

**Village of South Bloomfield Council Meeting  
Minutes  
January 21, 2014**

Council members present: Jane Ramey, Roger Hopkins, Jill Roese, Matt Pettibone, Rick Sowers. Not present: Mayor Wilson

The Mayor sent a message and asked to be excused for a prior commitment.

Pledge to the flag

Appoint Council President: Jill nominated Matt Pettibone for Council President, Roger second the nomination. Jane called for a vote, Rick yes, Jane yes, motion carried.

Appoint New Council Members:

Jill nominated Stephen Nicklas, Matt second the nomination. Jane called for vote: Roger yes, Jane yes and Rick no. Motion carried.

Jane asked Stephen to come forward to take the Oath of Office. Stephen took the Oath and was asked to join the council members on the podium.

Jane mentioned about the openings on the BPA, Dan stated that the Mayor had told him Ed Young would be at the next BPA meeting to join the BPA. John Serio has also expressed interest for BPA and if there is another spot open, he would like to be considered. Dan has been talking with Shawn Costlow about resigning from the BPA due to lack of interest or attendance.

Approval of Minutes: 12/19/2013 and January 9, 2014 Council Meeting: Motion was made by Matt to suspend reading of minutes, Jill seconded the motion. Jane called for vote: Rick, Roger, Steve and Jane yes, motion carried.

Jane asked for any corrections or additions? Matt stated minutes should stand as read.

**Old Business:**

Park Rental (Mayor)

Mayor has appointed Jim Kendig as Park Commissioner, according to new Committee listing provided by the Mayor.

Rick Sowers from the park committee stated that had submitted Park Procedures documents and a proposed rental agreement at the November 4<sup>th</sup> 2013 council meeting, but it has not been placed before the council for vote. Suggest that the Procedures and agreement form be resent to review for next council meeting and be sent to the new Park Commissioner for review also.

Zoning Fees (Ordinance Committee)

Woody stated that all the fees have been matched. Kelly had sent a hand typed copy of the old Ordinance to the Ordinance Committee back in December, along with the updated

fees for them to develop a new Ordinance to present to council. Matt suggested that we remove from council agenda and wait on Ordinance Committee to have a meeting.

Records Retention(MP)

Tabled.

Grievance (Solicitor)

Matt will follow up with the Solicitor.

Culpepper & Merriweather Circus(Jane)

Jane stated that the representative called her and stated that he would go ahead and plan on the Circus, and the morning of the Circus, he could get the money at that time from the ticket proceeds. It would be up to council to wait to pay him at that time. Matt stated that the Council already approved the Circus, so Jane could go ahead and call him back with that payment plan.

Annexation Village Property

Jill noted that they are waiting on Meeting with County Commissioners.

Pickaway County 2012 Hazard Mitigation Plan(Mayor)

Roger met with Chief stated that the plan to follow the Pickaway County guidelines. The Mayor had developed Resolution 2013-06  
Roger motion to table.

Livestock Ordinance was sent to Ordinance Committee.

Matt stated that council has referred the issue to the Ordinance committee to update the Livestock Ordinance.

Adoption of Basic Code Ordinance 2014-02

Matt made a motion, Roger second, to approve first reading of the Ordinance 2014-02, Jane called for a vote: Rick, yes, Jill yes, Steve yes, Jane, yes. Motion carried.  
Matt made a motion to suspend 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and pass an emergency, Rick second, Jane called for a vote: Roger, yes, Jill yes, Steve yes, Jane, yes. Motion carried.

Pool of 6 Proposal for Audit.

Matt made a motion and Roger second to keep same auditing company the Village of South Bloomfield has used for the past two audits. Jane called for a vote: Rick, yes, Jill yes, Steve yes, Jane, yes. Motion carried.

Special Technical Committee (McCoy)

Tabled.

Question or comments from Residents

Dan Gwinn had a question regarding case the solicitor filed at Pickaway County Court. Dan called the courthouse and they said check with your attorney. Dan called our

attorney, but didn't get a recent response. Matt suggested that he would add it to his list of items to discuss with the attorney and he will follow up on this issue also.

