

MINUTES  
NEW BOSTON VILLAGE COUNCIL  
February 2, 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.** Reviewed contract with Toole & Assoc. Mr. Mills made a motion to bring in an Ordinance to renew the contract. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0. **2.** Mr. Williams presented letter of appointment for Interim Police Chief to Jacob Emmett. Mr. Mills made a motion to approve the appointment. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5. **3.** Presented letter of recommendation to hire Carl Compton as a police officer. Mr. Fetty made the motion to hire Mr. Compton and Mr. Imes seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5. **4.** Presented letter to hire Nicholas Shanks as firefighter. Mr. Mills made a motion to hire Mr. Shanks and Mr. Imes seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5. **5.** Mayor reported we have received the award from AEP for the charging station.

**Reports of:**

**William Williams, Mayor** –1. We have received the \$300,000 loan proceeds from US Bank. Steve will be working with the county on the paving project. He is also putting the traffic light project, the dispatch room upgrade and the basketball goals and fencing at the park up for bid. We have also the grant for \$120,000 paving with the cost of \$48,000 to the village, therefore we would have about \$285, 000 for paving. 2. Police department has received the grant for the voice recorder. 3. In & Out has opened in the former Shrimpy Joe’s building. 4. With the freezing temperatures tonight the Salvation Army has open their doors. 5. Investigations have begun and the mutual aid we are receiving is very helpful. 6. Presented mayor’s court report for January 2021. Mr. Mills made a motion to accept and file the report and Mr. Fetty seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0.

**Lana Loper, Clerk/treasurer** – no report

**Legal Counsel, Justin Blume** – reported he is working with the independent council

**Village Administrator, Steve Hamilton** – 1. Thanked the service department for their hard work in keeping the roads clear during the snowfall. 2. Garbage truck has been repaired and back from Youngstown. 3. All the electrical work has been completed at flood control stations #8 & #9. This a \$200,000 FEMA mitigation project. 3. Gulf Coast is still building new motors to be placed on the pumps, which is close to a \$1 million project paid by the Corps of Engineers. 4. Since 2013 the Village has attracted 85% free money to pay for \$14 million worth of projects. 5. Lakeshore Avenue wall will go out t bid in April with construction starting in May. The cost of this project is \$270,000 with the USDA paying 90% and FEMA 10%. 6. Granite Inliner has complete three areas of repairs and will start soon on lining over 2000’ of 8” pipe which most of it is clay tile.

**Income Tax Director, Lori Jordan** –

**Steve Goins, Chief of Police** –absent but presented report dated January 28, 2021. Mr. Meehan 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** – Thanked council for the appointment of Nicholas Shanks. He feels he will be a good asset to the department and the Village of New Boston.

**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**

**Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

1<sup>st</sup> Readings

**Ordinance No. 9-2021** – An ordinance was read to make twelve months appropriations for current expenses and other expenses of the Village of New Boston, Ohio for the year 2021; 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 5-0. Mr. Mills made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 9-2021**. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5

**Resolution 2-2021** – A resolution was read authorizing the re-payment of an advance; 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. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Mills made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2-2021**. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5

**Resolution 3-2021** – A resolution was read authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Valley Firefighters Association; 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 5-0. Mr. Mills made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2-2021**. Mr. Fetty seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5

**New Business**

Mr. Mills – Complimented the service department on the street clean through the snow we had.

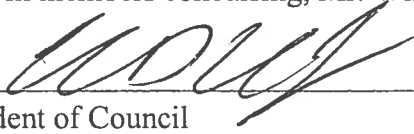
Mr. Fetty - none

Mr. Ottney -- none

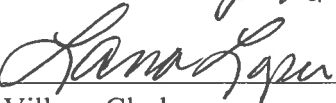
Mr. Imes -- none

Mr. Meehan - none

There being no further business, Mr. Mills made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 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 16, 2021

Attest:   
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Village Clerk