

MINUTES
NEW BOSTON VILLAGE COUNCIL
May 3, 2022

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

Pledge of allegiance/silent prayer

Disposal of minutes –Mr. Ottney made a motion to accept and file the minutes from April 5 and April 11, 2022. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0.

*****Mr. Fetty entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m.**

Reports from committees, delegations, citizens or visitors – Two representatives, Mr. McCallister and Mr. Campbell, from Horizon presented information to council regarding an upgrade to internet access by installing fiber optic. They explained how much faster this would be and also gave out information packets. Mayor and Council thanked them for coming and would look into this and get back with them.

Presenting and acting on petitions: none

Reading and acting on communications:

Reports of:

William Williams, Mayor – 1. Have talked to the bank about a loan/lease for police cruisers butt right now the cruisers are hard to find. 2. Portsmouth has paid a company for the zoning to be update and feels this is much needed in the village but unfortunately this will not be cheap. The Planning Committee and Zoning Board members need to be assigned. 3. The large flag pole has been repaired and the flag is flying. 4. Budget for 2023 is approaching and will be brought in for a first reading on June 7, public hearing June 21 and passage on July 5 – due at the auditor’s office July 20. Finance meeting should be held. 5. Reported he and Mr. Fetty attended the Governor’s meeting in Portsmouth regarding 50 million that may be distributed within 32 Appalachian counties. 6. ARPA funds for 2023 should be coming in. 7. Reported 1.5 million for Brownfield properties is in the planning. 8. Wishing Matt Mercer, employec of the school who was injured in a mowing accident, a speedy recovery. Steve reported there are collections

being accepted at the school if anyone would like to give. 9. Presented mayor's court report for April 2022. Mr. Fetty made a motion to accept and file the report and Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried.

Lana Loper, Clerk/treasurer – none

Legal Counsel, Justin Blume - none

Village Administrator, Steve Hamilton – 1. Starting the repairs on the sink hole on West Avenue **2.** House on Oak Street has been removed. **3.** Reported there has been code enforcement issues

Income Tax Director, Lori Jordan – presented report for April 2022. Mr. Meehan made a motion to accept and file the report and Mr. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0.

Interim Police Chief, Carl Compton – Presented report for April 2022. Mr. Ottney made a motion to accept and file the report. Mr. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0.

Chris Davis, Fire Chief – none

Reports of Chairman of Committees:

Mr. Fetty, Finance and Wages – set meeting for Tuesday, May 24 at 3:00 pm

Mr. Ottney, Lands, Parks, & Recreations - none

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. 14-2022 – An ordinance was read authorizing the transfer of real property to the New Boston Community Improvement Corporation. Mr. Fetty made a motion for the 2nd reading and Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance No. 16-2022 – An ordinance was read authorizing the issuance of a permit to the Bikers for Charity to solicit charitable contributions from occupants of motor vehicles on a highway pursuant to a permit to be issued by the clerk at the direction of council. Mr. Ottney made a motion for the 2nd reading and Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance No. 12-2022 – **Third** reading was given to an ordinance authorizing the sale of real property. Mr. Ottney made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 12-2022** and Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5.

Resolutions:

None

New Business

Mr. Jones – absent

Mr. Ottney – none

Mr. Imes – A few months GPS for village vehicles were discussed and nothing was ever done. Mayor stated he would look into the costs.

Mr. Meehan – Reported the website does need to be updated. Several councilmen who have since left are still on there and new members were not. Mayor stated for all members to check out their bio and we will get updated. 2. Reported yard sale day is May 7 cleanup day is May

14. 3. Reported there has been traffic on the tree streets going the wrong way – ask police to patrol

Mr. Henson – none

Mr. Fetty - none

At 7:30 pm Mr. Fetty made a motion to move to executive session for the hiring of personnel. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5.

At 8:38 p.m. Mr. Ottney made a motion to come back to regular session. Mr. Imes seconded the motion.

There being no further business, Mr. Ottney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Mr. Mechan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0



President of Council

Passed: May 17, 2022

Attest: 
Village Clerk