TOTAL GEN FUND+OTHER		\$41,965.01

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SAFETY/SERVICE:

None.

FINANCE

Chad gave a brief synopsis of the topics that were discussed at the 4/1/2021 Finance Committee meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Reilly, Don, Harry, and the Mayor discussed renovations to the Council room. The Mayor replied that the removal of a wall in the Council Room shouldn't cause any structural issues upon its removal and that it would improve visibility for members of the public once Council resumed in-person meetings. Harry suggested holding off on Council room repairs until the costs to perform much-needed repairs on the Police Department could be ascertained. He stated that the level of disrepair concerned him and that the safety of the Police Department and their facilities should be prioritized. Don agreed with Harry but stated that he believed the Village had enough funds to cover both the Police Department and Council Room repairs. Harry and Reilly inquired about the remaining costs and progress to the repair of the Village building's roof; the Mayor stated that the estimates for remaining work would be determined soon and that work should be finished the following week.

HOPKINS/GEHART: Motion to hire AFO for carpet installation and removal of wall in the Council Room. Roll call was made. Gary Bauer, Harry Brumbaugh, Don Gephart, Reilly Hopkins, and Richard Simpson voted ye. Chad Hollon voted no.

Street Commissioner Paul Daniels shared quotes on work scheduled for the 8x2 box culvert planned for Fawn Lane. He urged the Village to move on accepting the quote from Scioto Valley Precast before the 30-day acceptance period lapsed. He stated that Panetta was on board to complete the work but that construction would not begin until September 2021 because of the Cherry Street Project. A lengthy discussion ensued between pipe size and storm flow rate with Chad Hollon encouraging Council members to take time to conduct their own research if interested.

BRUMBAUGH/HOLLON: Motion to approve bid proposal from Panetta for installation of 8x2 box culvert on Fawn Lane. Roll call was made. Gary Bauer, Harry Brumbaugh, Chad Hollon, Reilly Hopkins, and Richard Simpson voted yea. Don Gephart voted no.

The Mayor stated that work was continuing at Parker Place. In response to Chad's inquiry on whether the work was close to completion, Paul said that the sidewalk and driveway hadn't been worked on, nor could he see evidence of disturbed ground indicating tie-in for soil conservation, but he confirmed that pipe work had been completed. The Mayor stated that Paul had met with Capital about mass poles for the Center/Broadway intersection; he declared they have a mass pole that will work and that they will get a bid on the pole and its required base as well as a quote on flashers and a new light box. Reilly mentioned that the Village had already received approval from ODOT on a 4-way flashing light; he expressed the belief that it would be the safest option and that residents were pleased with traffic flow due to the intersection having been treated as a four-way stop. Paul had obtained pricing on stop signs that were between \$1,500-\$1,800 each. Don inquired as to prioritization of street repairs and various streets in need of repair were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Reilly discussed an area within the Village comprised of about 25 acres that could be used to define and encompass the proposed Entertainment District.

HOPKINS/BRUMBAUGH: Motion to approve purchase of poles for Dewey Parking Lot by September 2021. (A previous motion was made to approve the three poles on 3/25/2021). Roll call was made. All voted yea.

SOLICITOR

None.

FISCAL OFFICE

None.

MAYOR

The Mayor reminded Council that there would be a public hearing on April 13th, 2021 at 7:00 pm to hear a variance request from UDF on their signage proposal for 2 signs. Reilly inquired as to when the Village building would be reopened to the public for in-person Council meetings. The Mayor optioned a vote on in-person meetings versus virtual meetings. Harry advocated that Council return to in-person meetings. Chad stated that he had an easier time attending virtual meetings. Reilly proposed a compromise to Facebook Live Council Meetings and only allow press/media figures into the Council Room but keep it closed to the general public while allowing Chad and/or other Council members to participate virtually. Don stated he would like to wait until Council Room repairs had been done before resuming in-person Council meetings. It was determined that the next Council meeting scheduled for April 22nd, 2021 be conducted via Zoom.

BAUER/GEFHART: 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, Assistant Fiscal Officer, Tom Lee, and all Council Members to the meeting. Roll call was made. All voted yea. Meeting recessed at 7:54 pm.

Council resumed regular session at 8:01 pm. Roll call was made.

HOPKINS/SIMPSON: Motion to permit Jeff Hurst to work up to 29.5 hours per pay period to conduct maintenance on the Village building in addition to his duties in the Zoning Department. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

PARKS

Tom Lee shared that the Parks Department would be discussing their intention to hire another full-time employee during their next meeting. He stated they would also be discussing pricing they had obtained to blacktop the roadside rest.

HOPKINS: Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Approved: 04/27/2021

Mayor: John M Cannon

Attest: Julie Cartel