

Regular Meeting of Belmont

Village Council

July 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, Dan Scott, Mike Murphy, Shawn Bruce, Lori Grob, Solicitor TJ Schultz,

Absent: Ron Woods, Water Board President Kenny Davis

Guest(s)

Eric Smith, Kaye Hall, Bob Mills, Don Williams, Becky Boughner, Barb Gornick, Cathy Caretti, Beverly Yoe

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

Mayor Sobel announced that there was a water break on First Alley which was repaired and is now functioning properly.

Fiscal Officer Rick Burkhead presented council with the budget for 2017 which must be submitted to the county auditor for approval. Shawn Bruce made a motion to approve the budget, seconded by Lori Grob, Grant Williams - Yes, Dan Scott - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes. Rick informed council that the bill for OPERS is around \$40,500 and Solicitor Schultz requested council to reaffirm the motion to pay for the OPERS from the General Fund. Mike Murphy made a motion to pay for the OPERS back contributions and interest totaling \$40,466 out of the General Fund, seconded by Shawn Bruce, Grant Williams - Yes, Dan Scott - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes. Rick informed council that he purchased a window air conditioner to install in the window of the town

hall so that the employees would be more comfortable during the summer months.

Solicitor TJ Schultz stated that the Mayor's Court registration will be filed soon after he and Mayor Sobel review the registration. TJ met with Mr. Louis who owns Belmont Mills and there is a little spot of land that he would like to have the right of way straightened. TJ stated that this would result in Mr. Louis to bring more jobs into the village. Mike Murphy made a motion to straighten the right of way, seconded by Dan Scott, Grant Williams - Yes, Dan Scott - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes. Solicitor Schultz informed council that the approved liens for delinquent water bills were filed on July 1st. Solicitor Schultz presented council with Ordinance 2016-12, which is the credit card application approval, for its second reading. Dan Scott made a motion to declare tonight the second reading of Ordinance 2016-12, seconded by Lori Grob, Grant Williams - Yes, Dan Scott - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes. TJ presented Ordinance 2016-18 which is the Belmont County EMS Contract for 2016. Mike Murphy made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Dan Scott, Grant Williams - Yes, Dan Scott - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes. Lori Grob made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-18, seconded by Mike Murphy, Grant Williams - Yes, Dan Scott - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes. TJ presented Ordinance 2016-19 which is an ordinance that will regulated the planting of trees and bushes within the village cemetery. Lori Grob made a motion to declare tonight the first reading of Ordinance 2016-19, seconded by Grant Williams, Grant Williams - Yes, Dan Scott - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes. TJ presented Ordinance 2016-20 which is an ordinance donating the use of the gym to the Belmont Alumni Association every second Saturday at noon for their banquet. Lori Grob made a motion to declare tonight the first reading, seconded by Dan Scott, Grant Williams - Yes, Dan Scott - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes. TJ presented Ordinance 2016-21 which is the rate structure for the gym rentals. The rental will be \$20 per hour if there is use of the kitchen and \$15 per hour if the kitchen is not used. Shawn Bruce asked who would be responsible for damages. TJ stated that it would be person renting the gym. Mayor Sobel stated that the idea of this ordinance is to make the rentals uniform as we have had people coming in to setup early and staying late to tear down and not paying for that time. Dan Scott made a motion to declare tonight the first reading of Ordinance 2016-21, seconded by Lori Grob, Grant Williams - Yes, Dan Scott - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes.

Solicitor Schultz presented Resolution 2016-1 which is the request to the Belmont County Auditor to put a replacement General Fund Operating Levy of 2 mils on the ballot this fall.

Mayor Sobel informed the residents how much extra the replacement would bring in. Rick stated that once the auditor approves the request we will need to pass another resolution to send this to the Belmont County Board of Elections. Grant Williams made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-1 seconded by Mike Murphy, Grant Williams - Yes, Dan Scott - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes. TJ presented Resolution 2016-2 which declares a fiscal emergency and a request to transfer restricted monies from the Street Fund to the General Fund. This resolution will allow TJ to petition the court of common pleas to allow us to transfer Oil and Gas monies that were inappropriately transferred from the General Fund to the Street Fund. We are seeking to transfer \$70,000 which will help pay for the OPERS bills. Mayor Sobel stated that we are in crisis mode and this must be done in order to pay the huge OPERS bill that we are stuck with. Mayor Sobel stated that this upsets everyone but we are going to work together, make it through, and move forward. Lori Grob made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-2, seconded by Shawn Bruce, Grant Williams - Yes, Dan Scott - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes.

