

06/10/2021

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, Reilly Hopkins, Chad Hollon (arrived late after being excused), and Richard Simpson were present. Mayor John Carman presided over the meeting.

HOPKINS/BAUER: Motion to excuse Don Gephart and Chad Hollon. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

HOPKINS/BAUER: Motion to accept agenda as presented. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from 05/27/2021 AND 06/02/2021 meetings were presented to Council. Fiscal Officer stated that specific changes and corrections needed to be made to 05/27/2021 minutes.

REILLY/BAUER: Motion to approve 05/27/2021 minutes with corrections and motion to approve 06/02/2021 meetings as presented. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/ADJUSTMENTS

Bills and adjustments were presented to Council.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Safety & Service – None.

Finance – None. Meeting cancelled due to illness.

Planning & Zoning – None.

GUEST SPEAKERS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 2021.013 – First reading at prior council meeting on 05/13/2021. Mayor recommended to Council to suspend the rules and put the Ordinance on its third and final reading so that Chief Reinbolt may start working on the longevity and the reimbursement for education portions of the Ordinance.

HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion to suspend rules on Ordinance 2021.013. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021.013. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Ordinance 2021.014 – Reilly stated the original agreement had planned on contributions from two parties totaling \$30,000.00 by the year 2032. Due to legal issues, one of the two parties cannot be involved; he suggested increasing the Village’s contribution from \$1,250.00 to \$3,000.00. Chad mentioned that this contribution amount would total more than what was needed by a surplus of \$6,000.00. Reilly then revised his suggested Village contribution to \$2,500.00 annually. Chad asked the Fiscal Officer and Village Solicitor about whether the account line that had just been discussed could be created. Jewelie stated that she created a cost center in the General Fund as “Other” that is designated as “Bicentennial”.

HOPKINS/BRUMBAUGH: Motion on Section 1 of Ordinance 2021.014 to state “That the fiscal officer for the Village shall retain funds in the amount of \$2,500.00”. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Mayor presented an estimate from A-Team Construction for repairs and improvements for the police department. Reilly and Chad discussed an inclusion on the estimate for repairs/improvements for the 1st floor men’s restroom; Chad disagreed with its inclusion. Mayor discussed compromise in removing disputed amount from the estimate, thereby reducing the cost from \$17,783.00 to \$9,789.00. Mayor stated there would be a 10-14 day disruption in the police department due to these repairs. Mayor and Reilly discussed temporary relocation for the police during this time. Harry pushed to include the bathroom repairs, stating

they are necessary and it would be better to go ahead with it than continue putting it off. Reilly inquired about the Food Pantry's monetary contribution to the restroom repairs - Harry believed it was possible to procure at a minimum \$1,000.00.

HOPKINS/BRUMBAUGH: Motion to approve total expenses for all repair estimates in the amount of \$18,500.00. Roll call was made. Bauer, Brumbaugh, Hopkins, and Simpson voted ye. Hollon voted no.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

SOLICITOR

None.

FISCAL OFFICE

The Village received an extension request from Perry and Associates, CPAs for the 2019/2020 audit into August 2021. In regards to her departure from the position of Fiscal Officer, she wished everyone well and stated that the Village was very dear to her heart and urged Council to do their best to help the Village prosper.

MAYOR

Mayor mentioned that Paul Daniels is working with Miller Mason on the Blanchester-Fayetteville project and that Paul should have firm numbers for Council by the 7/8/2021 meeting. Stop signs have been mounted. The Village is working with ODOT for a safety grant and trying to get funds expedited. ODOT was not sure about reimbursing the Village if the Village chose to move forward without first receiving funds. United Dairy Farmers has put curbs in with sidewalks to follow, improving both appearances and pedestrian traffic in the area. The Mayor thanked Jewellie for being dependable and wished her the best.

HOLLON/SIMPSON: Motion to recess to executive session to consider the compensation of a public employee or official pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §121.22 (G)(1), for the BPA office staff position. BRUMBAUGH/BAUER. Roll call was made. All voted ye. Council recessed to executive session at 7:38 PM.

Roll call was made. Meeting resumed at 7:46 PM.

HOLLON/BAUER: Motion to move Donna Johnson from Step A-4-G to A-3-H of the BPA pay scale effective first full pay period beginning 06/20/2021. Roll call was made. All voted ye.

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Approved: 7/8/2021

Mayor: John M. Cooman

Attest: Jaccha Jewell