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NEW BOSTON VILLAGE COUNCIL  
March 15, 2022

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6-0

Regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. Dan Fetty, President Pro Tem of Council presided over the meeting. The roll was called with the following members of council being present: Mr. Imes, Mr. Ottney, Mr. Fetty, Mr. Henson, Mr. Jones and Mr. Meehan

**Pledge of allegiance/silent prayer**

**Disposal of minutes** – Mr. Ottney made a motion to accept and file the minutes from March 1, 2022. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 6-0.

**Reports from committees, delegations, citizens or visitors** – 1. Dave Miller, Gallia St spoke to council regarding semi-trucks turning from the right lane onto Vine Street, crossing into traffic. He also asked about the removal of the pole that was damaged at the corner of Vine Street.

**Presenting and acting on petitions: none**

**Reading and acting on communications:** Letter was presented from the SEOLS group regarding homeless people in the village. Mr. Meehan stated he worked with the census and only counted 5 within the village. Mr. Hamilton stated as of now there are about 6-7. Mr. Ottney made a motion to accept and file the letter and Mr. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 5-0.

**Reports of:**

**William Williams, Mayor – absent –**

**Dan Fetty, President Pro Tem** – reported he had spoken to Chief Compton about the E tickets being installed for the police department and he stated the state is requiring more firewall which should be updated soon.

**Lana Loper, Clerk/treasurer** – presented report for February 2022. Mr. Meehan made a motion to accept and file the report and Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 5-0.

**Legal Counsel, Justin Blume** – none

**Village Administrator, Steve Hamilton – 1.** Problems at Flood station #10 dealing with AEP with pricing for new transformer. **2.** Thanked the service department for keeping the streets clear during the snow over the weekend.

**Income Tax Director, Lori Jordan – none**

**Interim Police Chief, Carl Compton –** Presented report for March 10 2022. Mr. Ottney made a motion to accept and file the report. Mr. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 5-0. **2.** Presented copies of Section 2907.07/Importuning which explains some of the laws of importuning. He stated a group came in from Indiana, did not contact the police department at all and showed up at Walmart. The department received a call of a disturbance and when they arrived on the scene there was a small confutation. The section 2907.07 states that a private citizen cannot engage in this type of investigation. Officer Emmett did what the law stated. There was no arrest at that time. Chief Compton then ask Scioto County Sheriff, David Thoroughman to update everyone after the incident happened. Sheriff Thoroughman report they were called in to help investigate the problem and after working with the New Boston Police, the suspect was apprehended and arrested. Mr. Fetty and all of council thanked our police department, Portsmouth police and the Sheriff's department for working together and getting this problem resolved.

**Chris Davis, Fire Chief – none**

**Reports of Chairman of Committees:**

**Mr. Fetty, Finance and Wages – none**

**Mr. Ottney, Lands, Parks, & Recreations – see attached minutes from meeting held on March 10.**

**Mr. Meehan, Street, Alleys, Buildings - none**

**Mr. Jones – Economic & Business Development- none**

**Mr. Imes, Laws & Claims - none**

**Mr. Henson, Flood & Sewage – none**

**Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Ordinances:**

**Ordinance No. 6-2022** – Second reading was given on an ordinance transferring and appropriating amounts in the various funds of the village. Mr. Ottney made a motion for the seconded reading and Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 3 (Jones, Ottney, Imes, Henson) nay – 1 Meehan

**Ordinance No. 9-2022** – An ordinance transferring and appropriating amounts in the various funds of the village; and declaring an emergency. Clerk asked this ordinance be amended to include \$610 additional funds for property insurance. Mr. Ottney made a motion to amend the ordinance to include the \$610. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 4-0. Mr. Meehan 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. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 4-0. Mr. Meehan made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 8-2022. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes - 4

**Resolutions:**

**Resolution 3-2022** – A resolution was read authorizing the acting Mayor to enter into an agreement with the City of Portsmouth; and declaring an emergency. Mr. Meehan 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. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 4-0. Mr. Ottney made a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 3-2022**. Mr. Imes seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes - 4

none

**New Business**

**Mr. Mechan** – Presented a letter from The Enquirer about the child predators. Thanked the police department and the Scioto County for all work they did with the Walmart incident that happened on March 12.

**Mr. Henson** – none

**Mr. Fetty** – none

**Mr. Jones** – Thinks it’s awesome regarding the unity of the New Boston police dept, Portsmouth Police department and Sherriff department on how well they are working together. He also was upset with the situation. It was a sick situation and would hope the people from Indiana would use better judgement on how they handle their problems. **2.** Discussed forming a New Boston Beautification Committee and hope to get a meeting set soon.

**Mr. Ottney** – 1. Thanked Mr. Fetty for filling in as President Pro Tem and hopes the mayor is doing well and looking forward to him returning. Discussed the possibility of having an extra pay for the President Pro Tem.

**Mr. Imes** - none

There being no further business, Mr. Imes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 5-0

  
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President of Council

Passed: April 5, 2022

Attest:   
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF NEW BOSTON  
LANDS, PARKS & RECREATION MEETING  
Monday, March 7, 2022

The Village of New Boston Lands, Parks & Recreation Committee met at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, March, 7, 2022, in the council chambers of the New Boston Village Community Center. In attendance was committee chairman Ryan Ottney and committee member Wayne Henson, as well as Village Administrator Steve Hamilton, Acting Mayor Dan Fetty, and Councilman Ralph Imes.

During the meeting, the committee discussed several land issues and voted unanimously (2-0) to make the following recommendations to the Village Council.

1. Direct village solicitor to transfer village parcels 28-0294.000 and 28-0294.004 to the CIC for economic development.
2. Direct village solicitor to explore options of reclaiming parcels for the village:
  - a. 28-7064.000 (flood control station 7) from the Norfolk Southern Railway
  - b. 28-1385.000 (flood control station 8) from Southern Ohio Port Authority
  - c. 28-0289.000 (flood control station 9) from Southern Ohio Port Authority
  - d. 28-0289.007 (flood control station 10) from Southern Ohio Port Authority
  - ~~e. 28-0287.000 (flood control station 11) from New Boston Coke Corporation~~
3. Direct village solicitor to offer the following village properties to sealed bid with reserve:
  - a. 28-0966.00 (1420 Lakeview Avenue)
  - b. 28-0844.00 (0 Grace Street)
  - c. 28-0604.000 (4235 York Street)
4. Direct village solicitor to seize ownership parcel 28-1028.000 (3718 Stanton Avenue)

Having heard all business, Chairman Ottney made motion to adjourn and it was given second by Mr. Henson at 4:05 p.m.