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Fire Chief Bob Mills stated that they had two billable squad calls. Bob stated that there was an engine leak that needed repaired. Bob stated that pipe lights on the fire truck was broken a couple weeks ago. Bob stated that our insurance was contacted and a bill was submitted to them to be reimbursed. Bob stated that he took the squad that they are looking to purchase to Columbus for diagnostics. Bob stated that he is still negotiating the price and will finalize it tomorrow. Bob stated that there will be a small expense to have some light maintenance done to make sure the engine is in good shape and ready to run. Bob stated that two weeks ago the brush truck was also in an accident. Bob stated that someone ran a stop sign and the other party was at fault. Allstate will be having the vehicle fixed.

Police Chief Eric Smith stated that there were no tickets written for June. There were several complaints attended to including: domestic dispute, domestic violence, road rage, vehicles entered, and a request to move a vehicle. Eric stated that an oil change and service was done on the Belmont police car. Chief Smith introduced Zach Tolzda who is a new hire for the Bethesda Police Department. Eric stated that Zach will be picking up some of the hours for Greg Clark. Chief Smith stated that Greg had asked him if the Belmont police car could be used at Jamboree for patrol this year. Eric stated that the county pays \$15 per hour. Shawn

Bruce made a motion to allow Greg to use the cruiser at Jamboree, seconded by Mike Murphy, Grant Williams - Yes, Dan Scott - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes. Shawn Bruce asked if any restitution would be made from the large truck that took out all of the utility lines coming into Belmont. Eric stated that a state trooper wrote the filing and that he wasn't aware of anything.

Don Williams informed council that the trustees want to have a large tree removed that poses a big risk to memorial stones. Don stated that it was found out that the lots have been sold for different amounts and that the trustees wish to sell the cemetery lots for \$250 with no deed fee. Don stated that there have been no vandalisms but there has been an ATV driving through that needs to be stopped.

Mayor Sobel stated that the Class of 1966 donated \$100 for the use of the gym for the 50th reunion on June 18th.

Mayor Sobel presented a list of everyone who planned, supervised, and helped organize the youth day camp. There were 26 kids aged 4-10. Mayor Sobel stated that next year we will make some changes and make it even better. Mayor Sobel thanked everyone who was involved in making the camp such a huge success.

Mike Murphy made a motion to approve the application for the Village of Belmont to participate in the state surplus property program, seconded by Dan Scott, Grant Williams - Yes, Dan Scott - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes.

Mayor Sobel stated that he has received several mayor's court clerk applications. Mayor Sobel stated that we need to convene a personnel committee meeting and interview applicants and decide who we want to hire. Lori, Rona and Mike are going to conduct the interviews.

Mayor Sobel stated that he only received interest from one company to fix the falling brick on the roof of the school. Mayor Sobel stated that we have a dual problem in that the inside brick is being pushed out against the outside brick. Stan stated that it could create a larger issue while the fix is being done.

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Grant Williams made a motion to go into executive session to discuss and personnel 8:25 p.m., seconded by Mike Murphy, Mike - Yes, Dan - Yes, Lori - Yes, Shawn - Yes, and Grant - Yes.

At 8:42 p.m. Mayor Sobel declared executive session over.

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Mayor Sobel stated that there is a large pine tree in the

cemetery that has a huge crack in it and needs to be removed. Mayor Sobel stated that only Creations Tree Removal has shown an interest. They quoted \$2850 to removed the tree and stump. Rick and Dan suggested that he contact Stottler Tree Service and get a quote from them. Mayor Sobel also stated that there is a large oak tree near Bridge Street that needs to be removed but we do not know who's property the tree is on. Solicitor Schultz is going to review tax maps and see who owns the property that the tree is located on.

Motion to pay the bills by Grant Williams, 2nd by Lori Grob, with a unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn by Dan Scott, 2nd by Mike Murphy, with a unanimous vote.

The next meeting will be Thursday August 4th, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Stanley Sobel
Burkhead Jr.

Fiscal Officer Ricky W.