

# VILLAGE OF BENTLEYVILLE

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## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

01/19/2022

7:00 PM

### CALL TO ORDER: 00:00:00

Mayor Spremulli called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 00:00:00

Mayor Spremulli led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL: 00:00:01

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Len Spremulli, Mayor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Esposito	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Hemmelgarn
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Hale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Goetsch	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Kvacek	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Rubin	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Nemer, Law Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Filarski, Engineer	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gabe Barone, Police Chief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Klemm, Service Director	

### MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PRIOR WRITTEN MINUTES: 00:00:31

**CLERK:** A Motion by Esposito to accept prior written minutes and audio recording of the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Council meeting, second by Kvacek.

Roll call: Hale: yes; Kvacek: yes; Esposito: yes; Goetsch: yes; Rubin: yes; Hemmelgarn: yes

One correction was made to the Mayors report. The word "how" was omitted in the last sentence of the first paragraph between "noted" and "wonderful".

### NOMINATION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT: 00:00:48

Kathleen Esposito nominated Kathleen Hale. No other nominations were made. All were in favor. Mayor Spremulli congratulated President Hale and noted that he has enjoyed working with both her and Ken Kvacek. He also expressed his appreciation for how helpful all of council has been.

### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: 00:01:50

All will remain the same.

Mayor Spremulli reported that at the staff meeting he proposed putting a motion on the agenda to separate the Streets and Safety Committee. Council President Hale suggested giving Council a chance to think about it before putting it on the agenda.

Mayor Spremulli explained that he will keep the committee assignments the same for this month while Council President Hale polls each individual council member to see if there is any interest in separating the Streets and Safety Committee. If so, legislation will be put on the agenda next month.

Mayor Spremulli congratulated the council members that were sworn in this evening for their new four-year term and thanked all of Council again for their willingness to serve the public. He noted that the public appreciates their efforts as well which was shown by their votes.

**MAYOR'S REPORT: 00: 04:26**

Mayor Spremulli expressed his hopes that revenues maintain the base we saw last year.

The Mayor is looking forward to working with the new Service Director Ryan Klemm. Mayor Spremulli will let the service director explain how things went for the first big snow of the year.

There is a motion on the agenda to appoint a new part-time officer, Sarah Hoover. The Mayor will swear her in this evening.

Mayor Spremulli is looking forward to working with everyone again this year.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: 00:05:26**

The Mayor directed Council to the cash account balances (see Cash Balance and Outstanding Obligations December, 2021).

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: 00:05:26**

- No report

**BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: 00:05:29**

- Mr. Filarski's report is on file.

**ENGINEER REPORT 00:05:29**

- Mr. Filarski's report is on file.
- Kathleen Hale reported that some residents were wondering about the flashing light on a cell tower. Mr. Filarski explained that it is a light on a cell tower in Bainbridge. Per Mr. Filarski, the zoning inspector did not have any information on it and Mr. Filarski thought they may have changed the flashing beacon on it.
- Mrs. Hale asked Engineer Filarski if funds were available, if it would be feasible to put a sidewalk or some sort of pedestrian walkway along Solon Road to Chagrin Falls. Mr. Kvacek explained that the State capital appropriations budget is due in March and it talked about being able to provide bike trails, recreational facilities, emergency response infrastructure and community parks. He asked Mr. Filarski if he had a chance to review it to see if we may be able to request some outside funding from the State. Mr. Filarski noted that there is a difference between a sidewalk and a trail, so if the funding allows for trails only, that would drive up the cost, but it would be feasible along that stretch. Mr. Kvacek noted that the budget allowed for recreational trails, biking, hiking etc. Mr. Filarski explained that adding a trail is a matter of whether or not there is enough room in the right of way to do it. If not, we would have to do easements for it. He also noted that we would have to



get resident buy in since some people like trails and some don't. He also explained that it would not be cheap, but it can be done.

- Ryan Rubin asked if the walkway could be done within the easement. Mr. Filarski said a typical multipurpose trail is approximately 10 ft wide and he estimated that the road is about 18 feet from the right of way which would leave approximately 8 feet. He also explained that there would need to be some separation from the road. The trail could be concrete or asphalt.
- Mr. Rubin thought that it would be really nice for a large number of residents to have access to Chagrin Falls which would keep them off Solon Road.
- Mayor Spremulli noted that Streets and Safety can take this issue up. Mr. Filarski and Mr. Rubin agreed to be at the next meeting for discussion.

#### **CHIEF'S REPORT 00:12:09**

- Chief Barone's report is on file.
- The Chief explained that Sergeant Cutwright would know more about the new officer Sarah Hoover, since he completed her background check but is glad to have her here in Bentleyville. Sergeant Cutwright said that he has known Sarah for a few years and that she has always been professional. She is good at responding to calls and interacting with the public. She is trained and knows the area very well. He believes she will be a good fit for the department. Officer Farrar noted that she has a couple years of experience and that she is familiar with the dispatch center and court system. Chief Barone added that Sarah has moved around a lot during her childhood due to her parents' line of work. Sarah reported that she has lived in 9 places growing up and that she now resides permanently in Mentor.

#### **STREETS AND SAFETY REPORT: 00:14:29**

- Committee report is on file.

