

MINUTES  
NEW BOSTON VILLAGE COUNCIL  
March 2, 2021

Regular meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M., which was held by Zoom. William Williams, President of Council presided over the meeting. The roll was called with the following members of council being present: Mr. Fetty, Mr. Mills, Mr. Ottney, Mr. Imes, Mr. Mills and Korey Jones.

**Pledge of allegiance/silent prayer**

**Disposal of minutes** – Mr. Mills made a motion to accept and file the minutes from February 16, 2021 and special meetings February 13 and February 23, 2021. Mr. Meehan made a motion to amend the minutes from February 13 to change pm to am. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0. Mr. Mills made a motion to accept and file the minutes and Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

Reports from committees, delegations, citizens or visitors: Randy Yohe asked if the resolution regarding the contract with Kester could be explained and another comment asking about the flooding. Mayor stated he would report on the flooding and Mr. Blume could comment on the contract with Kester. Mayor reported all pumps are running but we did lose electric to stations 8 & 9 and had to get generator from Ashland. Stations are being manned 24 hours a day. Minor stream flooding but everything looking good now. Mr. Blume stated the agreement relates to one of the two investigations involving former council member, Vonald Patrick. These investigations are to determine whether village policies were followed.

Presenting and acting on petitions: none

Reading and acting on communications: Received a letter from Melinda Burnside thanking the village for all the snow and ice removal. Mr. Ottney made a motion to accept and file and Mr. Mills seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0

**Reports of:**

**William Williams, Mayor –1.** Flooding is still the big news in the area. River is very high and should crest tomorrow at 55'. We would put up the flood gates at 60'. Thanked the service dept. for a great job. **2.** Getting pricing on fencing at the service department and also flooring and lighting in dispatch. These items are not in the community development loan. Getting specs for the paving so we are working on the community development projects also. **3.** Sending his

condolences to Steve Hamilton and family for the loss of his father. 4. Presented Mayor's court report. Mr. Mills made a motion to accept and file. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

**Lana Loper, Clerk/treasurer – no report**

**Legal Counsel, Justin Blume** – Reported the case pending in PMC regard former, Vonald Patrick has been resolved. He was plead no contest being charged with OVI and hit skip.

**Village Administrator, Steve Hamilton** – absent but an update from Strand was presented. Mr. Fetty added the contractors have started and will be a big help to the residents.

**Income Tax Director, Lori Jordan** – absent but report for February was presented. Mr. Mills made a motion to accept and file and Mr. Fetty seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

**Police report–1.** Talked to mayor about getting the department back up to staff . He has a few applications for part time officers. 2. Worked on grant today and will send to Mr. Blume for approval. Keeping the hours covered. Present report dated February 11, 2021. Mr. Imes made a motion to accept and file the police reports. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

**Chris Davis, Fire Chief – absent**

**Reports of Chairman of Committees:**

**Mr. Mills, Finance and wage –**

**Mr. Ottney, Lands, Parks, & Recreations**

**Mr. Meehan, Street, Alleys, Buildings**

**Mr. Fetty, Economic & Business Development-**

**Mr. Imes, Laws & Claims** – presented report from meeting held February 23 to readdress our public records policy. See minutes attached. Mr. Meehan made a motion to accept and file the minutes. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

**Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

## **Ordinances:**

**Ordinance No. 10-2021 – An Ordinance was read transferring and appropriating amounts in the various funds of the Village; and declaring an emergency.** Mr. Fetty moved the rules requiring an ordinance or resolution of a general or permanent nature involving the expenditure of money be read of three separate dates be suspended. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0. Mr. Fetty made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 10-2021**. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6-0

**Ordinance No. 11-2021 – An Ordinance was read to approve then and now certificate in excess of \$3,000 for payment to Axon Enterprise, Inc.,; and declaring an emergency.** Mr. Mills moved the rules requiring an ordinance or resolution of a general or permanent nature involving the expenditure of money be read of three separate dates be suspended. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0. Mr. Mills made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 11-2021**. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6-0

**Ordinance No. 12-2021 – An Ordinance was read amending sections 107.03 and 107.02 of the codified ordinances of the Village of New Boston; and declaring an emergency.** Mr. Ottney made a motion to table this ordinance and bring in new ordinance to separate the items involved. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 3 (Meehan, Ottney, Jones) nays – 3(Fetty, Imes, Mills) Mr. Williams broke the tie with an aye vote just so everyone could be on the same page. Ordinance was tabled.

## **Resolutions:**

**Resolution 5-2021 – A resolution was read authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with J.H. Kester Company; and declaring an emergency.** Mr. Mills moved the rules requiring an ordinance or resolution of a general or permanent nature involving the expenditure

of money be read on three separate dates be suspended. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0. Mr. Mills made a motion to adopt **Resolution 5-2021**. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6

### **New Business**

**Mr. Ottney** – none

**Mr. Imes** – none

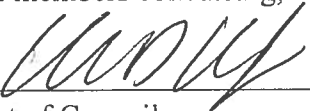
**Mr. Meehan** – sent his condolences to Steve Hamilton and his family for the loss of his father

**Mr. Mills** – also echoed the condolences to Steve Hamilton. Thanks to all departments in doing a great job.

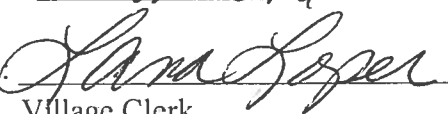
**Mr. Fetty** – Congratulated all departments on a job well done. Condolences to Steve Hamilton. Reported we need to review the trash issues within the village.

**Mr. Jones** – no new business. Also sent condolences to Steve Hamilton and family. He does want to get with Mr. Hamilton to tour all the flood pump stations and anything to do with flooding since he had been appointed chairperson of the flood committee.

There being no further business, Mr. Mills made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Fetty seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0

  
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President of Council

Passed: March 16, 2021

Attest:   
Village Clerk

**LAWS & CLAIMS**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 6:06 by chairman Ralph Imes. Those in attendance Ralph Imes, Dan Fetty, Ryan Ottney, Solicitor Justin Blume, Jon Mills, Mike Meehan, Korey Jones, Steve Hamilton, and Mayor Williams.

- Open the floor up to Mr. Blume asking for us to make changes to the existing ordinance to require changes to our Policy to require public information request to be by mail and not more than 10 in one calendar month. Public request copies are to be at 10 cents each.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Mr. Ottney wanted to make sure we are within our legal rights to change policy to reflect what we are tempting to do.
- Mr. Fetty made motion to limit the public records request to 10 requests per person, per month by U.S Mail.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan Ottney
  - All in favor: Ayes 3, Nays 0
- Ralph Imes made motion to modify ordinance 107.3 cost for public records to 10 cents per page.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Fetty
  - All in favor: Ayes 2 Fetty, Imes – Nays 1 Ottney

Nothing else brought before committee

Motion to adjourn – Mr. Ottney 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fetty

All in favor adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Chairman Ralph Imes