

Regular Meeting of Belmont Village

Council

May 5, 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 TJ Schultz, Water Board President Kenny Davis

Guest (s)

Eric Smith, Bob Mills, Kaye Hall, Jake Tacosik, Ann Clayton, Tim Harford, Jade Harford, Dan Schmitt, Amy Witt, Tim Powell
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. Dan Scott made a motion to approve the April 2016 Regular meeting minutes, seconded by Ron Woods, with a unanimous vote.

Mayor Sobel introduced Tim Powell who is the selection for "Mayor for a Day." Mayor Sobel stated that Tim worked with him all day. Tim stated that there is a lot that goes on with the village and a lot of things that need to happen for everything to work as it does. Mayor Sobel stated that small government is something that everyone should try to be a part of and be involved with. Stan stated that Tim will be going to college soon, and that Tim is third in his class at Union Local. Stan stated that next year he would like to take the Mayor for a Day program a set further and have a non-voting council member be selected to be involved with the program.

Lori Grob made a motion to accept the resignation of Solicitor Lindsey Tomlan, seconded by Mike Murphy, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes.

Ron Woods made a motion to go into executive session to discuss and personnel 7:07 p.m., seconded by

Dan Scott, Mike - Yes, Dan - Yes, Ron - Yes, Lori - Yes, Shawn - Yes, and Grant - Yes.

At 7:25 p.m. Mayor Sobel declared executive session over.

Shawn Bruce made a motion to hire TJ Schultz for the position of Village Solicitor, seconded by Ron Woods, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes. Grant Williams made a motion to hire Amy Witt for the Gym Rental Assistant position, seconded by Ron Woods, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes. Grant Williams made a motion to hire Doug Johnston for a six month probationary period for part time street crew worker, seconded by Dan Scott, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - No, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes.

Board of Public Affairs President Kenny Davis gave the monthly water update. Kenny stated that he believes the water department is over the hump and as far as he knows there were no billing issues this month. Kenny stated that we are down to \$1,200 worth of delinquent accounts. Kenny stated that Bobbie is doing a very good job. Kenny thanked all of the other villages that have helped Belmont with training and advice. Kenny stated that on May 18th and May 19th he and Dan Schmitt will be flushing hydrants. PLEASE PUBLISH IN PAPER. Mayor Sobel stated that he is very happy with how well Kenny and Bobbie have been working together and moving that department forward.

Fire Chief Bob Mills gave the monthly Fire/EMS update. There were 10 runs, four of them billable and one fire. The tanker was services last week. Bob stated that all of the vehicles will be taken to the prison for washing, waxing, and detailing. Bob stated that he received a signed copy of the Union Township fire and ems contracts. Bob stated that the Belmont County contract has been sent to the commissioners. Bob stated that the Fire Department purchased some rescue equipment. There was also training held at Powerline Park.

Mayor Sobel gave an update on the cemetery restorations. Mayor Sobel stated that Cheryl Skinner has been involved with helping do some of the restorations. Cheryl has been involved with Vets and researching them for a long time. Cheryl gave some history for a slave that is buried in the cemetery. Cheryl stated that there is also a confederate soldier buried in the cemetery but there is not headstone. Cheryl stated that she is working to get a stone placed for him. Cheryl stated that with all of the rain, the work has been slowing down. Currently there have been several headstones cleaned and reset. Cheryl stated that she would like to have all of the veterans stones cleaned before Memorial Day. Mayor Sobel stated that it is a slow process but

we are moving forward. Stan stated that there are graves that no longer have stones that need to be researched. Cheryl stated that there is also a Friend's Church burial area in the cemetery as well. Kenny Davis stated that Briado Memorials are working on a foundation for a stone and also are working to finish Tim Zdanski's memorial. Mayor Sobel stated that he is working to organize the Memorial Day parade. Information will be forthcoming.

Mayor Sobel stated that May 7th is the community yard sale. Stan stated that there are different groups that will be located in different areas around town. Stan stated that he is working on a map that will show where groups are located for people to stop and shop.

Mayor Sobel stated that May 14th is the town cleanup day. Stan stated that the dumpster will be there May 13th through May 17th. No tires, toxics, appliances, batteries, or garbage will be accepted. Stan stated that the same day the Township will be having a cleanup day where they will accept those items. Stan stated that people can call ahead and request help to load up items to throw away. Grant Williams stated that he will try to get a hold of C-Cap and see if we can get them involved with helping load the trash.

