

Regular Council Meeting
12/20/2018
7:00 PM
Municipal Building

Gary Bauer, Don Gephart, Chad Hollon, Reilly Hopkins, and Cindy Sutton were present. Vice Mayor, Cindy Sutton, presided over the meeting.

GEPHART/BAUER: Motion to excuse Lori Byrom from meeting. Roll call was made. Gephart, Bauer, Sutton voted yea; Hollon and Hopkins voted no.

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to accept agenda. All voted yea.

Minutes from 11/8/18 were presented to Council.

HOLLON/GEPHART: Motion to approve minutes from 11/8/18. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Minutes from 12/12/18 were presented to Council.

HOPKINS/GEPHART: Motion to approve minutes from 12/12/18. Roll call was made. Chad Hollon abstained. All others voted yea.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills were presented to Council.

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

GUEST SPEAKERS

Thor Sage, MVECA, Executive Director of Miami Valley MVECA, was introduced to Council. He stated that MVECA is a public entity, providing for Blanchester schools and other entities in the area. He gave a brief presentation of services and history. MVECA hosts Progress Book in Blanchester and provides cybersecurity training and is the IT service provider for Clinton County as well. Other provided services include helping manage public records through social media, email archiving solutions, and collaborative infrastructure development fiber optic networks. If a village owns the fiber optics infrastructure, it can be offered to customers at a lower cost than competitors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Cindy presented Resolution 2018.042 to create a new fund for the Dewey Park Project grant.

GEPHART/HOLLON: Motion to adopt Resolution 2018.042, Resolution Establishing New Fund 4910, Dewey Park, for the Village of Blanchester and Declaring it Necessary to Advance \$6,439.00 to Said Fund from the General Fund Effective 1/1/19. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Resolution 2018.041 was introduced to Council.

HOLLON/BAUER: Motion to adopt Resolution 2018.041, Resolution Establishing Limits and Setting Amounts for the Fiscal Officer to Follow for Accounting Purposes for the Fiscal Year 2019. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Resolution 2018.040 was introduced to Council.

HOLLON/BAUER: Motion to pass Resolution 2018.040, Resolution Allowing Fiscal Officer to Make 2019 Transfers from the General Fund to Fund the Police Operating Fund. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Cindy presented the proposed Park Board meeting schedule for 2019.

GEPHART/BAUER: Motion to approve Park Board schedule. All voted yea.

Cindy presented proposed Council schedule for 2019.

BAUER/HOLLON: Motion to approve Council schedule for 2019. All voted yea.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief stated there was a female officer who had filed a complaint against the fire department. Discussion took place over how to handle with Council. Chad suggested discussion could take place at the next Council meeting.

Chief reported Officer Jeffers will be off work for 6 weeks with newborn and Officer Courtney would need 8 weeks off due to injury on job. Commended Officer Day for hard work and stepping in to help cover shifts. Chief stated he has issues with staffing due to these issues and pending vacation needs in the department. He stated he has been working night shift to try to cover hours.

Chief stated the Police Department had purchased a cruiser with Trust Fund advance of \$14,000. Gephart had inquired about officers using tasers possibly as a defense following recent injuries during arrests in the department. Chief stated it would take about \$8,000 to get started with tasers in the department. Chief shared a 2018 Police Department Operating Fund cash flow summary with Council.

STREET

Wayne discussed possibly getting new flags for the streets and stated all banners had been removed and stored. He reported 144 hours were spent picking up leaves in the Village. He stated that the machine used to pick up dead leaves doesn't work well with wet leaves. It would be beneficial if residents would place leaves in garbage bags instead of placing beside the road and in the ditch. There were issues with dumping leaves. Chad asked if there was an update about the signs in town and asked if Wayne would follow up on this. Wayne stated that there had been a little salt used to date. Cindy thanked Wayne for the repair work of the recent potholes timely. Don thanked Wayne for picking up the wet leaves the best the department could.

PARKS

Russ reported the concession stand should be finished by Spring. Jewelie and Tom Lee explained that the Parks appropriations motions made at the last meeting were not needed at the time and the Parks Board wished for Council to rescind those adjustments.

HOLLON/GEPHART: Motion to rescind both motions made regarding adjustments to the Parks budget at the last Council meeting. All voted yea.

BPA

Jim Myers announced his retirement at the end of 2018 and thanked Council for all of the years that he has worked in Blanchester Village. He stated it had been rewarding to work for the Village. Cindy stated that all of Council wished Jim the best.

MAYOR

Cindy stated Mayor wanted to thank Council for all of the extra meetings put in this year.

SOLICITOR

None.

FISCAL OFFICE

Jewelie presented adjustments to Council and gave brief update on 2018 budgeting progress.

BAUER/HOLLON: Motion to accept adjustments as presented. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

A Special Council Meeting was scheduled for Friday, December 28th at 12PM for any remaining adjustments for 2018.

Chad thanked Jewelie for spending the time to reallocate most of the adjustments to a zero balance to the best of her abilities.

Jewelie stated that she was working with Andrew to revise the Village Credit Card Policy to reflect the revisions from the House Bill that was passed earlier this year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Constable discussed BPA travel expenses.

HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion to adjourn. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Approved: 01/10/19

Mayor: John M. Cannon

Attest: Shelli Carabel

