

MINUTES  
NEW BOSTON VILLAGE COUNCIL  
July 19, 2022

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. Fetty, Mr. Imes, Mr. Henson, Mr. Ottney and Mr. Meehan

**Pledge of allegiance/silent prayer**

**Disposal of minutes** –Mr. Meehan made a motion to accept and file the minutes from July 5, 2022. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0.

**Reports from committees, delegations, citizens or visitors** – 1. Dave Miller – Gallia St. - 1. Following up on the crosswalk in front of his house. Mayor stated a striping company coming in August and hopefully will have done then. 2. Feels the residents have a right to vote on the cost of trash cans.

**Presenting and acting on petitions:** none

**Reading and acting on communications:** none

**Reports of:**

**William Williams, Mayor** – 1. Provided information about Public Records training in Portsmouth. Every elected official is required to attend or appoint someone to represent. Clerk Lana stated she will be attending and the councilmen and mayor asked her to be their designee. 2. Primary election is August 2 and village wide yard sale is August 6. 3. Auditor will be here soon to start the single audit. 4. We have received the \$110,000 for American Rescue monies (ARPA) 5. Presented a handout regarding the new fireworks laws. After discussion, Mayor ask council to review and discuss at the next meeting. 6. Condolences to the Fred Collins family. He was a former service worker for several years before his retirement.

**Lana Loper, Clerk/treasurer** – Reported the 2023 Budget has been filed with the county. 2. Presented report for June 2022. Mr. Ottney made a motion to accept and file the report and Mr. Imes seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0.

**Legal Counsel, Justin Blume – no report**

**Village Administrator, Steve Hamilton – 1.** Reported that starting tomorrow West Avenue on the lower end will be closed 3-4 weeks for repairs. Companies in that area have been notified.

**Income Tax Director, Lori Jordan – absent**

**Police Chief, Carl Compton** – Absent but report for July 15, 2022 was presented. Mr. Ottney made a motion to accept and file the report. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0.

**Chris Davis, Fire Chief** – Absent but report for June was presented. Mr. Imes made a motion to accept and file and Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0.

**Reports of Chairman of Committees:**

**Mr. Fetty, Finance and Wages – none**

**Mr. Ottney, Lands, Parks, & Recreations - none**

**Mr. Meehan, Street, Alleys, Buildings - none**

**Mr. Jones – Economic & Business Development- none**

**Mr. Imes, Laws & Claims - none**

**Mr. Henson, Flood & Sewage – none**

**Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Ordinances:**

**Ordinance No. 23-2022** was read transferring and appropriating amounts in the various funds of the village; 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. Ottney seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Ottney made a motion to adopt Ordinance No.

23-2022. Mr. Meehan seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5.

### **Resolutions:**

**Resolution No. 11-2022** was read as an emergency resolution to accept the material terms of the One Ohio Subdivision Settlement pursuant to the One Ohio Memorandum of understanding and consistent with the terms of the July 21, 2021 National Opioid Settlement Agreement. 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. 11-2022**. Mr. Imes seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5.

**Resolution No. 12-2022** was read as an emergency resolution to accept the material terms of the One Ohio Subdivision Settlement pursuant to the One Ohio Memorandum of understanding and consistent with the terms of the July 21, 2021 National Opioid Settlement Agreement. 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. Meehan made a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 12-2022**. Mr. Ottney seconded the motion. The roll was called. The voting results are as follows: ayes – 5.

### **New Business**

**Mr. Fetty** – 1. Condolences to Fred Collins family. 2. Good turnout for the Habitat for Humanity store grand opening. They are open Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

**Mr. Jones – absent**

**Mr. Ottney** – none

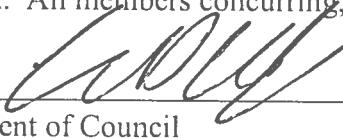
**Mr. Imes** – none

**Mr. Meehan** – 1. Ask about the camera costs. Steve said they are still working with Verizon and Spectrum on expenses. 2. Discussed the new 988 mental health hot line. Asked if this is for New Boston also. No one was sure how the new number works or for who it was for. Hope to find out. Mr. Ottney stated maybe we could use the opioid monies for that cause. Mayor stated that is a good idea. 3. Discussed the trash can fees and a new tipper for the refuse trucks. Steve

stated we are the only ones around that are still picking up trash by hand. The tippers would greatly be of help. He stated we have never had a trash fee. Mayor stated we have discussed these fees for many years. Our village does have a 2.5% tax rate and this has not been raised since 1988-1990. He stated the additional fees we have added to residents is the combined sewer overflow and the permissive motor vehicle tax and understands both sides of the idea of trash fees but at this time of inflation of gas prices and groceries he feels its not a good time to add a trash fee. Mr. Fetty stated we do have garbage can laws currently in our ordinance books. Mr. Fetty feels we could add a tipper to the trash truck and get the trash cans for residents. Mayor hopes to contact BWC to apply for a safety grant. Asking resident not to put out the trash until the night before and put in small bags which is easier to handle.

**Mr. Henson** – none

There being no further business, Mr. Ottney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. All members concurring, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried 5-0

  
President of Council

Passed: August 2, 2022

Attest: Lana Loper  
Village Clerk