

REGULAR MEETING  
BUCHTEL VILLAGE COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 1, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: George Addis, Tom Bradley, Tom Gumpf, Jim McDonald, Ed Matheny and Jay Kline.

After the meeting was called to order the Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

It was moved by Kline and seconded by McDonald to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2020 regular meeting and the September 24, 2020 special meeting. All members voted yes.

Athens County Commissioner Chris Chmiel was present to discuss with Council the Cares Act Grant money. There will be at least two rounds of funding for the Village. Mr. Chmiel updated Council on the progress of Bailey's Bike Trail. Mr. Chmiel also informed Council on the old Pentecostal Church Property that is available through the Athens County Land Bank.

It was moved by Gumpf and seconded by Bradley to suspend the rules of Council on reading a resolution three times to gain passage. All members voted yes.

It was moved by Gumpf and seconded by Kline to declare Resolution 10-1-20(A)(Cares Funding Grant) an emergency and to pass it on first reading. All members voted yes.

It was moved by Gumpf and seconded by Bradley to amend the motion by Addis, that was passed at the September 24, 2020 Meeting, to give the Nelsonville-York City Schools more flexibility with the Cares Funding that the Village is going to donate to the school. All members voted yes.

It was moved by Bradley and seconded by Addis to request the old Pentecostal Church Property from the Athens County Land Bank. All members voted yes.

It was moved by Bradley and seconded by McDonald to pay the bills as presented by the fiscal officer. All members voted yes.

It was moved by Bradley and seconded by Matheny to approve the monthly financial report as presented by the fiscal officer. All members voted yes.

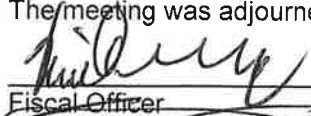
It was moved by Gumpf and seconded by Kline to thank Dave Sullivan for the electric work that he did at the Honor Roll Shelter. All members voted yes.

It was moved by Bradley and seconded by Gumpf to close the watering trough, weather permitting, on 10-11-20 so Danny Sullivan can get it painted. All members voted yes.

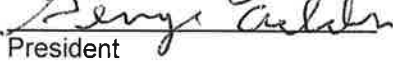
Council discussed the following topics:

1. Trick or Treat will be 10-31-20 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
2. Smart property on Third Street-if it is not cut soon, Carl Bruce will cut and the Village will send expenses to the Athens County Auditor to be added Smart real estate taxes
3. Future repairs to outdoor basketball court
4. The lease for the land where the York Township Building is located
5. The concern of a flooding hazard with the trash and debris on the Lewis Property(Old Wayside Inn Property)
6. New building options

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

  
Fiscal Officer

  
Mayor

  
President

REGULAR MEETING  
BUCHTEL VILLAGE COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 5, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: George Addis, Tom Bradley, Tom Gumpf, Jim McDonald, Ed Matheny and Jay Kline.

After the meeting was called to order the Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

It was moved by Matheny and seconded by Bradley to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2020 regular meeting. All members voted yes.

It was moved by McDonald and seconded by Bradley to pay the bills as presented by the fiscal officer. All members voted yes.

It was moved by McDonald and seconded by Bradley to approve the monthly financial report as presented by the fiscal officer. All members voted yes.

It was moved by Bradley and seconded by Kline to approve permanent appropriations for 2020 as presented by the fiscal officer. All members voted yes.

It was moved by Matheny and seconded Bradley to approve the Mayor's Court Report. All members voted yes.

It was moved by Gumpf and seconded by Bradley to declare that the Village has no interest in the Pentecostal Church Property that is available through the Athens County Land Bank. All members voted yes.

It was moved by Bradley and seconded by Matheny to enter into executive session to consult with legal counsel at 6:11 p.m. All members voted yes.

It was moved by Gumpf and seconded by Kline to return to open session at 6:36 p.m. All members voted yes.

It was moved by McDonald and seconded by Bradley to approve a contract with J & K Contracting in the amount of \$37,682.00 to make improvements to the garage and Village Hall for health reasons. All members voted yes.

It was moved by Bradley and seconded by Gumpf to amend the motions by Addis, that was passed at the September 24, 2020 meeting and Gumpf that was passed at the October 1, 2020 meeting concerning Cares Funding and to authorize Cares Funding expenses as follows:

1. J & K Contracting in the amount of \$14, 380.00 from effects of the COVID-19 virus and health reasons
2. Reimburse Police Fund in the amount of \$13,689.00 for cruiser that was purchased on 5-14-20 from Krieger Ford from effects of the COVID-19 virus and health reasons
3. \$1,506.35 for heating and cooling repairs from effects of the COVID-19 virus and health reasons

All members voted yes.

It was moved by Bradley and seconded by Kline to authorize to enter into a contract for heating and cooling repairs for health reasons for an amount not to exceed \$4,500.00. All members voted yes.

