

MINUTES  
NEW BOSTON VILLAGE COUNCIL  
January 19, 2021

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

**Pledge of allegiance/silent prayer**

**Disposal of minutes** – Mr. Ottney made a motion to accept and file the minutes from January 5, 2021. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0.

Reports from committees, delegations, citizens or visitors: Mark Sneeve, Strand Associates, Inc. – presented a power point explaining the CSO Phase 8B Project. He stated Phase 8 is underway and due to be completed in March 2021. The cost of the project is \$250,000 and will be funded by Portsmouth and DEFA – there is no cost to the village. The improvements include: 1. Construct new, larger sanitary sewer along West Avenue toward the CSX railroad. 2. Replace the Webb Alley pump station on Millbrook Avenue. 3. Add a level sensing flow meter in an existing manhole on Lakeside and Rhodes. 4. Structural lining of sanitary sewers at several locations within the Village. 5. Separate combines sewer near the VA clinic

Presenting and acting on petitions: none

Reading and acting on communications: 1. Presented resignation letters from Officer Jessie Kontras and Lieutenant Nathan Fannin. Mr. Mills made a motion to accept and file the resignations and Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0. Also presented a resignation letter was presented from Councilman Vonald Patrick. Mr. Mills made a motion to accept and file the resignation. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried. Mr. Mills stated we need to advertise to fill the vacant seat of the council member. Mr. Fetty made a motion to have applications in by February 5. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0. 2. Presented a notice of draft section 401 water quality certification and public hearing. 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 5-0. 3.

**Reports of:**

**William Williams, Mayor** –1. Reported he and Lana were closing with the bank for the \$300,000 improvement loan on Thursday, January 21. 2. Presented additional information regarding Covid 19 vaccine. 3. New President Biden being coming in today. Maybe some good news about local government funds being increased. 4. Traffic alert went out today regarding the trimming of trees on Rt. 139 and the traffic will be rerouted. 5. Flag is at half-staff due the killing of police officer, Brandon Stalker in Lucas County.

**Lana Loper, Clerk/treasurer** – presented December 2020 and yearly 2020 reports. Mr. Fetty stated we have received the rebate from BWC of over \$200,000 in December. Mr. Fetty made a motion to accept and file the reports. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0.

**Legal Counsel, Justin Blume** – Worked out a deal with former Councilman Vonald Patrick to plead no contest to OVI and submit his resignation. He is accepting full responsibilities of his actions.

**Village Administrator, Steve Hamilton** – 1. Looking at the alleys, traffic lights and the dispatch room. These are the projects that the loan was for and will be getting bids. 2. Tree trimming will be starting at 8:00 am tomorrow. 3. We have plenty of salt and ready for winter. 4. Mr. Fetty asked for an update on the garbage trucks. Mr. Hamilton reported the newer truck is being repaired now and will be ready for pickup on Friday or Monday. Old truck repairs may be over \$7,000 and not sure if it would be worth fixing.

**Income Tax Director, Lori Jordan** – no report

**Steve Goins, Chief of Police** –Presented reported dated January 14, 2021. Mr. Ottney made a motion to accept and file the police reports. Mr. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0.

**Chris Davis, Fire Chief** – Presented 2020 yearly report. Mr. Imes made a motion to accept and file the report. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0.

#### **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. Patrick, Flood, Sewage & Service**

**Mr. Imes, Laws & Claims**

Mr. Ottney reported there were comments on line from Mark Craycraft, Scioto County News asking when Mr. Patrick removed from council. Mayor Williams reported he was not removed from office but resigned with the agreement with the Solicitor. Chief Goins reported crash reports are complete. Mr. Blume stated the reports could not be released until the case has been resolved in Municipal Court. As soon as those are resolved, anyone can pick up a report.

### **Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

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

**Resolution No. 1-2021** – A resolution was read authorizing an Advance from the General Fund; 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. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Fetty made a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 1-2021**. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5-0.

**Ordinance No. 5-2021** – An ordinance was read transferring appropriations in the various fuds of the village; and declaring and 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. Meehan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Meehan made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 5-2021**. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5

**Ordinance No. 6-2021** – An ordinance was read to approve then and now certificate in excess of \$3,000 for payment to Cerni Motor Sales, Inc.; and declaring and 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 5-0. Mr. Mills made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 6-2021**. Mr. Fetty seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5

**Ordinance No. 7-2021** – An ordinance was read to approve then and now certificate in excess of \$3,000 for payment to AEP of Ohio; and declaring and 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 5-0. Mr. Meehan made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 7-2021**. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5

**Ordinance No. 8-2021** – An ordinance was to approve then and now certificate in excess of \$3,000 for payment to SERVPRO; and declaring and 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. Meehan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Mills made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 8-2021**. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5

#### **New Business**

**Mr. Meehan** – none

**Mr. Mills** – stated he was angry with what is going on with Mr. Patrick. He was glad no one was seriously injured. Many questions are still unanswered. Asked Chief Goins why it took long to get a citation. Chief stated this is part of his internal investigation. Also asked about the blood work for Mr. Patrick and Chief Goins also stated this is part of the investigation.

**Mr. Fetty** – 1. Thanked Portsmouth for loaning us use of their garbage truck. 2. Also thanked Mark Sneeve for the presentation tonight on Phase 8. 3. Asked if there was any news regarding the contract with Portsmouth sewer agreement. Mr. Blume stated he has not heard anything. 4. Stated he reluctantly accepts the resignation of Mr. Patrick. Mr. Patrick has been a solid resident of New Boston for many years and enjoyed working with him. Wished Mr. Patrick well.

**Mr. Ottney** – none

**Mr. Imes** - none

There being no further business, Mr. Mills made a motion to adjourn the meeting at

7:40 p.m. Mr. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0

  
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President of Council

Passed: February 2, 2021

Attest: Lana Lopez  
Village Clerk