Mayor Sobel gave an update on Summer Youth Camp. Stan handed out enrollment forms. Camp begins on June 6th and goes until June 17th 8:00 am till Noon each weekday. Stan stated that there will be recreational activities, arts and crafts, music, a magician, and special visitors. Age ranges are 4 years old to 10 years old. The fee for summer camp is \$10 per child per week and \$5 for each additional child per week. Stan stated that Riesbeck's will be helping us with refreshments. Lunches will be free everyday for all kids attending. Stan stated that the target is 25 kids for this year. Stan stated that so far there has been very positive feedback regarding the youth summer camp.

Mayor Sobel stated that all locks have been changed on the village properties. Stan thanked everyone involved with making that happen.

Mayor Sobel stated that we have been testing out a new copier. Ron Woods stated that the agreement on the copier is for 60 month lease for \$80 per month and you have the ability to purchase it at the end of the lease for \$1. Kenny stated that the new machine we are testing has been working very well. Solicitor Schultz recommended that we table the lease until next meeting to where he can review it.

Tim Harford from AFLAC addressed council and stated that insurances that AFLAC offers. Tim asked council if they would permit Tim to speak with Belmont's employees and offer them AFLAC. The insurance is payroll deducted and is of no cost to

the village. Grant Williams made a motion to allow Tim to offer AFLAC to the village employees, seconded by Lori Grob, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes.

Fiscal Officer Burkhead presented Ordinance 2016-9 which is an updated housekeeping ordinance with changes to the solicitor position, and gym rental assistant. Shawn Bruce made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ron Woods, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes. Mike Murphy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-9, seconded by Dan Scott, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes.

Dan Scott suggested that we talk about streets and alleys. Dan suggested that we speak with United Sealing from Marietta and see what benefits there are to chipping and sealing the alleys as opposed to paving them. Grant stated that it would be a great idea. Dan Scott made a motion to have United Sealing come and assess Belmont's alleys, seconded by Ron Woods, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes. Kenny stated that with the chipping and sealing, you can fix a mile of road for \$10,000 and paving would be closer to \$100,000. Mayor Sobel stated that he is going to have an engineer come and look over the brick road and see what options there are to repair that street. Dan Scott made a motion to permit Stan to speak with an engineer about the brick road, seconded by Mike Murphy, Dan Scott - Yes, Shawn Bruce - Yes, Lori Grob - Yes, Ron Woods - Yes, Grant Williams - Yes, Mike Murphy - Yes. Dan Schmitt stated that he gets complaints about the brick road all of the time.

Amy Witt stated that there are a lot of people coming to ball games and the baseball field and she suggested that we look at the safety of the wood bleachers. Amy also stated that there are also no handicapped accessible portajons. Mayor Sobel stated that there are several issues at the park that he has noticed. Stan stated that we need to make a list of items around the park that need fixed and replaced.

A resident has a question about regulations pertaining to size and rules for building a cottage. She stated that she is wanting to purchase a cottage and place it on her property. Stan stated that he didn't believe there were any regulations. Kenny stated that he wants to look and see where the utility lines are located before she constructs. Solicitor Schultz asked if the property was going to be surveyed and split off from the current property. The property is going to be surveyed and split off.

Fiscal Officer Burkhead gave a brief updated on the OPERS situation. Rick is to the point of submitting the time and wages

to OPERS for a determination. Stan stated that we now have a unit that can work together and we will be moving things forward. Stan stated that we have all of these costs and things that need attention and there were better ways that we could be spending the OPERS back pay that we are going to be required to pay. Stan stated that all of this costs a lot of money and everything that has happened in the past has cost the residents of the village and hurts the village for things it could be doing to make it a better place to live.

Ron Woods stated that we need to get a domain name and form a village website. Ron stated that he can work on getting it built and then Mayor Sobel can take it over. Stan and Ron are going to work on getting that project started.

Mayor Sobel asked solicitor Schultz to write an ordinance for the village to apply for a credit card for village employees to be able to purchase items they require to do their jobs. TJ was also asked to begin working on a building permit ordinance.

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

Motion to adjourn by Ron Woods, 2nd by Lori Grob, with a unanimous vote.

The next meeting will be Thursday June 2nd, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Stanley Sobel
Burkhead Jr.

Fiscal Officer Ricky W.

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