Council discussed the following topics:

1. Car on side on 12<sup>th</sup> Street
2. Loose dogs-Mayor Taggart will contact Dog Warden
3. Watering Trough and basketball backboards at the park have been painted
4. Rumpke Contract

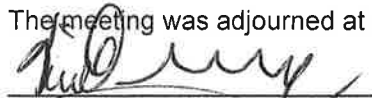
Mr. Kline left the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

It was moved by Bradley and seconded by Gumpf to renew the contract with Rumpke for waste management. All members voted yes.

It was moved by Matheny and seconded by Bradley to suspend the rules of Council on reading an ordinance three times to gain passage. All members voted yes.

It was moved by Gumpf and seconded by Bradley to declare Ordinance 11-5-20(A)(Department of Transportation) an emergency and to pass it on first reading. All members voted yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

  
Fiscal Officer

  
Mayor

  
President

REGULAR MEETING  
BUCHTEL VILLAGE COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: George Addis, Jay Kline, Ed Matheny and Tom Bradley.

After the meeting was called to order the Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

It was moved by Matheny and seconded by Bradley to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021 regular meeting. All members voted yes.

It was moved by Kline and seconded by Bradley to pay the bills as presented by the fiscal officer. All members voted yes.

It was moved by Bradley and seconded by Kline to approve the monthly financial report as presented by the fiscal officer. All members voted yes.

It was moved by Bradley and seconded by Matheny to approve permanent appropriation for 2021. All members voted yes.

Council member Jay Kline informed Council that Jessica Powers, Director of Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia(ORCA) is waiting on preliminary engineering estimates for the future development of Bailey's Bike Trail and the Buchtel Trailhead.

Village resident Brett Sayre was present to discuss his plans to have a music concert and community get together on 9-25-21 at the corner of Wagner street and Third Street. The festivities will start at 2:00 p.m. and conclude around 10:00 p.m. He requested that the Council block off Wagner Street from Third Street to Chevy Alley. Council agreed to block Wagner Street.

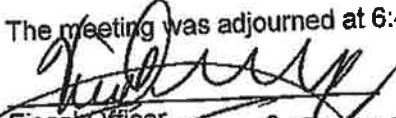
Jean Dishong resident on Second Street was present to inform Council that the storm drain in front of her property needs a new grate. Mayor Taggart told her that he would have street worker Carl Bruce check it out and he would replace grate if needed.

It was moved by Matheny and seconded by Bradley to authorized Village Solicitor Sierra Meek to send the Athens County Land Bank a letter requesting that the Buchtel Methodist Church receive the property that is next to the church. All members voted yes.

Council discussed the following topics:

1. Speeding in the Village and the possibility of adding four way stops.
2. Council member Jay Kline informed Council that Jim Edwards is going to possibly start moving the basketball supports from the Nelsonville-York Schools to the Village park.
3. Storm damage to office area at the gym
4. Properties around the Village that need cleaned-up
5. New deck on side of Mayor's Office
6. Council agreed that they will not request the Athens County Board of Elections to return the Village place of voting to the Mayor's Office.
7. Mayor Taggart informed Council that there are two bushes and a small tree that needs removed on Village property. Council agreed to have Carl Bruce to remove bushes and tree.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

  
Fiscal Officer

  
Mayor

  
President

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September 20, 2021

Athens County Land Reutilization Corporation  
c/o Mr. Ric Wasserman  
15 S. Court Street  
Athens, OH 45701

Re: 17922 N. Akron Ave., Buchtel, OH

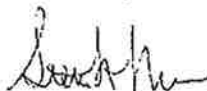
Dear Mr. Wasserman,

As you may recall, I am the solicitor for the Village of Buchtel, Ohio. During a Village Council meeting held on September 2, 2021, the Council explored issues related to the above referenced property which has now been transferred to the Athens County Land Bank.

Specifically, Council Members are aware that there are multiple potential end users of said property. Council Members and the Mayor would like to take this opportunity to express their vision for the Buchtel community and to ask you to consider those interests when making your end user selection. Similar to many local villages, Buchtel has been facing an increased need to address blight in its neighborhoods. Often times, the owners of such properties find themselves on fixed or low incomes, have an unexpected loss of income, or are afflicted with health problem. This results in unfinished improvement projects, deferred maintenance, mortgage default, and unpaid real estate taxes. North Akron Avenue contains several such properties.

While many communities, the County Treasurer, or the County Auditor may be inclined to choose an end user which will generate a greater tax revenue, it is very difficult to ensure that even the most well-intentioned end user will actually be able to realize that goal. Instead, our Mayor and the Village Council urge you to consider choosing an end user which will utilize said property as greenspace or for a purpose which better serves the community at large. Council believes that their suggested property use would positively impact the neighborhood and surrounding property values. Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



Sierra L. Meek

cc: Council