

# VILLAGE OF BENTLEYVILLE

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## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 18, 2024 7:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR:**

**ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

**ROLL CALL: 0:00:25**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Hale, Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Whitmyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Goetsch
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Chalfant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Hemmelgarn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Kvacek
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Rubin		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charles Nemer, Law Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Filarski, Engineer & Building Official	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gabe Barone, Police Chief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Maistros, Service Director	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tammy Most, Fiscal Officer		

**CLERK:** A Motion to accept prior written minutes and audio recording of November 20, 2024, Council meeting.

Motion to approve by Rubin, second Goetsch

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT: 0:01:22** Thanks to the Garden Club for the holiday decorations, and everyone who supported and attended the tree lighting ceremony. Attendance was high and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Officers visited 170 Grey Fox Run to assist and the residents responded with gratitude and a gift card to Alesci's. Some students from University School made some recommendations as part of their studies requesting a sidewalk on Solon Road. Mr. Goetsch stated that there are challenges with this request. Mr. Filarski said that in order to qualify for funding there would have to be more room and demand for use. Mayor Hale thanked Mr. Filarski for looking into it. Mayor Hale stated her intention is to create a newsletter to send to residents to advise them of among other things the upcoming levy renewals. There is a service that has been used in the past.

**FISCAL OFFICER:** Finance Report **0:11:13**

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:**

**ENGINEER'S REPORT: 0:11:35** The bathroom is in. There are some additional items needed in order to receive the grant money.

**CHIEF'S REPORT: 0:12:22** Each year Council evaluates wages and benefits and Chief Barone wanted to be sure to mention how grateful he is for the support. The full-time employees currently are not looking to go elsewhere. The medical benefits are some of the best in the area. Mr. Goetsch agreed that the current personnel is exceptional.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: 0:17:21** Of the 14 hydrants 5 have been replaced by Cleveland Water. The remaining hydrants are in good working order according to the Water department. Mr. Maistros expressed frustration with equipment breaking down. Mr. Goetsch said there was discussion of selling one of the 550 trucks which is not adequate for the work needing to be done on the larger streets and acquiring an additional Freightliner truck. Mayor Hale asked to meet with Mr. Maistros for further information on this topic. Mr. Kvacek said he spoke with both Chagrin and Solon and they had trucks down. Mr. Maistros said the 550's are not sufficient to salt and plow the roads even with a light dusting of snow. Those trucks are not meant to handle spreading salt. Snow ban signs have been sent to Judco for production.

Mr. Kvacek asked about the water line break, and wondered why reverse 911 was not utilized for that instance. Ms. Hale agreed, but there was not enough information given. Mr. Filarski said there would be door to door notification by the Water Department if there was a boil order. Ms. Hale agreed, however there was no information given by the Water Department to pass along.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS: 0:29:16**

- **Streets and Safety Committee Report**
- **Finance, Grants, Insurance Committee Report** Pretty close on the budget. A number of meetings and communication with Council. Mr. Kvacek noticed a couple of corrections in the budget, Village hall maintenance, tree planning and landscaping, traffic pole were zeroed out in error. Capital project fund had a negative balance, but the beginning balance did not carry over. Debt Service was also a question, why is there a transfer in from the General Fund which leaves an ending balance of almost enough for another year. Mr. Kvacek suggested not transferring money into the debt service fund. Council was in general agreement. Ms. Most agreed to email the final budget to members of Council. RITA income is good.
- **Planning and Zoning Commission Report**
- **Park, Facilities, Beautification Committee Report 0:42:10** Thanks for everyone who helped with the holiday lighting. There were about 90 people in attendance. NOPEC grant money is available for 2025.
- **Utilities Committee Report**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS (May be limited to no more than 5 minutes)**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS: 0:44:21**

**2024-55      An Ordinance for the payment of bills in the month of December 2024 in the amount of \$72,244.34 and declaring an emergency.**

Motion to adopt by Rubin, second Chalfant

Roll call: Chalfant: Yes; Goetsch: No; Hemmelgarn: Yes; Kvacek: Yes; Rubin: Yes; Whitmyer: absent

Motion to suspend the three-reading rule by Rubin, second Chalfant.

Roll call: Chalfant: Yes; Goetsch: Yes; Hemmelgarn: Yes; Kvacek: Yes; Rubin: Yes; Whitmyer: absent

**2024 -56      An Ordinance establishing compensation for employees of the Village of Bentleyville for the year 2025 and declaring an emergency.**

Motion to adopt by Rubin, second Goetsch.

Roll call: Chalfant: Yes; Goetsch: Yes; Hemmelgarn: Yes; Kvacek: Yes; Rubin: Yes; Whitmyer: absent

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

Roll call: Chalfant: Yes; Goetsch: Yes; Hemmelgarn: Yes; Kvacek: Yes; Rubin: Yes; Whitmyer: absent

**2024-57      An Ordinance for the appointment and terms and conditions of employment for the Village Engineer for the year 2025 and declaring an emergency.**

Motion to adopt by Rubin, second Goetsch.

Roll call: Chalfant: Yes; Goetsch: Yes; Hemmelgarn: Yes; Kvacek: Yes; Rubin: Yes; Whitmyer: absent

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

Roll call: Chalfant: Yes; Goetsch: Yes; Hemmelgarn: Yes; Kvacek: Yes; Rubin: Yes; Whitmyer: absent

**2024-58      An Ordinance providing for the employment of a Director of Law/Prosecutor for the year 2025, fixing compensation and declaring an emergency.**

Motion to adopt by Rubin, second Chalfant.

Roll call: Chalfant: Yes; Goetsch: Yes; Hemmelgarn: Yes; Kvacek: Yes; Rubin: Yes; Whitmyer: absent

Motion to suspend the three-reading rule by Rubin, second Chalfant.

Roll call: Chalfant: Yes; Goetsch: Yes; Hemmelgarn: Yes; Kvacek: Yes; Rubin: Yes; Whitmyer: absent

**2024-59      An Ordinance authorizing the amendment to Change Order #1 for the asphalt repairs and declaring an emergency.**

Motion to adopt by Rubin, second Goetsch.

Roll call: Chalfant: Yes; Goetsch: Yes; Hemmelgarn: Yes; Kvacek: Yes; Rubin: Yes; Whitmyer: absent

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

Roll call: Chalfant: Yes; Goetsch: Yes; Hemmelgarn: Yes; Kvacek: Yes; Rubin: Yes; Whitmyer: absent

**2024-60      A Resolution adopting the appropriations for fiscal year 2025 and declaring an emergency.**

Motion to adopt by Rubin, second Goetsch.

Roll call: Chalfant: Yes; Goetsch: Yes; Hemmelgarn: Yes; Kvacek: Yes; Rubin: Yes; Whitmyer: absent

Exhibit A will be the County's form and will be attached to these minutes.

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

Roll call: Chalfant: Yes; Goetsch: Yes; Hemmelgarn: Yes; Kvacek: Yes; Rubin: Yes; Whitmyer: absent

**MOTIONS:**

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:** Mr. Nemer wished to thank the Mayor and Council for the years and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Voice vote: Unanimous

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Ryan Rubin  
President of Council



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Tammy Most  
Fiscal Officer