

**VILLAGE OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL MEETING
January 13, 2020
7:30 p.m.**

Mayor Nicodemus opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Council members present were Waid Cosgray, Rick Foreman, Bob Hankison, Chuck Keller and Dwayne Mohler. Also in attendance were Mayor Brad Nicodemus, VA Teri Wise, Fiscal Officer Brian Bibler, Solicitor Jeff Feyko, and Police Chief Mike Tussey. Mike Hamilton was excused.

Approval of Minutes

Keller made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2019 meeting as written. Foreman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved as written by a 5-0 vote.

Approval of the Agenda

Mohler made a motion to approve the agenda. Keller seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Visitors

- Kaylor Inskeep
 - Mr. Inskeep said there is an alley by his property that no one uses. He wants to know if he can acquire the alley.
 - The Mayor said that one of the adjacent properties is changing hands and they might want to use it.
 - The VA said that she will have to check into it including regarding any right of way.
 - Mr. Inskeep also asked whether he needs a permit to demolish a barn on his property. He then wants to build a garage on the alley property.
 - The VA said a permit would be needed. She will make a site visit to evaluate the property. She will try to get that done yet this week.
 - The Solicitor provided input regarding Ohio law. When an alley is vacated the property is divided evenly between the adjoining property owners.
- Ron Bibler – No comment.
- Steve Kenney – No comment.

Village Administration Reports

Mayor

1. Staff is doing a great job, having to do a lot with very little. He appreciates everything they do.
2. He mentioned the upcoming paper mill and Water St. projects.
3. He has been asked by residents if we plan to put the levy back on the ballot in November. He wants to make a decision on that once the budget is complete, probably in April or May.
4. Fairfield Community Health Center is bringing a Dr. Whittington back to Baltimore.
5. He has been working with the VA on some ideas to improve communications between Council, Village residents, and our staff.

Village Administrator

1. See attached report.
2. Muni-Link is ready with the new rates to be charged starting with the January water usage.

Fiscal Officer

1. The W-2s are ready.
2. He mentioned that he had the name of someone who would be willing to help with promoting passage of the levy if it is on the ballot again.

Solicitor

1. No new legislation, three pieces on for a second reading. One piece is on for a third reading.
2. Request a brief Executive Session after regular business to discuss personnel matters to include Council, the Mayor, VA, Solicitor and Police Chief. The FO is excused.
3. He gave an update on the Fairfield County Parks plan to purchase property south of Baltimore.
4. He received confirmation from the Department of Taxation regarding tax exempt status on various properties. The properties that were submitted were approved for tax exempt status.

Village Committee Reports

Finance

- Chairperson Hankison said that they met this evening prior to Council meeting.
- Discussion included the 2020 appropriations and the write-off of uncollectable utility bills.
- **The next meeting will be held the second Monday in February; February 10th at 6:00 p.m.**

Service

- Chairperson Mohler said that they have not met since last Council meeting.
- **The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held the fourth Monday in January; January 27th at 6:00 p.m.**

Safety

- The Mayor said that they have not met since last Council meeting.
- He mentioned that a resident had asked for larger speed limit signs. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting although we have no control over that.
- **The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held the fourth Monday in January; January 27th 6:45 p.m. or immediately following the Service Committee meeting.**

Rules

- Chairperson Keller said that they did not have a meeting this evening since there were no items on the agenda.
- **The next meeting is scheduled for the second Monday in February; February 10th at 6:45 p.m., or immediately following the Finance Committee meeting.**
- The Committee will not meet if there is no agenda.

Public Safety Reports

Police Department

- See attached report.
- Wednesday they are kicking off the anti-vaping campaign at the Middle School.
- Thursday the Department is hosting a Human Trafficking seminar in cooperation with FMC at the River View campus.

Basil Joint Fire District Board

- Board member Mohler said that he was not able to attend the last meeting.
- **The next meeting will be held Thursday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Station 610.**

Village Committees and Commissions

Planning & Zoning Commission

- The Mayor said that the December Planning & Zoning meeting was cancelled.
- **The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m.**
- The Planning & Zoning and BZA Commissions will not meet if there is no agenda.

