

gular Meeting of Belmont Village Council

April 7, 2016

Mayor Stanley Sobel called the meeting to order and Mayor Sobel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Stan Sobel, Fiscal Officer Rick Burkhead, Grant Williams, Ron Woods, Dan Scott, Mike Murphy, Shawn Bruce, Lorie Grob, Solicitor Lindsey Tomlan, Water Board President Kenny Davis

Guest(s)

Eric Smith, Bob Mills, Kaye Hall, Jake Tacosik, Becky Burghy, Barb Gornick, Ann Clayton, Rod Roby, Rhonda Roby, Bobbie Moore, Brenda Freeman, Dee Blake, Austin Lucas, Brian Bee, Jack Sall, Greg Clark, TJ Schultz, Paul Wilkinson, D Williams

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

The Fiscal Officer E-Mailed Fund Status, Cash Summary by Fund, Fund Ledger, Payroll, Receipt Register & YTD Appropriation status reports to Council Members & Mayor. Grant Williams made a motion to approve the March 2016 Regular meeting minutes, seconded by Dan Scott, with a unanimous vote.

Mayor Sobel Presented estimates for the new lock system for the gym and school from Advanced Lock and Security. The motion was made and the last meeting to proceed with this purchase. Mayor Sobel stated that he found several options for a drop box for people to drop off water payments. Mayor Sobel stated that the city building is open from 9am - noon Monday through Friday and asked what councils thoughts are on purchasing a drop box. Mayor Sobel stated that there are two options, first, a box that would be installed in the windows and would have to be bricked around it, and second, a free standing box that would be mounted on a concrete pad. After discussion council wished to drop the issue due to the building being manned on a daily basis.

Water Board President Kenny Davis presented council with the monthly water dept update. Kenny stated that there is a lady in Brilliant Ohio that has the same meter reading system the Belmont has. Kenny stated that she came and helped train the village employees to better use the device and software. Kenny stated that Cadiz and New Concord also has the same water billing

software that Belmont has. Kenny stated that two people from Cadiz came over and helped teach the village employees about the software. Kenny stated that due to an error the incorrect dates were printed on the water bills last month. Kenny stated that there were adjustments on the bills that were not correctly displayed on the bills. Kenny stated that the total amounts due are correct and that next month the bills will be correct. Kenny stated that there are only two or three water bills that are still past due. Mayor Sobel thanked Kenny for all of the work he does for the village.

Mayor Sobel introduced Bobbie Moore to the audience. Bobbie is the new water clerk for Belmont. Mayor Sobel stated that she is very good, polite, and technologically astute and he is very please with her progress so far. Mayor Sobel stated that she also has been helping with the gym rental scheduling. Mayor Sobel stated that she is a great addition to the team.

Mayor introduced Ann Clayton who is the president of the Belmont Genealogy Society. Ann stated that she wanted to share some good news for the Village of Belmont. Ann stated that the society applies for grants to aid in paying for restorations and repairs to cemeteries. Ann stated that the society has received a grant to do some repairs and restorations in the oldest part of the Belmont Cemetery. Ann stated that Mark Norton will be doing the restorations in Belmont's Cemetery. Mark stated that he does restorations for a living and has done this for many years. Mark stated that he would like to start working as soon as the weather breaks. Mike Murphy made a motion to approve the Belmont Genealogy Society and Mark Norton to conduct restorations and repairs within the Belmont Cemetery, seconded by Ron Woods, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes.

Fire Chief Bob Mills presented the monthly EMS/Fire Report. Bob stated that there were nine squad runs, eight of them billable and no fire calls. Bob stated that there were some problems with the tanker truck and it was taken to Stonebreakers. Bob stated that a pressure regulator needed replaced. Bob stated that he and Jake are going to take a class at Belmont College to get certified so that they can enforce fire codes. Bob stated that there will be a training held at Powerline Park for the Fire Department. Bob stated that the Heart Monitor was serviced. Bob stated that it took a few hours to service and test. Bob presented the Union Township contract for Fire and EMS. Dan Scott made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Lori Grob, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes. Bob thanked the Bethesda Police Department for assisting with a cardiac arrest situation this past week.

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Mayor Sobel stated that Belmont has applied for the Local Government Safety Innovations Council Grant in coordination with Bethesda. Fiscal Officer Burkhead explained the grant and what it is for. Rick stated that the grant is to enhance public safety. Rick stated that entities can pool together when applying for the grant. Rick stated that Bethesda is applying for a K9 Unit and a vehicle for the K9. Rick stated that the grant limit is \$100,000 per entity and a maximum of 5 entities and \$500,000. Rick stated that he thought it would be a good idea to apply with Bethesda to install a security camera system in Belmont to better aid the Police Department and provide extra security for the village properties and residents. Mayor Sobel sent a letter with the grant application, approving Belmont to apply with Bethesda. Mike Murphy made a motion to approve the letter, seconded by Ron Woods, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes. Mayor Sobel presented Ordinance 2016.6 which authorized the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to apply for the Local Government Safety Innovations Council Grant in Coordination with Bethesda. Ron Woods made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Grant Williams, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes. Ron Woods made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016.6 seconded by Dan Scott, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes.

Mayor Sobel stated that he was approached by TJ Trigg and was asked if the village would donate one of the three pianos that are in the old school to him. Mayor Sobel stated that he is taking piano lessons and it would help his family out who may not be able to afford it. Mike Murphy made a motion to donate a piano to him, seconded by Ron Woods, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes.

