

MINUTES
NEW BOSTON VILLAGE COUNCIL
July 6, 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

Disposal of minutes – Mr. Mills made a motion to accept and file the minutes from June 15, 2021. Mr. Fetty seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

Reports from committees, delegations, citizens or visitors – 1. Dave Miller, 3903 Gallia, NB – spoke to council about his concerns at the intersection of Gallia Vine, specifically the traffic light. He stated there was two playgrounds around the area and reported there is no signage – should be for safety of the kids, he feels a caution light would be better at that intersection and would promote the slowing of traffic and noise. Referred to streets and alleys committee. **2.** Pricilla Harris, Portsmouth Director of Marijuana Decriminalization – spoke to council hoping they would consider an ordinance to reduce the penalties of possession of marijuana, this would take out the fines and charges to zero if under two hundred grams. See attached additional info. Referred to Laws & Claims committee.

Presenting and acting on petitions: none

Reading and acting on communications: 1. Discussed an email from Ohio Grants Partnership regarding the one time pay increase to employees. According to the email this would not be an allowed expense. However, an increase in hourly wages would be allowed. Council can consider going a different route by giving a \$1.00 hour increase up to \$1,000 till the end of the year. Police, Fire, Dispatch would come from these funds and other employees would be paid from general fund. There is approximately 1040 hours till the end of the year. After discussion, Mr. Jones thanked the mayor for looking out for our employees and trying to help them so he made a motion to bring in an ordinance for the \$1.00 increase per hour till the end of the year up to \$1,000.

Reports of:

William Williams, Mayor 1. Fireworks went well and thanked everyone for all their help. Everything was good and no safety problems. Talking now about Party at the Park. Also

thanked Marty Mohr for his support. **2.** Chief Compton was in an accident and has been in hospital. He is home now and we wish him well. **3.** Presented Mayor's court report for June 2021. 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 6-0.

Lana Loper, Clerk/treasurer – no report

Legal Counsel, Justin Blume – ask for an executive session later

Village Administrator, Steve Hamilton – **1.** Thanked all departments for all their help with the 4th of July celebration – everything went well. **2.** Presented emergency management meeting report – info only **3.** Paving is complete in the alleys except inspection. Second phase of paving will be starting soon on Grace Street, Vine & West, Stanton, Columbia Avenue, Blaine Avenue and top of Taft Street. Tree Street alleys and speed bumps were also discussed. **4.** All new motors are in pump station #10. Hope to get them wet tested soon. **5.** Been working with the school on the playgroup equipment. Equipment has been ordered. **6.** Bids will be open on July 22 for Phase 8B, West Avenue and Millbrook Avenue. Also relining will be done on major lines. Looking at 4.2 million of what we have in monies and hope bids come in under that. **7.** Still waiting on price on servers in the dispatch. **8.** Presented quotes for 25 GPS for vehicles. **9.** Mr. Fetty asked why the tree street alleys are on hold. His understating was they were included in the bids. Mr. Hamilton stated they were not in that bid of \$165,000. Mr. Fetty said he would look at it later. Mayor stated we could get a cost for those alleys. --- Mayor mentioned the ARPA monies should be coming. Was going to get 436,000 it has been cut to 218,000. All villages and townships have been cut.

Income Tax Director, Lori Jordan – absent – but report for **June 2021** was presented. Mr. Meehan made a motion to accept and file the report and Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

Interim Police Chief, Carl Compton – absent – but report for **May27/July 2** was presented. Mr. Mills made a motion to accept and file the report and Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

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. 28-2021 – An ordinance was read authorizing the issuance of a permit to New Boston Basketball 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; and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 29-2021 – 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. Jones seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0. Mr. Meehan made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 29-2021**. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6-0

Ordinance No. 26-2021 – Second reading was given to an ordinance 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. Fetty made a motion for the first reading and Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance No. 25-2021 – Third 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 to adopt Ordinance No. 25-2021. Mr. Fetty seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6.

Discussed a draft copy of an ordinance regarding low speed vehicles. Mr. Jones stated he would like to change the ordinance to 35 MPH instead of the 25 MPH based on state laws. Mr. Blume stated he wrote it that way because he did want council to discuss the matter. There was much discussion on the mileage and the charge of inspection. Mr. Ottney made a motion to bring in the ordinance as written with the 25 MPH and inspection fee of \$25.00 per year. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. Four members (Ottney, Mills, Imes, Fetty) concurring and two members (Jones, Meehan) not concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 4-2.

Resolutions: none

New Business

Mr. Ottney – 1. Thanked everyone for working on the 4th of July. It was a terrific show but he felt it should have been a little longer. Maybe next year we can plan for that. Discussed residents setting off fireworks and feels this needs to be more controlled.

Mr. Imes – 1. Asked what needs to be done to get the GPS systems installed in vehicles? Mayor stated money would have to be appropriated. Mr. Jones discussed the fees to maintain each year. Mr. Meehan also asked about the cost and fees after the twelve months which was on the quote. Mr. Imes stated that are three things this could help with – emergency in case someone was sick, stolen vehicles and someone getting sluggish and just resting in their car for a few hours. More discussion was held and council feels we need to hold off until total costs and fees are certain.

Mr. Meehan – 1. Also felt the fireworks should be a little longer. Mayor stated we could have them spread out more or pay more money to get more. **2.** Ask when the sewer hole on

Lakeview will be fixed. Steve stated next week. 3. Set Streets and Alley's meeting for Monday, July 12 at 3:30 p.m. Also, Laws & Claims set for 4:30 p.m. the same day.

Mr. Mills – 1. He liked the fireworks very much and nothing wrong with them. If longer feels people would be bored. He also thanked everyone for a great job on the fireworks.

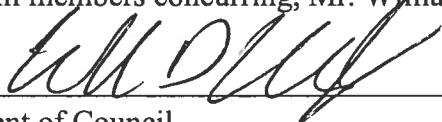
Mr. Fetty – 1. Took a drive through the village and noticed how faded some of the stop signs were. Steve stated he had 10 at the service department. Asked when the walls near the park would be repaired. Steve stated bids are going out by the end of July on Lakeshore Drive for a 180' wall along the creek. Engineer is complete and hope they get started by the end of August. 2. Asked Lana about the flower fund. She stated as of now there are no funds. 3. Enjoyed the fireworks very much and walking around talking about. Also thanked everyone that worked.

Mr. Jones - Thanked the police department for responding quickly to a call he made. Also thanked everyone that worked the 4th of July.

At 8:15 p.m. Mr. Mills made a motion to move to executive session for employee discipline. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows – Ayes – 6.

Regular session was called back to order. The roll was called the following members were present: Mr. Fetty, Mr. Jones, Mr. Ottney, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Mills and Mr. Imes.

There being no further business, Mr. Fetty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0



President of Council

Passed: July 20, 2021

Attest: Lana Lopez
Village Clerk