

**Village of South Bloomfield Council Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**May 5, 2014**

Council members present: Jill Roese, Roger Hopkins, Stephen Nicklas, Matt Pettibone, Jane Ramey, Rick Sowers and Mayor Wilson

Pledge to the flag

Mayor turned in his resignation and left the chambers.

Heated discussion started by Jane Ramey as Mayor was leaving the chambers, she demanded that he stay for his obligation to the village, Mayor stated that his obligation was just distributed to the residents, the solicitor and the original given to the CFO for the official record. Council members did not receive a copy of the letter, so Chief McCoy took the original and left chambers to make copies for the council members.

Council members were given a few minutes to review the document and then Matt asked solicitor about the legality of the resignation. Solicitor stated that council should take it as stated until verified with Board of Elections.

Matt made a motion to accept the Mayor's resignation, Stephen second, Matt called for a vote: Roger yes, Jane, Yes, Jill Yes, Rick Yes, Motion carried.

Solicitor stated for Matt to take note that as acting Mayor, Matt cannot vote on issues the rest of the agenda unless there is a tie on issue.

Approval of Minutes: April 22, 2014 Council Meeting: Motion was made by Jill to suspend reading of minutes, Stephen seconded the motion. Matt called for vote: Roger yes, Rick yes, and Jane yes, motion carried. Matt asked for any corrections or additions? Jill made motion to approve April 22, 2014 minutes, second by Stephen. Matt called for vote: Roger yes, Rick yes, Jane yes motion carried.

**Old Business:**

BPA New Appointment (Mayor)

Opening on BPA, Matt is open to anyone who is interested; please bring your written request to CFO office to be reviewed by the Interim Mayor.

Online Payments (Mayor)

Tabled

Resolution 2014-02 Official Website (Stephen)

Village shall take ownership of website: [www.southbloomfieldoh.com](http://www.southbloomfieldoh.com)

And become the official website for the Village of South Bloomfield.

Jill made a motion to accept Resolution 2014-02 for second reading, Stephen second, Matt called for vote: Roger yes, Rick, yes and Jill yes, motion carried.

Ordinance 2014-06 Website Policy (Stephen)

Village of South Bloomfield will assign duties related to management of its web presence to the Technology Committee and CFO will be responsible for the storing, securing and record keeping of who had access to the account credentials.

Jill made a motion to accept Ordinance 2014-06 for second reading, Stephen second, Matt called for vote: Rick yes, Jane, yes, and Roger yes, motion carried.

Ordinance 2014-07 Immediate Family (Stephen)

This Ordinance added Foster/Adopted Mother, Father, Brother, Sister or Child as immediate family. It was requested to add Foster/Adopted Grandchild to this policy also.

Jill made motion to accept Ordinance 2014-07, for second reading, and Stephen second motion. Matt called for vote: Rick yes, Jane, yes and Roger yes, motion carried.

Ordinance 2014 - 08 Vacation Carryover (Roger)

This new Ordinance reads that if the employee's vacation leave exceeds forty (40) hours at the end of a year the employee may sell back up to but not exceeding forty (40) hours. So therefore, employees can only carry over one week, but can cash out or sell back 40 hours. Stephen made a motion to accept Ordinance 2014-08 for second reading, Jill second, Matt called for vote: Rick second yes, Jane yes and Roger yes, motion carried.

Building Inspector (Mayor) (tabled to ordinance committee)

Dale Hoover is here to speak. He is asking for \$500 per month to meet his needs for OPERS retirement. Without this, what would happen with the building department, if you go to Pickaway county, they will give you a percentage for commercial and nothing for residential. \$35 - \$40 average per hour costs for inspectors. No one will be willing to do the zoning position. Dale is now paying for his own cell phone. Ashville approved to pay the \$500 for their services.

Stephen noted that the last Ordinance 2006-04 stated payment consists of \$200 / month and 25% of fees payable to Building & Zoning Inspector.

Jane made a motion that we keep Dale as Building & Zoning, Roger second the motion to pay \$500 a month with no percentage addition. Matt noted that the old Ordinances will have to corrected and gone through Ordinance and repealed into a new Ordinance. Matt called for vote: Stephen yes, Rick yes, Jill yes, motion carried.

Park Commissioner (Mayor)

Matt stated to remove from agenda, because Ordinance in 1991 removes the park commissioner from the Village of South Bloomfield. A Representative from local baseball league here to ask about use of the ball diamond at the park. Viking league and other leagues are currently using the ball diamonds. Matt instructed him to contact Kelly at the office about scheduling ball diamonds.

Solicitor Issues (Matt)

Matt will review current issues with Solicitor and give report at next meeting. Water Deposit will circle back with the BPA issues and will address later.

Ohio Municipal League Dues (Mayor)

Ohio Municipal League Dues (Mayor) removed from agenda at last council meeting. Council voted two meetings ago to not pay this bill.

Question or comments from Residents

Janet Fout complaining about not getting water bills on time. Matt will work with Iris on schedule of when water bills will be mailed out for the rest of the year.

Jane talked with the Mayor of Mt Sterling, who says he makes \$10,000/yr and the Administrator makes \$72,000 per year. Village of South Bloomfield cannot afford this kind of salary. When he took over office there were 22 employees, and now only six employees. No police now, use the sheriff's office for services. Rob from sheriff's office said they would bill \$5000 - \$10,000 to the Village of South Bloomfield and we would have coverage 24 hours a day. Our police department is never visible on State Route 23. The Sheriff's office has 40 sheriff cruisers and operates on a budget \$200,000 per year. The Village of South Bloomfield pays almost that in salaries for our four police officer department. Jane has been asking how many tickets and runs made report and I never get a report, I have been asking for the past five years. The people of the Village of South Bloomfield need to know what is going on with our Police. Jane stated that "No one will agree with me, I try to do the best for the Village of South Bloomfield."

Jane said that she "Will be leaving soon and but won't give resignation until see Circus and playground equipment installed before we leave."

Jill stated that she "Has seen a report and I have seen them going up and down on 23 and Ashville Road. I feel they are doing their job."

Resident in the audience spoke up about the Police department and feels that they have done well for her family, and we see them in the neighborhood and at the school. It would be a mistake for the Village of South Bloomfield to get rid of the police department.

Wally stated when he had a problem that was dealt with by the Sheriff; he had to wait for 35 minutes for Pickaway Sheriff to show up.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Village Administrator (Roger)

Roger motion to table, Jill second motion carried. Matt called for vote: Stephen yes, Rick yes, Jane yes. Motion carried.

Council Rules (Mayor)  
Tabled.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Street Committee      Roger will be scheduling a meeting.

Jane mentioned about residents requesting to starting a community club.

#### Motion to pay bills:

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

Motion to Adjourn was made by Jill and Stephen second, Matt called for vote: Rick, yes, Roger yes, Jane yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Next Meeting 5/20/2014