

MINUTES  
NEW BOSTON VILLAGE COUNCIL  
August 3, 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. Fetty made a motion to accept and file the minutes from July 20, 2021. Mr. Imes 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** – thanked the village for the new signs and stated they looked good. Asked is an automated trip could be installed at the light at Gallia and Vine Streets and also a crosswalk. Mr. Jones stated he had checked on automated trips and didn't realize there were several different kinds. Discussion was held regarding the costs. **2. Hope Comer, Publisher of the Portsmouth Daily Times** asked Interim Police Chief if Officers Robert Deerfield and Larry Anderson had been given any duties since returning to work – Chief Compton stated that Deerfield had been doing schedules as usual and Anderson was back on duty with traffic stops, etc. She also asked Justin Blume if Dawn Frick had represented NB or EEO cases besides this current case. Mr. Blume stated the village insurance carrier provided Frick to investigate and they paid her. She also asked the Mayor as to why Chief Goins has not returned to work. Mayor stated he is still in the process of reviewing all the reports then will discuss the matter with Goins. He stated he had not ordered any of the investigations but feels his decision will be coming in weeks instead of months.

**Presenting and acting on petitions: none**

**Reading and acting on communications: 1.** Recommendation letter was read from the Mayor for the hiring of Matthew Qualls as police officer on a one-year probationary period. Mr. Qualls was present and stated he would be happy to serve the village of New Boston. Mr. Fetty made a motion to hire Mr. Qualls and Mr. Imes seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6.

**Reports of:**

**William Williams, Mayor – 1.** Letters were sent out to businesses regarding donations for Party at the Park, which will be held on September 25. Asking anyone for help and donations. **2.** Received a call from Arby's last month that they had a donation for the Christmas Fund. We went there today and they presented us with a check for \$3,500. This will give us a great start. Many thanks to Arby's. **3.** Taco Bell now open and we welcome them. **4.** Scioto County is in a peak again with the with the Covid 19. Everyone to do their part in staying safe. **5.** Reported he is looking to increase the fines for speeding and people not paying fines he can block license. Presented mayor's court report for July 2021. Mr. Mills made a motion to accept and file the report. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

**Lana Loper, Clerk/treasurer – none**

**Legal Counsel, Justin Blume –** asked for an executive session for pending litigation

**Village Administrator, Steve Hamilton – 1.** There will be a back to school bash on August 21 from 11-2 at the park. Several residents are wanting to get together to help out the students with school supplies, etc. Everyone is welcome to participate.

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

**Interim Police Chief, Carl Compton –**

**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 –** see attached minutes from July 23 meeting. Mr. Meehan made a motion to bring in an ordinance reflecting the speed limit changes recommended by the committee. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. Five members (Fetty, Meehan, Mills, Ottney, Jones) concurring and one member (Imes) not concurring, the motion was carried 5-1.

**Mr. Fetty, Economic & Business Development-**

## **Mr. Imes, Laws & Claims**

## **Mr. Jones, Flood & Sewage -**

## **Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

### **Ordinances:**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Readings**

**Ordinance No. 32-2021** – 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. Fetty seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0. Mr. Mills made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 32-2021**. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6-0

**Ordinance No. 33-2021** – An ordinance was read to approve then and now certificate in excess of \$3,000 for payment to Xylem; and declaring an emergency. Mr. Mill made a motion to amend the ordinance from Stephens Campbell to Xylem. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0. 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. 33-2021**. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6-0

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Readings**

**Ordinance No. 30-2021** – Second reading was given to an ordinance authorizing the operation of low speed under speed or utility vehicles. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0. Mr. Jones stated he was still in favor of the low speed vehicles to be on 35-mph speed limit. Mr. Meehan made a motion to amended the ordinance for wording issues. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0. After further discussion, Mr. Jones made a motion to amend the speed limit to 35-mph. Mr. Fetty seconded the motion. Two members (Fetty, Jones) voting yea and four members (Imes, Meehan, Mills, Ottney) voting nay, the motion failed 2-4. Mr. Ottney made a motion for the second reading and Mr. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

## **Resolutions:**

**Resolution No. 16-2021** – A resolution was read authorizing the re-payment of an advance 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. Mills seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried. Mr. Meehan made a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 16-2021**. Mr. Fetty seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6.

## **New Business**

**Mr. Meehan** – none

**Mr. Mills** – none

**Mr. Fetty** – 1. Asked about the Big Sandy trailer at the park. Steve stated this will be there till after Party at the Park. Mayor stated we had talked about a permanent stage. 2. Reported he was chairman of the Economic & Business Development and even though no meeting has been held he did want to report that in the past months the following developments: old Eagles by Walmart will be Scioto Family and Behavioral building, ESC getting ready to install elevator which will benefit more businesses, Bargain Depot at the end of New Boston, Southern Ohio Wholesales has moved in the Kyle Sign building, Family Hearing Center, Dept. of Labor Resource Center in the Rural King mall. These are positive improvements. Finances look good also. 3. Welcomed Mr. Qualls to New Boston

**Mr. Jones** – thanked the Portsmouth Times for coming this evening

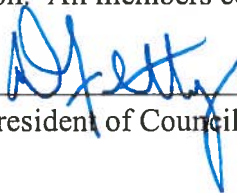
**Mr. Ottney** - Discussed how much the virus is growing again. Stated that Scioto County is one of the worse in the state. He made a motion to mandate employees wear masks in doors and in vehicles, whether or not vaccinated or not. After much discussion, there was no second, therefore, the motion failed.

**Mr. Imes** – none

At 7:45 p.m. Mr. Imes made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of pending litigation. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6.

Regular session was called back to order at 8:55 p.m. The roll was called. All members from the regular meeting was present.

There being no further business, Mr. Fetty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0

  
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President of Council

Passed: August 17, 2021

Attest: Sara Lopez  
Village Clerk