Woody Blanton stated: He greatly appreciated the teamwork with the council members. He is willing to help anyway possible.

## **New Business**

### Committee Reports

#### 2014 Committee Listing

Matt reviewed the committee listing with Council and suggested that we have people serve on committees that they are interested in or have experience with so that it would be a better impact for the benefit of the Village of South Bloomfield. He suggested that some of the committees should be combined, to be more efficient and cost the Village of South Bloomfield less money on meeting fees. Council agreed to combine Finance and Income Tax Committees, Utility and Solid Waste Committees; and Safety and Emergency Management Committees. A new committee listing will be developed by Iris and be distributed prior to next council meeting.

Matt made a motion to recommend Iris Darst be the Committee Chairperson for the Record Retention Committee, since it is a requirement to have a documented plan and schedule per ORC and second by Roger. Jane called for a vote: Rick, yes, Jill yes, Steve yes, Jane, yes. Motion carried.

Dress Code Change Proposal. Proposal submitted to council for review from Kelly Neal. Matt suggested that it be given to Ordinance Committee, but the higher priority is to work on updating the Village Handbook.

#### Alcohol Permit Renewal Application

No action was required.

#### Signature on checking account.

Jane stated that we should consider adding someone else to the bank account for signature. Matt stated that we need to have new procedure, whereas the Council President and/or Mayor, but have the account set up for Iris Darst, CFO to be able sign checks if need be. Ordinance committee will need to do a Resolution to pass this idea. Rick stated that he feels that this constant battle with council and mayor is not right. He feels that it would be a slap in the face to remove the Mayor from the checking account. Iris suggested that we could do an electronic signature and still have written signature for checks as printed.

Stephen asked can we add another name to the account so that we would not have to purchase new checks, since they say it requires two signatures.

Jane said then make Iris' signature the electronic signature and leave line for 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> person to hand sign. Matt stated that something needs changed. The problem is the Mayor attendance issue.

Iris will be the auto signature; Mayor will remain on the signature card and add the Council President Matt Pettibone as third possible signature. Checks will then have two signatures on each check.

Matt made a motion, Iris first signature on checks, Mayor will be second signature, Matt Pettibone will be third signature, checks will still require two signatures on each check and one of them must be Iris Darst for the checks to be valid. Motion was Second by Rick. Jane called for a vote: Jill yes, Steve yes, Jane yes, Roger no, motion carried.

Jane stated that we pay our Mayor on a weekly basis. He doesn't come to council meetings, and he is required to according to prosecuting attorney it is his job; Pickaway Judge stated that the Mayor is required to attend council meetings. Why should he get paid for not doing his job? Jill stated he is an elected official; it is up to the people to make the decision to vote him out. Matt stated that we should be focusing on working together as a team; he is not here to voice his opinion.

If any council members want to take further action regarding the Mayor attendance issue, it would be up to council to do an organized approach about it by taking it to the solicitor. Do I hear a motion to take this issue to the solicitor about the Mayor's attendance? Roger made a motion, Jane second, Matt called for vote, Steve no, Jill no, Rick no and Matt no, motion failed.

Matt stated that the Ordinance Committee needs to set a date for meeting: Rick Sowers suggested that it be held Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Issues to discuss are: Live Stock, Village Handbook – dress code, Zoning and Hazard Migration Resolution.

Matt set the Finance Committee Meeting for Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 6:00 pm

Matt asked that the Retention Committee will have update by 1<sup>st</sup> council meeting in March.

Dan Gwinn noted that the Waste Management Supervisor, Joe Allen will be out for the month of February, and will be covered by sewer plant representative from Commercial Point.

Motion to pay bills:

Motion to pay bills by, Jill, and Rick second. Jane called for vote: Stephen, Matt, Roger, Jane, yes. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Jane and Roger second, Jane called for vote: Jill, yes, Matt, yes, Rick yes, Stephen, yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Next Meeting 2/3/2014 Agenda