

MINUTES
NEW BOSTON VILLAGE COUNCIL
June 15, 2021

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

Pledge of allegiance/silent prayer

Public hearing for the 2022 budget – there were no comments from citizens therefore the Public hearing was closed.

Disposal of minutes – Mr. Imes made a motion to accept and file the minutes from June 1, 2021. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

Reports from committees, delegations, citizens or visitors – 1. Dave Miller, Gallia & Vine, NB – asked if the traffic light at Gallia & Vine could be put on flash. That intersection is very noisy also people are running the light and seems to be dray racing on Friday and Saturday nights. Also asked if the pole was going to be fixed. Mr. Hamilton stated the funds are being appropriated tonight to get the pole replaced. Chief Compton stated he will have more patrolman to patrol that area more often. After discussion, council thanked Mr. Miller for coming in.
2. Kim Jenkins, Portsmouth Daily Times – ask for any updates on the officers that have been off since the Vonald Patrick accident – Mayor reported that Larry Anderson and Robert Deerfield are back to work. Steve Goins is still under investigation.

Presenting and acting on petitions: none

At 6:45 p.m. Mayor Williams requested an executive session - Mr. Mills made a motion to go to executive session for employee discipline and Mr. Imes seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6.

At 8:30 p.m. regular session was called back to order. The roll was called with the following members of council being present: Mr. Imes, Mr. Jones, Mr. Mills, Mr. Fetty, Mr. Meehan and Mr. Ottney.

Reading and acting on communications: 1. A letter from Scioto Valley Volunteers Chapter of US Daughters Portsmouth sent a letter saying they would like to honor New Boston on Flay Day with a certificate on the correct use and Display of the Flag of the United Sates of America. Mr. Mills made a motion to accept and file the letter and Mr. Ottney seconded the

motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0. 2. Application was submitted from the New Boston Boys and Girls basketball and cheerleaders for street solicitation – Mr. Fetty stated the only date that could be approved would be July 10 since council does not meet until July 6. Mr. Fetty made a motion to bring in an ordinance to allow the solicitation on July 10, 2021. Mr. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

Reports of:

William Williams, Mayor 1. Thanked Mr. Fetty for filling in for him in his absence. 2. Fireworks are on schedule – Music starting at 6:00 and vendors will be there – fireworks display will be around 10:00 p.m. Marty Mohr with Auto Mania is a gold sponsor – donated \$1,000. 3. Recognized Kyle Sexton and Tanner Voiers who have signed to play ball – Sexton with Ohio Valley and Voiers with Kentucky Christian. 4. Condolences to Justin Blume for the loss of his aunt and Becky Howe for the loss of her mother. 5. Hope to get a ramp or a walkway to the shelter house. He has received a few calls about that. 6. ARPA money has not been received yet. Reviewing what we are allowed to spend the funds for. CARES Act money has to be spent by the end of this year. We've helped individuals and businesses and now would like to help our employees – that is an allowable expense as a hazard pay – this cannot be across the board therefore, police, fire and dispatchers could be paid from the CARES Act money and others from the general fund.

Lana Loper, Clerk/treasurer – report for May 2021 – Mr. Mills made a motion to accept and file the report. Mr. Fetty seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

Legal Counsel, Justin Blume – none

Village Administrator, Steve Hamilton – 1. Presented CSO update 2. AEP is building a new transmission line from Hillsboro to Portsmouth and will end up at our sub station behind Millbrook Avenue. Mayor stated this is big project and will last for years. 3. Talked to Portsmouth about giving back 7% to village to help out with the sewers. 4. Someone has been planting trees in the park but they are not in the right area. The village appreciates it but there is a few that needs to be moved. Anyone wanting to plant needs to contact the village to make sure the location is good. 5. Basketball goals are up at the Warren Park. 6. Had a great clean up day. Thanked the service department.

Income Tax Director, Lori Jordan – absent

Police report– none

Chris Davis, Fire Chief – none

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 –

Mr. Jones, Flood & Sewage -

Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 26-2021 – 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 issues by the clerk at the direction of council. Mr. Mills made a motion for the first reading and Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance No. 27-2021 – An ordinance was read transferring and appropriating amounts in the various funds of the Village; 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 **Ordinance No. 27-2021**. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6-0

Ordinance No. 25-2021 – Second reading was given to an ordinance adopting the Budget for the Village of New Boston, Ohio for the fiscal year 2022. Mr. Mills made a motion for the second reading. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6.

Resolutions: none

New Business

Mr. Jones – 1. Supports the Mayor in favor of giving employees one time pay from the coronavirus funds. 2. Discussed the dangers of street solicitation. He is in favor but feels maybe more safety should be considered. Stated he was close to a traffic accident himself at one of the collection sights. Maybe flashings lights or signs could be posted in the future.

Mr. Ottney – none

Mr. Imes – 1. Asked about the rules regarding golf carts. Mayor has some paperwork for the solicitor to reviews. Mayor said state rules are no one is allowed on a road above 35 mph. The question is whether the local government wants to allow. He feels an ordinance should be passed if we want to allow the golf carts in the village. After further discussion, Mayor stated he will have Justin Blume review and report back at next meeting. 2. Asked about GPS systems for our village vehicles. He feels these would be handy for security, etc. Mr. Hamilton stated he would check to see if Evan would be able to do if we are interested.

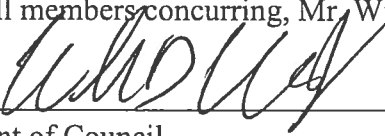
Mr. Meehan – Thanked Mr. Hamilton for cutting back the trees on Harrisonville Ave. With all the storms we've had it could have been a dangerous situation. Mayor stated the trees on Gallia Street also need trimmed. The costs for that project would be around \$25,000.

Mr. Mills – 1. Stated a few meetings ago council had discussed the purchase of Christmas lights for the village. After discussion, Mr. Jones voted for \$8,000 and Mr. Mills would like to spend \$15,000. Mayor stated he would bring in some prices and items that we would like to purchase. 2. Discussed the money from the virus fund if possible. After discussion, Mr. Mills made a motion to bring in an Ordinance at the next meeting to pay police, fire and dispatch out of the CARES Act and all others out of general fund. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Fetty – Asked Mr. Hamilton if he had checked with AEP for adding electric to poles. Steve stated they are gathering prices now. 2. Police department is still in need of a server. Steve will be getting price quotes. 3. Discussed the house on Stanton Avenue which burnt. Mayor stated this does need to be taken care of at the village expense. Also, a house on Glenwood that still needs torn down. We have a deposit from the insurance company to make sure that gets got. It's in a deal now to be sold but not able too until the house is torn down or remodeled. 4. Discussed

the problems with sewers with the disposable wipes. Steve stated this are a problem and they are not flushable as advertised. Asking residents not to use. 5. Welcomed the Mayor back to work.

There being no further business, Mr. Fetty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0



President of Council

Passed: July 6, 2021

Attest: Sam Lopez
Village Clerk