

MINUTES  
NEW BOSTON VILLAGE COUNCIL  
August 2, 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. Fetty, Mr. Imes, Mr. Henson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Ottney and Mr. Mechan

**Pledge of allegiance/silent prayer**

**Disposal of minutes** –Mr. Ottney made a motion to accept and file the minutes from July 19, 2022. Mr. Meehan 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 St. - Reported there were several missing crosswalks in the village. He mentioned the one in front of Frank’s Place. Mayor stated he did notice that and he would review the crosswalk ordinance and check to see which ones are needed. 2. Ron Galloway reported RDG has purchased two more radio stations.

**Presenting and acting on petitions:** none

**Reading and acting on communications:** Letters were read from Chief Compton and Mayor Williams on the confirmation to hire Nick Kerns as permanent police officer. He has completed his one-year probationary period. Mr. Fetty made a motion to confirm the appointment and Mr. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

**Reports of:**

**William Williams, Mayor** – 1. Presented court report for July 2022. Mr. Fetty made a motion to accept and file the report and Mr. Mechan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

**Lana Loper, Clerk/treasurer** – Reported the auditors started on Monday. 2. Reported she attended the Public Records meeting and did present council members a certificate showing she represented each member and mayor.

**Legal Counsel, Justin Blume** – Mr. Ottney asked for an opinion on the fireworks law and stated he was correct that unless we opt out, fireworks would be allowed in the village based on state laws.

**Village Administrator, Steve Hamilton** – 1. Condolences to the Josh Alley family. 2. 90% of sewer line has been completed and then will start on the storm sewer. VA sewers will be started on soon. 3. Concrete project at the fire department has started. 4. Presented CSO update report

**Income Tax Director, Lori Jordan** – absent but report for July 2022 was presented. Mr. Meehan 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.

**Police Chief, Carl Compton** –report for July 2022 was presented. Mr. Jones made a motion to accept and file the report. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

**Chris Davis, Fire Chief** – no report

#### **Reports of Chairman of Committees:**

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

**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. 24-2022** was read transferring and appropriating amounts in the various funds of the village; 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. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0. Mr. Ottney made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 24-2022**. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6.

**Ordinance No. 25-2022** was read to approve Then and Now Certificate in excess of \$3,000 for payment to West End Electric Co., Inc. 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. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0. Mr. Ottney made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 25-2022**. Mr. Imes seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6.

### **Resolutions:**

**None**

### **New Business**

**Mr. Jones – 1.** Ask about Phase 8C – Steve stated it is a joint Phase with Portsmouth and should know about principal forgiveness by the end of November. This is for the new Munn’s Run sewer lift station. **2.** Discussed more about the garbage ordinance. Feels we need to start with a \$5.00 fee before it gets out of control and fees would need to be higher. Spoke to some residents and they would be in favor of the \$5.00 fee. **3.**

**Mr. Ottney – 1.** Also have spoken to a few residents and they seem to agree with the \$5.00 trash fee. **2.** Discussed the fireworks safety in the village and feels it is unsafe to allow them. Mr. Fetty reviewed some of the state laws with council and feels the state guidelines are ok for the village residents. After further discussion, Mr. Ottney made a motion to bring in an ordinance to opt out of the state fireworks law in the village on emergency basis. Mr. Imes seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 3 (Ottney, Imes, Jones) nays – 3 (Meehan, Fetty, Henson). Mayor Williams broke the tie vote with an aye to bring in the ordinance on emergency basis to opt out of the state fireworks law.

**Mr. Imes – none**

**Mr. Meehan** – 1. Attended the PATH ribbon cutting. This is a mental health facility and not a drug rehab. They are having an event next Tuesday, August 9 from 11 am to 2 p.m. giving out school supplies, hygiene supplies, etc. Child must be in attendance with the parent.

**Mr. Henson** – none

**Mr. Fetty** – 1. Reported he also attended the Public Records training. Very educational and enjoyed the meeting. 2. Ask about estimates for roofing, concrete, trash cans etc. Steve stated he has received quotes for roofing and will be over \$50,000 and will need to bid out. Mr. Murphy will be giving him quotes for concrete this week and trash cans and truck with tippers will be about \$250,000. He asked for a finance meeting for further discussion. 3. Stated several weeks ago representatives from Horizon was here to discuss fiber optic cable and ask if anything has been done further. Mayor stated at this time no with all the other expenses we are looking at and Steve also reported our buildings are old and feels money may need to be spent on them. 4. Ask Steve to explain what is going on with the creek wall at the park. Steve reported put money will be added to repair the other side where he fell and cut back the back where it sunk and will get done but because of the Covid things are slowed down. This is about a \$400,000 project with FEMA paying the 10%. 5. Reported to Chief Compton that there is speeding done on the side streets and would like more patrol.

Mayor reported this Saturday is the free village wide yard sale.

Mayor reported he did need an executive session for the hiring of personnel. Mr. Meehan made a motion to move into executive session at 7:20 p.m. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6.

At 8:05 p.m. Mr. Fetty made a motion to move back into regular session. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6.

There being no further business, Mr. Ottney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0

  
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President of Council

Passed: August 16, 2022

Attest:   
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Village Clerk