Mayor Sobel introduced Polly Loy from Ohio State University concerning Belmont Walks. Polly stated that there is a program being presented in which lays out a walking course within the Village of Belmont. Polly stated that the project is funded by the Smith Goshen Rice Enrichment Fund. Polly stated that there will be signs put up to mark out the walking trail which will run one mile around the village, starting from the school. Polly stated that a \$1000 grant was obtained to put up signage. Shawn Bruce made a motion to allow them to put up road signs for the walking trail, seconded by Lori Grob, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes. Polly stated that there are benches that will be along the walking trail. Polly stated that this will assist the elderly and people unable to walk long distances in getting out and getting some exercise. Polly stated that she would also like to distribute door hangers for the Belmont residents. Mayor Sobel thanked Polly and informed the residents that he has several activities and recreation planned for the residents of Belmont.

Mayor Sobel stated that Day Camp planning is underway. Mayor Sobel stated that it will be June 6th thru June 13th. They are in the process of signing up kids. Free lunches will be provided to kids. Arts, crafts and other activities will be available for the kids to keep them active. Mayor Sobel stated that there are other special events including a magician planned for the Day Camp as well. Mayor Sobel stated that there may be some science taught as well.

Mayor Sobel stated that the Mayor for a Day program will be on May 5th. Mayor Sobel stated that Mrs. Rogers who teaches government at UL is taking entry forms. Mayor Sobel stated that students have to write an essay in order to qualify. Mayor Sobel stated that the student will be chosen on May 5th to work with him and help run the day to day operations and also help conduct the council meeting that night. The individual will be chosen with the help of UL Schools.

Mayor Sobel stated that the community yard sale will be on Friday May 6th and Saturday May 7th. Council agreed to those dates. Lori Grob made a motion to approve the dates, seconded by Ron Woods, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes.

Mayor Sobel stated that there is a place being made for a Belmont Cleanup Day. Mayor Sobel stated that beside of the street garage will be the location. Mayor Sobel stated that no paint, tires etc are going to be accepted. Mayor Sobel stated that JB Green Team is sponsoring other cleanups that will accept those items. Mayor Sobel that any limbs and tree debris will be chipped on site. Fire Chief Bob Mills stated that residents can burn limbs that have fallen from trees providing its not dry and its only

small fires. Bob stated that no bonfires will be permitted. Dan Scott made a motion to have the cleanup from May 9th through May 14th for residents of Belmont only, seconded by Ron Woods, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes.

Mayor Sobel stated that the litter along Johns Street has been cleaned up by village employees including himself and the police officer Greg Clark. Mayor Sobel stated that litter has already started accumulating already again. Mayor Sobel stated that if the security camera grant is awarded that the littering will be prosecuted. Mayor Sobel thanked Greg Clark for his work and help around the village.

Greg Clark stated that the trash being littered around town is terrible. Greg stated that he has been running radar on certain streets to slow people down. Mayor Sobel stated that we will eventually need a Mayor's Court Clerk to take care of the mayors court books.

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Mayor Sobel stated that a police contract with Bethesda has been discussed for several months now. Rick Burkhead gave a brief description of the contract. Bethesda will provide 10 hours per week of patrol at \$16 per hour which will cover wages and fringes for the officer. Bethesda will have jurisdiction within the village and since they have two full time police officers it will allow them to respond to issues within Belmont much more timely. More hours can be authorized also long as both mayors and the Bethesda Police Chief are in agreement. Both parties and terminate the contract within 30 days should either party be unhappy. Greg will become an employee of the Village of Bethesda and will work out of the Bethesda Office, but still will use the Belmont Patrol Car. Mayor Sobel read a letter from Bethesda's Mayor who was unable to make the meeting due to work schedule. By entering into this contract Belmont will need to accept and approve Bethesda criminal and traffic ordinances. Bethesda Solicitor TJ Schultz stated that also by adopting Bethesda's ordinances, it will also fix some of the problems with junk and

litter around the town. Solicitor Lindsey Tomlan presented Ordinance 2016.7 which is the police coverage contract between Bethesda and Belmont. Grant made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Dan Scott, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes. Mike Murphy made a motion to accept Ordinance 2016.7, seconded by Ron Woods, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes. Solicitor Tomlan presented Ordinance 2016.8 which enacts Bethesda's codified ordinances and repeals any conflicting Belmont Ordinances. Grant Williams made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Lori Grob, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes. Ron Woods made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016.8, seconded by Shawn Bruce, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes. The codified ordinances of Bethesda will be provided in electronic format.

Mayor Sobel stated that there was an issue with bricks falling off of the top of the school and into the parking lot. Mayor Sobel stated that a brick almost hit a vehicle the other day. The area around where the brick fell has been roped off to prevent accidents.

Fiscal Officer Burkhead stated that he was concerned with people doing odd jobs and mowing for the village while they are not employees of the village. Rick stated that if they are not employees that these people need to have an independent contractor form on file and must have their own liability insurance. Rick asked the solicitor if that was proper. Solicitor Tomlan agreed. Rick then stated that he would like to have a credit card policy created so that Kenny Davis and Mayor Sobel could obtain a credit card for the village to have the ability to make on demand purchases that need to be made for day to day operations. Rick stated that he felt that a \$5,000-\$8,000 limit would be sufficient and that he and council should be the ones to authorize any purchases made by Kenny or Mayor Sobel. Rick informed council that he is actively working on filling out documents for the OPERS time that was missed for several employees.

A resident asked about widening the street by the stop sign coming into Belmont from the west. Mayor Sobel stated that Rice Energy is talking with consultants regarding the widening of the road.

Motion to pay the bills by Mike Murphy, 2nd by Ron Woods, with a unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn by Grant Williams, 2nd by Ron Woods, with a unanimous vote.

The next meeting will be Thursday May 5th, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Stanley Sobel
Burkhead Jr.

Fiscal Officer Ricky W.