

VILLAGE OF BENTLEYVILLE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

08/16/2023

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 00:00:00

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 00:00:05

Mayor Spremulli led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: 00:00:24

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Len Spremulli, Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Whitmyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Hemmelgarn
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Hale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Goetsch	
<input 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"/> Matt Maistros, Service Director	

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PRIOR WRITTEN MINUTES: 00:00:49

CLERK: A Motion by Hale to accept prior written minutes and audio recording of the July 19, 2023 Council meeting, second by Rubin.

Roll call: Hale: yes; Kvacek: absent; Whitmyer: absent; Goetsch: yes; Rubin: yes; Hemmelgarn: yes

MAYOR'S REPORT: 00:01:18

Mayor Spremulli reported that Kathleen Hale has filed to run for Mayor and she is running unopposed. Bob Chalfant and Alex Goetsch have filed petitions to run for Council and are also running unopposed. The Mayor unofficially congratulated them, noting that he wanted to wait for voting before he officially congratulated them. Per Mayor Spremulli, this will be a smooth transition. He will include Kathleen in any mayoral decision making. He will try to get a draft budget together in September and then sit down with Kathleen and work with her to finalize a budget before the end of the year.

The Mayor also reported that our Service Department employee Larry Millstein quit, so Matt Maistros is the only person currently working in the department. An interview will be conducted tomorrow for a new full-time employee. Mr. Maistros believes two full time employees will work in the service department. Ideally, we would like to get a person in place before leaf season.

Kathleen Hale and Ryan Rubin have a meeting with Kimble to discuss a possible contract extension.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: 00:04:30

The Mayor directed Council to the cash account balances (see Cash Balance and Outstanding Obligations August, 2023).

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: 00:04:30

- No report

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: 00:04:34

- Mr. Filarski's report is on file.

ENGINEER REPORT 00:05:06

- Mr. Filarski's report is on file. Mr. Filarski noted that the plans are ready to bid for the Riverview Park improvements. The location has been selected for the permanent bathroom structure and the current delivery time for the structure is six months. The paving, drainage and bioretention cell can be bid out this year. Per Mr. Filarski waste will go into a container and when cleaned will get sucked out.

CHIEF'S REPORT 00:08:56

- Chief Barone's report is on file.
- Chief Barone reported that a restructure of the police pay scale will be presented to council. Discussion regarding the difficulties finding officers ensued. The mayor pointed out that we need to be on top of our pay scale to attract candidates and also that police departments are calling to try to recruit officers from other departments.
- Chief Barone acknowledged two of our officers, Daniel Peacock and Sarah Hoover were involved in a lifesaving incident recently.

SERVICE DIRECTOR REPORT: 00:12:49

- Mr. Maistros reported that all the salt has been received and the small amount outside the bin has been tarped. In addition, he started to cut some of the roadsides back which look a little bit burned up right now. However, as the grass grows it will look a lot better. He also reported that the corner should be done by the end of the month depending on when we hire another employee due to the fact that the remaining work will require two people. Chagrin has not yet been able to jet and vacuum the culverts on Chagrin River, but they have assured Mr. Maistros that they will. Mr. Maistros contacted the county who then sent court community service individuals to the village to pick up litter which has been an issue lately, especially on Cannon and Liberty as well as Chagrin River Road. Finally, Mr. Maistros reported that things are on a good schedule right now, all branches have been picked up and the sickle bar will be delivered Friday.

STREETS AND SAFETY REPORT: 00:16:40

- The Committee report is on file.

FINANCE, GRANTS & INSURANCE REPORT: 00:16:42

- Committee report is on file.
- Mr. Hemmelgarn reported that we are in great shape, we are under budget on spending and over budget on income.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: 00:16:56

- The Commission did not meet.

PARKS: 00:16:59

- The Committee did not meet.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE: 00:17:06

- The Committee did not meet.

EMPLOYEE SAFETY: 00:17:11

- The Committee did not meet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 00:17:16

- Mr. Chalfant wanted everyone to know he is really glad to be running unopposed and is thinking of mailing postcards out so that the residents know his name.

OLD BUSINESS: 00:17:49

- None

NEW BUSINESS: 00:17:49

2023-21 An Ordinance for the payment of bills in the month of August 2023 in the amount of \$77,304.42 and declaring an emergency.

Motion to put on first reading by Rubin; second Goetsch

Roll call: Hale: yes; Kvacek: absent; Whitmyer: yes; Goetsch: yes; Rubin: yes; Hemmelgarn: yes

2023-22 A Resolution authorizing and directing the mayor to enter into an agreement with the State of Ohio, Department of Natural Resources for the acceptance of a Grant Fund for the Riverview Park Improvement Project and declaring an emergency.

Motion to put on first reading by Rubin; second Goetsch

Roll call: Hale: yes; Kvacek: absent; Whitmyer: yes; Goetsch: yes; Rubin: yes; Hemmelgarn: yes

MOTIONS: NONE


COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: 00:18:46

- Chief Barone explained that there are two conflicting signs at the park, one says the park closes at 9 p.m. and the other at 11 p.m. Matt Maistros reported that he has removed the one stating that the park closes at 9. Chief Barone asked for possible legislation and a sign that states it is a violation to be in the park after 11 p.m. and that violators will be prosecuted due to some individuals staying past the posted closing time.


ADJOURNMENT: 00:22:31

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

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Hale
President of Council



Nickol Sell
Fiscal Officer