

MINUTES
NEW BOSTON VILLAGE COUNCIL
August 17, 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. Ottney, Mr. Fetty, Mr. Imes, Mr. Meehan and Mr. Jones.

Pledge of allegiance/silent prayer

Disposal of minutes – Mr. Jones made a motion to accept and file the minutes from August 3, 2021. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 5-0.

Reports from committees, delegations, citizens or visitors – 1. Dave Miller, Gallia – Discussed with council the possibility of putting a traffic control trip loop at the intersection of Gallia and Vine and also a possible crosswalk.

Presenting and acting on petitions: none

Reading and acting on communications: none

Reports of:

William Williams, Mayor – absent

Lana Loper, Clerk/treasurer – presented report for July 2021. Mr. Meehan made a motion to accept and file the report. Mr. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 5-0.

Legal Counsel, Justin Blume – 1. Presented a list of foreclosures in the village to have council decide whether or not they would like to accept them. 2. Presented an agreement with Portsmouth regarding the sewerage system for treatment and disposal. 3. Ask for executive session later for the purpose of litigation.

Village Administrator, Steve Hamilton – 1. The back to school bash is still being held on August 21 from 11-2 at the park. Asking for donations and also invited everyone to attend. 2. Presented information regarding the Lakeshore Drive retaining wall, which was a \$300,000 project with 90% paid by USDA and 10% FEMA. 3. Presented a CSO update. 4. Starting next week the old playground equipment will be removed.

Income Tax Director, Lori Jordan – none

Interim Police Chief, Carl Compton – presented report for August 12. Mr. Jones made a motion to accept and file the report. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 5-0.

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:

1st Readings

Ordinance No. 34-2021 – An ordinance was read amending Section 333.03 of the codified ordinances of the Village of New Boston. After discussion regarding the ordinance, Mr. Fetty made a motion to table the ordinance and Mr. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Meehan will set a Streets and Alleys meeting later to discuss the details.

Ordinance No. 35-2021 – An ordinance was read transferring and appropriating amounts in the various funds of the Village; and declaring an emergency. Mr. Hamilton report he would like the ordinance to be amended to add additional funds to the park repairs and to the flood defense repairs. Mr. Imes made a motion to amend the ordinance to include the additional funds for the repairs. Mr. Fetty seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 5-0. 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. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Meehan made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 35-2021**. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5-0

Ordinance No. 30-2021 – Third reading was given to an ordinance authorizing the operation of low speed under speed or utility vehicles. Mr. Jones stated he was still in favor of the low speed vehicles to be on 35-mph speed limit. Stated residents would be able to do shopping, restaurants, etc. Mr. Ottney stated that would be nice and maybe figure out something how that could be done in another way but feels safety is still a problem for him. Feels the safety should come first. 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 three members (Imes, Meehan, Ottney) voting nay, the motion failed 3-2. Mr. Ottney made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 30-2021** and Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 5-0.

Resolutions:

Resolution No. 17^A-2021 – A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and the Village Administrator of New Boston, Ohio, to apply for, accept and enter into an OWDA Construction Loan Agreement on behalf of the Village of New Boston for the construction of the New Boston CSO Improvement Project Phase 8B, Designated A dedicated repayment source for the loan and declare and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fetty 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. Fetty declared the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Meehan made a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 17-2021**. Mr. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 18-2021 – A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and the Village Administrator of New Boston, Ohio, to issue a Tentative Notice of Award for construction contract 1-2021, CSO Improvements Phase 8B Base Bid, Alternative Bid No. 1, Alternative Bid No. 2, Alternative Bid No. 3, Alternative Bid No. 4 and Alternative Bid No. 9 to Distel Construction, Inc. and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fetty 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 5-0. Mr. Meehan made a motion to adopt

Resolution No. 18-2021. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 5-0.

New Business

Mr. Mills – absent

Mr. Fetty – 1. Asked Mr. Blume to begin legal proceedings to tear down the house on York Street that is owned by Helen Smith. Steve stated he has a quote for \$8,500. After discussion was held, Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 5-0. Also discussed a house at 4243 rear Oak Street that needs to come down also that has asbestos and is very dangerous. Mr. Fetty also made a moved to proceed to have it torn down and to have Mr. Hamilton to get an estimate. Steve also reported debris will be removed on Stanton Avenue for a cost of \$3,000.

Mr. Jones – had complaints from residents regarding appliances on porches and roaches in homes. Discussion was made on all the possibilities of having these residents take accountability for keeping their houses up to code. Also discussed calling the Health Department.

Mr. Ottney - none

Mr. Imes – none

Mr. Meehan - none

At 7:45 p.m. Mr. Meehan made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of litigation. Mr. Fetty seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5.

Regular session was called back to order at 8:00 p.m. The roll was called. All members from the regular meeting was present.

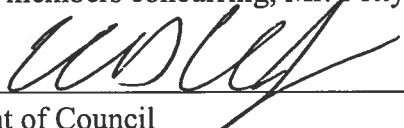
Mr. Meehan made a motion to pursue to enter into the sewer contract with the City of Portsmouth. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5.

At 8:03 p.m. Mr. Meehan made a motion to move to another executive session for employee discipline. Mr. Imes seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5.

Regular session was called back to order at 8:23 p.m. All members from first regular session was present.

Mr. Jones made a motion to attain Clemens Nelson & Associates to assist the Mayor with the investigation of Chief Goins. Mr. Imes seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5.

There being no further business, Mr. Fetty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Mr. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Fetty declared the motion carried 5-0



President of Council

Passed: September 7, 2021

Attest: Lana Lopez
Village Clerk