

**Village of Beaverdam Minutes  
February 4, 2020**

The Beaverdam Village Council met in regular session at the Town Hall with Mayor Pam LePine presiding.

The meeting began with Council member Neuenschwander saying a prayer. Mayor LePine then asked all to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken and the following Council members were present: Carl Murray, Todd Long, Jerry Neuenschwander, Frank Gillette, Thomas Nowlan, and Anthony Myer.

There were no corrections or additions to the agenda.

Jamie Burgei from Rush trucking brought a new dump truck for council to look at as well as quotes for the purchase price of the truck with different options. He discussed a lease option that would be available to us. The truck he quoted is not on a state contract so there is no state bid price. He said there is a national co-op program we could buy the truck through but it would cost about \$1800 more than his quote. Mark informs us if we do not buy something at state bid price, we have to accept bids for the purchase.

Scott Recker was in attendance to answer any questions council may have about the sidewalk project. The plans must be filed in Columbus February 24 as long as the right of way is acquired. 2 of the 3 right of ways have been acquired so far. They also need any encroachments within the right of way area to be removed or permitted. To do this we have to notify the owner of the property where the encroachment exists and let them know will issue a revocable permit or the encroachment must be removed. We need to ensure these encroachments do not pose a risk to anyone if we decide to permit them. If we do not have these things done in time, the village would have to file an appropriation to have the plans sent to Columbus. The third parcel that needs to be purchased belongs to Fred Danser, the owner of Thirsty's. Fred does not want to sell his portion until council addresses the situation of the barricades placed along Church St. across from his business. These barricades are one of the encroachments council will have to address before the project can progress.

Leann Unverferth was brought in by the Mayor as the new Fiscal Officer candidate. Leann is from the Bluffton area, was previously a loan and mortgage officer, and attended the University Findlay for pre-law. She currently works for Hancock County Educational Service Center and would like to give them a 2 week notice before leaving. She said the hours set for the position would work out fine for her and she would even be willing to work some Saturdays. A motion is made by Council Member Nowlan and seconded by Council Member Long to hire Leann Unverferth as the new fiscal officer. Roll call was taken: Carl Murray "yes", Todd Long "yes", Jerry Neuenschwander "yes" Frank Gillette "yes", Thomas Nowlan "yes", Anthony Myer "yes". Motion passed. Mark swears Leann in as Assistant Fiscal Officer/Fiscal Officer.

There were no additions or correction to the minutes. A motion was made by Council Member Neuenschwander and seconded by Council member Gillette to accept the minutes. Roll call was taken: Carl Murray "yes", Todd Long "yes", Jerry Neuenschwander "yes", Frank Gillette "yes", Thomas Nowlan "yes", Anthony Myer "yes". Motion passed.

**PAY BILLS** – Ordinance 2020-6, a motion to pay the bills, was made by Council member Gillette and seconded by Council member Neuenschwander. Roll call was taken: Carl Murray "yes", Todd Long "yes", Jerry Neuenschwander "yes" Frank Gillette "yes", Thomas Nowlan "yes", Anthony Myer "yes". Motion passed.

**FISCAL OFFICER REPORT** – A motion was made by Council member Long and seconded by Council member Murray to accept the Fiscal Officer reports of Fund Status and other reports for the end of 02/04/2020. Roll call was taken: Carl Murray “yes”, Todd Long “yes”, Jerry Neuenschwander “yes” Frank Gillette “yes”, Thomas Nowlan “yes”, Anthony Myer “yes”. Motion passed.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** – The Mayor thanks Mike for helping with interviews and staying late hours.

The Mayor also asks council to think about some of the changes they would like to see at the next clean-up day so she can include it in the newsletter. Council Member Nowlan asks if the council members should be present for the clean-up. The Mayor expresses to all council members the importance of all of them helping out for at least a little while on these clean-up days.

The mayor asks council to be on the look out for old photos of the village, as she would like to put together a display.

**ATTORNEY** –Mark gives details of the procedure for changing the zoning from B1 to B2. Council needs to decide what they would like to do as far as what parcels they would like to include in the change. This will determine if adjoining property owners need to be notified and who. Once council decides, they will need to give a proposal to the zoning board.

Last week Mark was asked to check into the Bobby Jack Welch case. Mark informs council that the court has closed the case so we will have to start over again to try to get the property cleaned up.

**CORRESPONDENCE** –

**OLD BUSINESS** – It looks as though one of the junk vehicles has been removed from the May residence so we will give him some time to get the other one taken care of.

Frank notified the Health Department about the condition of the Swisher residence. The Health department came to inspect it but does not believe there is much they can do to help us out with getting it cleaned up. The representative said she would check with her superiors about a broken wagon in the back yard and did leave a notice on the fence. Mrs. Swisher moved the vehicle that we included in the junk vehicle notice to another spot on the property and put new tags on it.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Todd’s wife would like to hold another easier egg hunt this year. She has drafted a letter including information about the hunt and donations. This will be held April 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm, rain or shine.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE** – The truck brought in by Rush trucking may be more than what we need. Trent will keep checking around.

**STREET** – Tim and Trent have had some trouble with the plow hitting manhole covers after the blacktop settled. We had previously had a place in Elida come and fix this problem. Mike will get ahold of the company.

We need to start paying attention to street conditions and decide what kind of repairs or maintenance we will need to do when the weather gets better.

**SAFETY/TREES** – None

**BUILDING** – All Service was called about the window leak but has not shown up yet.

**REC BOARD** – None

**UTILITY** – The Shelly Company will be doing work on the highway and would like to purchase water from us. We will permit them to do this.

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE** – Frank is working on getting a quote for the removal of the trailer at 105 W. Pearl St. so we can serve him a notice. Frank had the Health Department look at the property and the representative thinks they may be able to help us with getting that taken care of. She is supposed to check into it and get back with Frank. Mark said the owner of the property could donate the land to the land bank to avoid having the costs assessed to taxes if he wishes.

The property at 113 E. Main is starting to get an abundance of junk piling up. We will keep an eye on it, and if it does not improve, we will send a notice.

It is asked if anyone has done anything to address the junk at 401 E. Main. No one has obtained photos yet to send a notice for the vehicles and council does not answer if they are going to permit the junk that still remains in the right of way.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**- None

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Long and seconded by Council member Myer.

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Mayor

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President of Council

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Fiscal Officer