#### **SERVICE DIRECTOR REPORT: 00:14:33**

- Ryan Klemm reported that everything went well and that they got out ahead of the storm. The streets are cleaned up and they are ready for the next snowfall. The new truck is out on the road. Mr. Klemm drove it and reported that it handles very nice.
- The second truck should arrive in February.
- Mr. Klemm reported that the pressure washer has arrived and they now have a wash bay in the service garage to wash the trucks, equipment and even the police cars. Mr. Klemm explained that it is critical to keep the trucks and equipment clean so that they last.
- The front-end loader bucket needs repairs. The estimated cost is \$2,000. The repairs made last year were incorrect and the parts put in at that time are no good. Virtually all repairs to the equipment have been moved in house, so the estimated cost for the bucket repair is just for the parts.
- A new part-time employee has been hired in the service department. His name is Eric Caporale. Mr. Klemm said he seems like a good kid, eager and shows great initiative.
- Mayor Spremulli noted that there is legislation on the agenda to increase the part-time wage in the service department from \$16.50 to \$18.00 per hour.
- According to Mr. Klemm, there are 24 service department jobs available on the Northeast Ohio Service Directors website and the Mayor is trying to keep Mr. Caporale here by increasing the wage.
- Kathleen Hale asked how much we have sold the old vehicles and equipment for. Mr. Klemm reported that we sold the Chevy dump truck, the International dump truck, two leaf boxes and the

loader. We brought in \$33,601 from those sales. The 2010 International auction ends on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The majority of the action on the auction happens at the end of the auction. The F250 will be sold after we have both new vehicles.

- Mrs. Hale also noted that Ryan is doing great bringing more order to the service department. To further that, instead of having residents drop off their hazardous waste to the service department at any time, the plan is to have two dates per year in which residents can drop off hazardous waste. Per Mr. Klemm, he is working with Streets and Safety to set up a better schedule to coordinate pick up dates with turn in dates so the Village can save the money they are spending for disposal of things like tires. The schedule will be put on the website when they have it available.
- Mr. Kvacek inquired if the additional equipment including the mower, the chipper, chainsaw and blower was purchased. Mr. Klemm said he is waiting on checks. According to Nickol Sell, after the budget is passed, purchase orders can be created. Mr. Klemm asked when he could get checks and Mrs. Sell noted that after the budget is passed by Council, it will go to the budget commission for approval and then purchase orders and checks can be issued. Mr. Klemm was concerned that we may lose the opportunity to purchase the mower if we drag our feet. The Mayor explained that we are not dragging our feet, that we have to work within the system. Mr. Kvacek asked if we could offer a PO number on it. Mrs. Sell explained that we need to wait for county approval before moving forward.
- Ryan Rubin asked if Mr. Klemm had spoken to the service director in Solon regarding the sign in the entrance to Quartermare, the sign for Partridge Lane. According to Mr. Rubin, a snow plow or car must have hit it because it is sitting at a 45-degree angle. Mr. Klemm confirmed that it was Solon who hit the sign and will order a new one.

**FINANCE, GRANTS & INSURANCE REPORT: 00:24:43**

- Committee report is on file.

**PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: 00:24:45**

- The Commission did not meet.

**PARKS: 00:24:50**

- The Committee report is on file.

**UTILITIES COMMITTEE: 00:24:56**

- The Committee did not meet this month.

**EMPLOYEE SAFETY: 00:24:56**

- The Committee did not meet this month.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: 00:24:57**

- None

**OLD BUSINESS: 00:25:11**

- None



**NEW BUSINESS: 00:25:12**

**2022-01** An Ordinance for the payment of bills in the month of January, 2022 in the amount of \$93,688.07 and declaring an emergency.

Motion to suspend the three-reading rule by Rubin; second Kvacek

Roll call: Hale: yes; Kvacek: yes; Esposito: yes; Goetsch: yes; Rubin: yes; Hemmelgarn: yes

Motion to adopt by Rubin; second Esposito

Roll call: Hale: yes; Kvacek: yes; Esposito: yes; Goetsch: yes; Rubin: yes; Hemmelgarn: yes

**2022-02** A Resolution amending the Bentleyville Budget for fiscal year 2022 and declaring an emergency.

Motion to suspend the three-reading rule by Rubin; second Esposito

Roll call: Hale: yes; Kvacek: yes; Esposito: yes; Goetsch: yes; Rubin: yes; Hemmelgarn: yes

Motion to adopt by Rubin; second Esposito

Roll call: Hale: yes; Kvacek: yes; Esposito: yes; Goetsch: yes; Rubin: yes; Hemmelgarn: yes

**2022-03** An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2021-42 establishing compensation for employees of the Village of Bentleyville for the year 2022, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to suspend the three-reading rule by Rubin; second Goetsch

Roll call: Hale: yes; Kvacek: yes; Esposito: yes; Goetsch: yes; Rubin: yes; Hemmelgarn: yes

Motion to adopt by Rubin; second Esposito

Roll call: Hale: yes; Kvacek: yes; Esposito: yes; Goetsch: yes; Rubin: yes; Hemmelgarn: yes

**2022-04** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Chagrin River Watershed Partners and declaring an emergency.

Motion to suspend the three-reading rule by Rubin; second Esposito

Roll call: Hale: yes; Kvacek: yes; Esposito: yes; Goetsch: yes; Rubin: yes; Hemmelgarn: yes

Motion to adopt by Rubin; second Esposito

Roll call: Hale: yes; Kvacek: yes; Esposito: yes; Goetsch: yes; Rubin: yes; Hemmelgarn: yes

## MOTIONS:

Motion to approve hiring of part-time Officer Sarah Hoover.

Motion to approve hiring of part-time Officer Sarah Hoover by Hale; second Goetsch

Roll call: Hale: yes; Kvacek: yes; Esposito: yes; Goetsch: yes; Rubin: yes; Hemmelgarn: yes

Mayor Spremulli acknowledged Sergeant Cutwright, Officer Farrar and Officer Peacock for attending the meeting to support Officer Hoover.

Mayor Spremulli swore in Officer Hoover.

## COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: 00:31:39

- None

## ADJOURNMENT: 00:32:05

- Motion to adjourn by Goetsch. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kathleen Hale  
President of Council

  
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Nickol Sell  
Fiscal Officer