

MINUTES
NEW BOSTON VILLAGE COUNCIL
May 18, 2021

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. Mills, Mr. Fetty, Mr. Imes, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Mills and Mr. Jones.

Pledge of allegiance/silent prayer

Disposal of minutes – Mr. Mills made a motion to accept and file the minutes from May 4, 2021. Mr. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 6-0.

Reports from committees, delegations, citizens or visitors – **1.** Jon Mills, Chairman of Finance and wage present report from meeting held May 13 – see attached report. Mr. Meehan made a motion to accept and file the report and Mr. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 6-0. **2.** Ralph Imes, Chairman of the Laws & Claims also presented a report from May 13 – see attached report. Mr. Ottney made a motion to accept and file the report and Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 6-0.

Presenting and acting on petitions: none

Reading and acting on communications:

Reports of:

William Williams, Mayor/Dan Fetty, Pres Pro Tem - none

Lana Loper, Clerk/treasurer – **1.** Presented report April 2021. Mr. Mills made a motion to accept and file and Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 6-0. **2.** Reported she had attended the Public Records training on line and represented Mayor and all Council members.

Legal Counsel, Justin Blume – none

Village Administrator, Steve Hamilton – **1.** Presented CSO update report. **2.** Surveyors will be in the village for Columbia Gas upgrading to digital to see what aging pipes they have. **3.** Electric is complete at flood station #9 all paid by FEMA mitigation monies. **4.** Portable pumps

will be removed next week and the new motors will be installed in June. 5. Wright's Fence is now working on the service department fence. 6. With the loan money we received and allocated \$25,000 to upgrade playground equipment, he reported he has worked with the schools and they also want to help upgrade the equipment and they will also add \$25000-\$30,000, which will help getting more and better equipment. Also working with Portsmouth Adm. To help on the problem on Munn's Run. Always good to work with the school and Portsmouth. 7. Meeting tomorrow with West End Electric regarding the damaged pole at Vine and Gallia, which will be replaced and a new traffic light will be added. After that has been repaired the other traffic lights will be installed. 8. Mr. Meehan asked about the annexation of certain properties within the village. Mr. Hamilton stated we are still working on and will refer to Mr. Blume. Mr. Ottney asked if the old equipment at the park would be removed. Mr. Hamilton stated yes it will be taken down. Ask if maybe he could look into getting a merry go round.

Income Tax Director, Lori Jordan – absent

Police report–1. Presented report dated May 13. Mr. Mills made a motion to accept and file the reports and Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 6-0. **2.** Dispatch room coming along good. Thanked Steve, Andrew Bishop and Greg Law with all their help in cleaning and painting.

Chris Davis, Fire Chief – presented monthly report for April 2021. Mr. Mills made a motion to accept and file the report. Mr. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 6-0. **2.** Asked about a fireman being off with Covid. Asked if all were vaccinated and Chief Davis stated some have been and have not. The village had not made all employees to be vaccinated.

Reports of Chairman of Committees:

Mr. Mills, Finance and wage –

Mr. Ottney, Lands, Parks, & Receptions

Mr. Meehan, Street, Alleys, Buildings

Mr. Fetty, Economic & Business Development-

Mr. Imes, Laws & Claims –

Mr. Jones, Flood & Sewage -

Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 22-2021 – An Ordinance was read transferring and appropriating amounts in the various funds of the Village; and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fetty reported he would like to have the ordinance amended to include \$5,000 for additional work in the dispatch office. After discussion, Mr. Mills made a motion to amend to include an appropriation of \$5,000 to the Capital Improved for additional dispatch room. Mr. Imes seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6. 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. Fetty declared the motion carried 6-0. Mr. Mills made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 22-2021**. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6-0

Resolutions:

Resolution No. 11a-2021 – A resolution was read determining to proceed with the submission to the electors of the question of levying a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation; 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. Fetty declared the motion carried 6-0. Mr. Mills made a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 11a-2021**. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6-0

New Business

Mr. Mills – none

Mr. Fetty – 1. Reported the 2022 Budget will need to be submitted to the county by July 20. The first reading will be the next meeting, June 1, the second reading would be June 15, which will also be the public hearing and the third reading would be on July 6 and this would give us time to submit before the 20th. Mr. Jones stated he would like to take time to review since he had just received the 69-page document. He wanted to know if during those three readings if there was something that needed changed would that be possible without starting over with the three readings. Mr. Blume stated it could be amended along the way. Mr. Meehan made a

motion to bring in for the first reading at the next meeting. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 6-0. 2. Mr. Fetty reviewed the fire department upgrades. Mr. Fetty made a motion to bring an appropriations ordinance for the \$10,000 expense. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 6-0. He also made a motion for the \$4,500 turnout gear lockers. Mr. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 6-0. Also made a motion to being in the \$9,000 appropriation for the concrete work around the fire department. Mr. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 6-0. Discussed the paving loan amount we allotted for paving was \$165,000 but the bid came over \$40,000 more than expected. Mr. Fetty made a motion to appropriate the additional \$40,000 for paving. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. Five members (Fetty, Mills, Ottney, Meehan, Imes) concurring, and one member (Jones) not concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 5-1.

Mr. Jones – none

Mr. Ottney – 1. Read a comment from someone on line regarding speeding and also would like officers to patrol around Grace and West Streets. Mr. Ottney asked about the requirements of ATV's, four wheelers, etc. within the village. They are being ridden all over the village. Chief Compton stated they are not street legal. He reported he has stopped a couple to warn them. Mr. Ottney is concerned with safety of all residents. Also speeding within the village was discussed.

Mr. Imes – none

Mr. Meehan - none

There being no further business, Mr. Mills made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 6-0



President of Council

Passed: June 1, 2021

Attest: 

Village Clerk