Tree Commission

- The VA said that they met last Thursday.
- Copies of the minutes from the 2019 meetings were distributed to Council.
- They discussed the Fall Planting schedule.
- Tim Boucher was added as a member of the Commission due to trees planting location issues.
- **The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m.**

Records Commission

- The FO said that this is temporarily on hold while he closes the Village's books for 2019.

Motions

- Keller made a motion to go into Executive Session after regular business to discuss personnel matters to include Council, the Mayor, VA, Solicitor and Police Chief. Foreman seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.
- Hankison made a motion to write-off the uncollectable delinquent utility account amounts on the spreadsheet provided by the VA. Cosgray seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Ordinances and Resolutions

FIRST READING

- None

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 2019-44

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1024 OF THE BALTIMORE CODIFIED ORDINANCES (SEWER AND WATER CHARGES)

Sponsor: Mohler

- Sponsor Mohler said that this is the capacity fees. This can go to a third reading.

ORDINANCE 2019-47

PERMANENT ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF BALTIMORE, OHIO, FOR 2020 AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsor: Mohler

- Sponsor Mohler said that work on the permanent appropriations is not complete yet. This can go to a third reading.

ORDINANCE 2019-49

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 830 OF THE BALTIMORE CODIFIED ORDINANCES (MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR A REALLOCATION OF FUNDS AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsor: Hamilton

- The Solicitor said that this is to reallocate the distribution of the income tax between various funds. This can go to a third reading.

THIRD READING

RESOLUTION 2019-42

A RESOLUTION INDICATING WHAT SERVICES THE VILLAGE WILL PROVIDE TO A TRACT TOTALING 14.72 ± ACRES UPON ANNEXATION AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsor: Foreman

- Sponsor Foreman said that this is to annex a property north of town.
- The Solicitor stated that this is the standard piece of legislation which is required to be submitted whenever property is annexed.
- Sponsor Foreman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-42. Cosgray seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Ordinance 2019-42 was adopted by a 5-0 vote.

Old Business

- None

New Business

1. Hankison asked about the length of time that refuse can be left at a vacant property. There is a property on Granville St. where the refuse has been for a while. The VA will view the property and take the appropriate action.

Visitors

- None

Last Call

- Nothing

Council took a short recess at 8:10 p.m. prior to going into Executive Session.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held the 4th Monday in January; January 27th at 7:30 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Brian Bibler, Fiscal Officer



Bradley Nicodemus, Mayor



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JANUARY VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

EARNED BWC DISCOUNTS AND BONUS

The village earned a 2 percent performance bonus on the Bureau of Workers Compensation premiums for not having a work place injury in 2018. The bonus check is on its way. Also, the village gets a 2 percent discount on its premiums for attending at least 10 safety council meetings during 2019.

GRANTS

POOL GRANT

A grant application was submitted to the Fairfield County Foundation for the pool for the year 2021

CEMETERY GRANT & REPORT

Abby at Fairfield Foundation says there is a fund that we could submit for cemetery aid. I will be working on that over the next two weeks since there is no submit deadline.

As required by Ohio Revised Code 759.17, an annual report of our cemeteries is required. That report will be given at the next Council meeting

OPWC GRANT

The district list of suggested project funding grants will be presented to the District Full Committee for review and approval. Those projects will then be submitted to the state for proposed funding.

PROJECTS

PAPER MILL DISCHARGE PROJECT

The connection fees from the Paper Mill have been received and the membranes are on order. Another walk through of the end to end process has been scheduled on Friday, Jan 24 th which includes staff and Bird + Bull.

I & I PROJECT

Identified areas through smoke testing were camera this week. We have identified 3 areas to drill down on 1. Gordon & Monroe; 2. Maple & Basil; 3. Gordon & Market.

WATER PROJECTS

Staff will meet with Bird + Bull for their input into 2 projects the village staff would like to complete themselves. 1. Replacement of the Westwood 2" water line and 2. The extension of the waterline north on Basil including the installation of a fire hydrant.

