

MINUTES
NEW BOSTON VILLAGE COUNCIL
November 2, 2021

Regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. William Williams, Jr., President of Council presided over the meeting. The roll was called with the following members of council being present: Mr. Imes, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Ottney, Mr. Fetty, Mr. Jones and Mr. Mills

Pledge of allegiance/silent prayer

Disposal of minutes –

Reports from committees, delegations, citizens or visitors – 1. Christopher Goins, Esq. asked council vote to waive the attorney client privilege regarding the release of the Kester report stating that the sheriff's office has already received a copy. Solicitor Justin Blume responded stating he disagreed with this and Mr. Kester was working for the village and it is client privilege and that the village had not released to the sheriff's office or any other third party. He also stated the courts make the decisions regarding attorney client privilege.

*****Mr. Fetty entered into the meeting. 2. Dave Miller, Gallia Street, NB – asked if there was any update on the crosswalk at Gallia and Vinc. Mayor Williams and Village Administrator report they would look into in.

Presenting and acting on petitions: none

Reading and acting on communications: 1. Presented letters recommending Jill Burton be hired in the police department. After discussion, Mr. Meehan made a motion to hire Ms. Burton and Mr. Imes seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6 2. Presented letter to hire Lindi Anderson full time since she has completed her one-year probationary period. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5 (Jones, Imes, Meehan, Fetty, Ottney) and nays – 1 (Mills). 3. Presented letters recommending Eric Lutz as a new firefighter. Mr. Imes made a motion to confirm the hiring of Mr. Lutz and Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 6.

Reports of:

William Williams, Mayor – 1. Condolences to the Patty Fannin family. She has been a resident for many years and worked in the schools and always the elections. She will be missed. 2. Presented information about installing new time clocks. 3. Presented Mayor's court report for October 2021. Mr. Fetty 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.

Lana Loper, Clerk/treasurer – none

Legal Counsel, Justin Blume –none

Village Administrator, Steve Hamilton – 1. Also gave condolences to the Patty Fannin family as well as James Bishop and Tom Maynard families. 2. Discussed the possibility of getting a sleight with Santa for the parade or having someone on the fire truck as Santa. Jon will set parade meeting.

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

Interim Police Chief, Carl Compton –1. Chief Compton responded to an article in the Daily Times regarding the resignation of former officer Robert Deerfield. He shared with council he felt the article was directed at him and at no time did the Daily Times contact him for information and what was sent to the Times came from Deerfield. Feels the Times should look into articles before releasing and do a little bit of checking the source. He also suggested that the Daily Times or anyone else make a public records request from the Scioto County Prosecutor's Office asking about the Brady lists, which is a list of people that had been caught lying during a proceeding and cannot be trusted. He reported Mr. Deerfield was on this list. Chief Compton continued that he had never hidden the fact the he himself was fired from the prosecutor's office in December 2020. Lastly, he stated that the Portsmouth Daily Times would do a better job of basic journalism and research the story or a the very least give the person they are doing the story on a chance to be heard. 2. Presented report dated October. 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.

Committee Reports

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. 43-2021 – An ordinance authorizing one-time bonus for employees who have received Covid-19 vaccination; and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fetty made a motion to correct the date from February 2, 2021 to February 2, 2022. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0. 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. Fetty seconded the motion. The vote was five members (Fetty, Meehan, Jones, Imes, Ottney) – yes and one-member (Mills) nay. Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-1. Mr. Jones made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 43-2021**. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. The roll was called. Five members voted yes (Ottney, Jones, Imes, Fetty, Meehan) and 1 nay vote (Mills). Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-1.

Ordinance No. 44-2021 – An ordinance was read amending section 131.01 of the codified ordinances of the Village of New Boston. Mr. Mills made a motion for the 1st reading. Mr.

Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance No. 45-2021 – An ordinance was read amending section 131.01 of the codified ordinances of the Village of New Boston. Mr. Mills made a motion for the 1st reading. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance No. 46-2021 – An ordinance was read amending section 131.01 of the codified ordinances of the Village of New Boston. Mr. Mills made a motion for the 1st reading. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance No. 47-2021 – An ordinance was read transferring and appropriating amounts in the various funds of the Village; 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. Five members (Mills, Fetty, Jones, Imes, Ottney) concurring and one member (Meehan) not concurring Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-1. Mr. Fetty made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 47-2021**. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. The roll was called. Five members (Mills, Fetty, Jones, Imes, Ottney) voting yes and one member (Meehan) voting nay, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-1.

Resolutions:

none

New Business

Mr. Meehan – none

Mr. Mills – set parade meeting for Thursday, November 4th at 1:00 p.m.

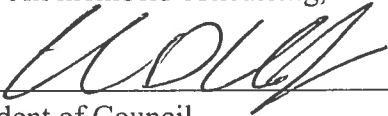
Mr. Fetty – Also sends his condolences to the Patty Fannin family – stating she will be greatly missed and to the James Bishop family. 2. Received a complaint regarding parking on the sidewalk on Lakeview Ave. by the school blocking pedestrian crossing. Read a couple ordinances regarding this problem. Also, the complaint was regarding York and Lakeview. He is asking all people parking on curbs near the school to not to park on the sidewalks.

Mr. Jones – Christmas lights that were ordered looks good. **2.** His employer has mandated the vaccine and is glad the village has not mandated but encourages the employ to get vaccinated by the deadline and take advantage of the bonus.

Mr. Ottney – **1.** Thanked village employees for a great work during the trick or treat hours and making everyone feel safe. **2.** Sends his condolences to the families mentioned tonight.

Mr. Imes – Also sends his condolences to the families

There being no further business, Mr. Imes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 6-0



President of Council

Passed: November 16, 2021

Attest: 

Village Clerk