MINUTES

BALTIMORE TREE COMMISSION

4.11.19



Members Present: Linda Young ___x___ Steve Cothrel ___x___ Amy DiFrischia ___x___
Dixie Russell _____

Others Present: VA Teri Wise ___x___ Supt. Tim Boucher _____

Call to order: 6:04 PM by Chair L. Young

Approval of Minutes for 2/14/19: motion by Amy, second by Steve to approve. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- a. The group discussed the March pruning on S. Main St. and Vivian Ln. and thanked staff for picking up all of the debris.
- b. The group discussed the April bare root planting on S. Main St. and Vivian Ln.
- c. Arbor Day: planned for April 28, 2 PM at Johnson Park Pool. Steve will order seedlings and find a tree sponsored by Brady Enterprises. Brian will procure the proclamation and check the Mayor's schedule. Amy will bring refreshments. Steve will prepare a program. Linda will bring mulch.

New Business:

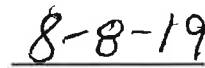
- a. Brian provided CO 1042 which covers cemeteries in the Village. The Commission may advise plot owners regarding acceptable tree species.
- b. The Tree City USA program will be in Bexley April 18.

Adjournment: Motion by Amy, second by Steve. Motion carried at 6:26 PM.

Prepared by: S. Cothrel

Attested by:


Linda Young, Chair


Date

MINUTES

BALTIMORE TREE COMMISSION

8.8.19



Members Present: Linda Young ___x___ Steve Cothrel ___x___ Amy DiFrischia ___x___

Dixie Russell ___x___

Others Present: VA Teri Wise ___x___ Supt. Tim Boucher___

Call to order: 6:00 PM by Chair L. Young

Approval of Minutes for 4/1119: motion by Cothrel, second by Russell to approve. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- a. The group discussed Young's mulching along Main St. and at Johnson Park.
- b. Young reported the ginkgo in Johnson Park may be dead.
- c. The group discussed dead trees standing on private property. Although code offers some tools to deal with them, the Village has no funds to perform the removals and bill or assess the property owner for the work. Wise plans to attend a code enforcement class and will look for ideas.

New Business:

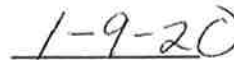
- a. Cothrel will again contact the funeral home to discuss their street trees.
- b. Young reported a planting request for street trees from a Holder Rd. resident.
- c. The Commission would like to do a fall planting again. However, Wise will check to see if any funds are available for 2019.

Adjournment: Motion by DiFrischia, second by Russell. Motion carried at 6:25 PM.

Prepared by: S. Cothrel

Attested by:


Linda Young, Chair


Date



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COUNCIL REPORT 01/13/2020

1. 01-10-2020: Theft. Officers took a report on the theft of a debit card. Caller stated that the people he lived with used it without his permission.
2. 01-09-2020: Suicide Attempt: Officers responded to the report of an overdose. Transported to FMC.
3. 01-05-2020: Vandalism. Caller stated that she is rehabbing a residence and that the previous tenant had damaged the property.
4. 01-04-2020: Threats. Caller stated that her landlord was attempting to force her to leave without an eviction notice. Landlord stated it was a misunderstanding and the notice was about entering the house to do waterline repair.
5. Officers are still working several cases for follow-up. Including a child pornography case.

**VILLAGE OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL AGENDA
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Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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Village Administrator
Fiscal Officer
Solicitor

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Sponsor: Foreman

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Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held the 4th Monday in January; January 27th at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING VISITORS

7:30 p.m.

DATE: January 13, 2020

According to Codified Ordinance Chapter 220.02, the Rules of Council, effective July 08, 2009, visitor comments are limited to five minutes per recognized speaker and thirty minutes total time for the agenda item. This rule may be suspended by an affirmative vote of a three-fourths majority of Council.

By signing below, I understand that I will abide by the above rule:

NAME

**Do You Wish to
Speak to Council?**

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Yes No

Ron Bibe
Printed Name
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Yes No

Steve Kang
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Yes No

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